

**Visalia Unified School District
Board of Education
MINUTES**

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The July 9, 2013 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Tim Chaney in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Office Complex, 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia. A quorum of the Board was present.

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Tim Chaney	4:00	8:40	
Rodney Elder	4:00	8:40	
William A. Fulmer	4:00	8:40	
Donna Martin	4:00	8:40	
Jim L. Qualls			X
Charles Ulmschneider			X
Lucia Vazquez	4:00	8:40	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	4:00	8:40	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

STUDY SESSION

The Study Session opened at 4:00 p.m.

**DISTRICT-WIDE
GOALS 2013-2014-
BOARD DISCUSSION**

Grant Writing

The Board had directed Superintendent Wheaton to research grant writing services. Dr. Wheaton reviewed information he obtained and recommended California Consulting, the firm that agreed to contract with the District on a month by month basis. He also recommended not committing at this time until all details of the State budget are known and to contract for at least one year.

Potential programs for grant writing funds:

- CTE
- VTEC
- Linked Learning
- Safe Schools
- NYCS
- Campus Life
- Anti-bullying

It was the consensus of the Board for Superintendent Wheaton and staff to move forward with negotiating a contract with California Consulting.

Charter Programs

The Board and staff discussed current VUSD charter schools, charter programs, independent study, and on-line charter schools.

Future considerations:

- Middle School charter school
- Multi-cultural/multi-language charter school
- Why students are choosing other charter schools
- It may take one to two years to establish a new VUSD charter school
- Establishing a school within a school for each of the four high schools
- Combining charter schools with a high school for participation in sports, band, etc.
- STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program

CLOSED SESSION

President Chaney identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There was no public comment. The Board adjourned to closed session.

3.1 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS

3.2 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS

3.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)

1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
2. Employee Organizations
 1. CSEA
 2. VUTA
 3. Management

3.4 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Visalia Technical Early College High School, Corner of Walnut Ave. and Linwood St.,
Portion of APN 119640001
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: City of Visalia
Under negotiation: Potential Sale

EARLY BIRD SESSION

The Early Bird Session opened at 5:45 p.m.

STUDY SESSION – FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Measure E passed on the November 6, 2012 general election ballot and authorized the Board to issue \$60.1M in general obligation bonds to construct a new middle school and modernize many other schools in the District. The Board previously selected CM Construction Services to provide Project Management services throughout Measure E and to develop a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for all VUSD facilities. The Facilities Master Plan will help the District and public to define and prioritize the projects to be done on a site by site basis in order to maximize matching funding and use the taxpayer's money in the best possible way. The presentation in the Study Session provided an update to the Board on their efforts thus far in the FMP development process. (Encl. No. 1)

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Jim Qualls was absent due to illness and Charles Ulmschneider was out of town on vacation. President Tim Chaney announced that no action was taken in closed session. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA) thanked Superintendent Wheaton and staff for resolving the air conditioning issue. He also requested that administration review printing costs at the school site level where some teachers are allowed only a certain amount of copies for the year. With Common Core there will be new supplemental materials being added to the curriculum and many pages will need to be reproduced for the students.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Chaney stated that a revised Consent Agenda Item 6.2.1 Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6) and Item 6.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7) were distributed before the meeting. Newly hired employees were added to the reports after the agenda packet was posted.

Lucia Vazquez pulled Consent Agenda Item 6.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7).

Rodney Elder moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-27. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 6.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7) – Lucia Vazquez asked for clarification on the salaries. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, explained that one PE teacher was already a VUSD employee with experience so the salary was higher.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve Item 6.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

6.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – June 17, 2013 Through June 27, 2013 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2012-13 Budget Revision No. 19 (Encl. No. 3)
3. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 1 (Encl. No. 4)
4. Resolution Authorizing Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, as the “Authorized Individual” to Make Application and Administer the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Program (Encl. No. 5)

6.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8)

6.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
2. Consolidated Application (Con App) Part I (Encl. No. 10)
3. Resolution – Local Agreement for Child Development Services Contract (Encl. No. 11)
4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Proteus for Neighborhood Youth Counselors (Encl. No. 12)

5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Campus Life for Campus Life Gang Prevention and Intervention Counselors (Encl. No. 13)
 6. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant Section 131 (Encl. No. 14)
 7. Visalia Adult School Approval of Courses for 2013-14 (Encl. No. 15)
 8. Child Development Contract 2013-14 (Encl. No. 16)
 9. Resolution for Signature Authority for General Child Care (Encl. No. 17)
 10. Carl Perkins Consortium Agreement for 2013-14 for Visalia Adult School (Encl. No. 18)
 11. Agreement Between Visalia Adult School and Creative Center (Encl. No. 19)
 12. Contract Between Visalia Adult School and Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County 2013-14 (Encl. No. 20)
 13. Agency Agreement with Tulare County Department of Education and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 21)
 14. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 22)
- 6.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 28, 2013 (Encl. No. 23)

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCEMENTS/
STATUS REPORTS/
ACTION** (as
applicable)

**UPDATE ON
SUSPENSION AND
EXPULSION IN
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, presented the positive Update on Suspension and Expulsion in VUSD. (Encl. No. 24) The definition of suspension is a temporary removal of a student from a school for misbehavior ranging from one to five days. The definition of Expulsion is a lengthy removal of a student from a school for a semester or whole calendar year or some range in between.

The overall suspension rate for VUSD has declined by 4.2%; all subgroups declined; disruption/defiance, fights, drugs declined; and suspensions over time declined. The number of expulsions declined by 25% (a two-year decline) with both high school and elementary expulsions declining by half. Dr. Oto reviewed examples of the programs that are contributing to the decline in suspensions and expulsions.

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, asked for clarification on the training and their role at the school sites for the classified behavior intervention specialists. Doug Bartsch, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, explained that the behavior intervention team just finished its first year and more will be added for the next school year. He reviewed the professional development and training that each classified team member is given and their roles at the school sites overseen by the certificated program specialists.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

UPDATE ON THE
CALIFORNIA OFFICE
OF REFORM
EDUCATION (CORE)
DISTRICT-
CONSORTIUM
REQUEST FOR A
FEDERAL NCLB
WAIVER

Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, reported that there have been no indications of significant changes to the waiver since his last report. The waiver is currently being reviewed by the Federal government regarding the California Office to Reform Education (CORE)/NCLB/ESEA waiver with a decision expected soon. The CORE ESEA waiver continues to appear advantageous to Visalia Unified. (Encl. No. 25)

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, VUTA President, asked if VUSD becomes part of the Federal waiver process, does the current AYP disappear. Superintendent Wheaton explained that the VUSD data for this last year's testing will be sent through the new accountability system. The schools that are currently in program improvement would still be considered PI schools, but the requirements would be changed. The District would still be a part of the California accountability system, but the waiver would be in place for the Federal accountability.

This item was for information only at this time.

PRINCIPAL
INSTITUTE
SUMMARY/REPORT

Traditionally, the Principal Institute is held in June of each school year and has become a valuable time for debriefing, reflecting, discussing, and planning. This year's institute was conducted on June 12, 13, and 19. Superintendent Wheaton, Assistant Superintendent Doug Bartsch, and Assistant Superintendent Todd Oto, presented summaries of this year's Institute. (Encl. No. 26)

INTERIM ADOPTION
OF INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS –
ELEMENTARY
ENGLISH/
LANGUAGE ARTS

English/Language Arts textbooks currently utilized in elementary classrooms were written to support California Standards adopted in 1998. These books have been in use for twelve years. New materials are needed to support teachers and students as the District transitions to full implementation of Common Core State Standards with the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. (Encl. No. 27)

There was no public comment.

Donna Martin moved to approve the recommended purchase of two programs: McGraw/Hill – *Wonders* for K-5th grade and Holt-McDougal - *Literature* for 6th grade. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/
SUPERINTEN-
DENT'S REPORT**

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Rodney Elder
 - No report

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Absent
- Lucia Vazquez
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - No report
- Jim Qualls
 - Absent
- Tim Chaney
 - No report
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - No report

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 14-01 SE and Case No. 14-02 SE (Encl. No. 28). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Martin, and Vazquez. Absent: Qualls and Ulmschneider. Elder-out of the room momentarily. Motion carried.

REINSTATEMENTS

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 14-01 R, Case No. 14-02 R, Case No. 14-03 R, Case No. 14-04 R, Case No. 14-05 R, Case No. 14-06 R, Case No. 14-07 R, and Case No. 14-08 R (Encl. No. 29). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Chaney, Fulmer, Martin, and Vazquez. Absent: Qualls and Ulmschneider. Elder-out of the room momentarily. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

**ADOPTION OF A
RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE
DISTRICT'S TOTAL
COMPENSATION
PROGRAM/
REVISION TO THE
CERTIFICATED
MANAGEMENT
SALARY SCHEDULE
AND THE SALARY**

The District's Total Compensation Program (TCP), created in 2005 and amended in 2007, requires participation by all certificated managers. The TCP allows the District to avoid providing health benefits to participating managers since a contribution amount has simply been added to each manager's salary. Participating managers may purchase health benefits through the District's Section 125 Plan or elect the cash option. The Certificated Management Salary Schedule has been revised to reflect the District's current practice by indicating the total cost of employment for certificated management employees. There is no increase in the base salary as a result of the revision. The salary schedule is effective July 1, 2013 and does not reflect any cost of living increase for the District's certificated managers. (Encl. No. 30)

SCHEDULE FOR THE
SUPERINTENDENT
AND THE
DISTRICT'S
CERTIFICATED
ASSISTANT
SUPERINTENDENTS,
EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2013

There was no public comment.

Donna Martin moved to approve the Resolution and revised Certificated Management Salary Schedule as presented. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2013-14
GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET UPDATE

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2013-14 State budget on January 10, 2013 and released his May Revision to that proposal on May 10, 2013. He and the Legislature worked out a compromise budget that was passed and signed by the statutory deadline on June 30, 2013. The status report given by Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, reviewed the latest information available regarding the 2013-14 budget. VUSD's 45-day revision will come back to the Board in August for approval implementing all aspects of the State 2013-14 Budget. (Encl. No. 31)

There was no public comment.

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE
SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY AND
ADOPTION OF A
CATEGORICAL
EXEMPTION FROM
CEQA

The Board previously authorized staff to negotiate the sale of approximately 1.25 acres of the former COS Farm property, the VTEC site, to the City of Visalia for a proposed fire station. The resolution would authorize the sale of that acreage at the appraised value and would adopt a categorical exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement was included for this item. (Encl. No. 32)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Resolution Approving the Sale of Real Property and Adoption of a Categorical Exemption from CEQA. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD
ATTENDANCE AT
THE ANNUAL
CALIFORNIA
SCHOOL
BOARDS
ASSOCIATION
(CSBA)
CONFERENCE HELD
IN SAN DIEGO
DECEMBER 5-7, 2013

The Annual California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference will be held December 5-7, 2013 in San Diego. With the possibility for four new Board members after the November election, Superintendent Wheaton recommended that all seven Board members attend this year's conference. This is an important training conference. With early registration starting this week, a significant savings can be realized. (Encl. No. 33)

There was no public comment.

Donna Martin moved to accept Dr. Wheaton's recommendation to allow all Board members to attend this year's CSBA Conference. Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL
AND APPROVAL
OF VARIABLE
TERM WAIVER
REQUEST FOR AN
EL AUTHORIZATION**

Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. This is for an agriculture teacher at VTEC to finish the two-year CLAD program. (Encl. No. 34)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for an EL Authorization. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the VUSD Educational Complex located at 5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia (unless otherwise posted).

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Martin
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent