

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

**OPENING  
BUSINESS**

The August 13, 2013 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Clerk Donna Martin 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>
Rodney Elder	5:30	8:50	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:50	
Donna Martin	5:30	8:50	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	8:50	
Charles Ulmschneider			X
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	8:50	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	8:50	

**Staff Members**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Clerk Martin 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.

- 2.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
  1. Agency Negotiator: Cindi Costa
  2. Employee Organizations
    1. CSEA
    2. VUTA
    3. Management
- 2.3 SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION CRITERIA (BOARD GOALS)

**REGULAR SESSION**

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. It was announced that Tim Chaney had resigned from the Board of Trustees as of Tuesday, August 6, 2013 due to a relocation of his job outside of Visalia. Clerk Donna Martin announced that Charles Ulmschneider was absent due to business out of town. There was no action taken in closed session. Rodney Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

**Public Comment**  
Shawna Shadrick, 615 W. Myrtle Avenue, spoke to the Board on neighborhood concerns regarding blowing dust and debris when the grounds crew cleans the Mt.

Whitney High School campus. She was asked to meet with Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services.

Tim Chaney, explained his need to retire from the Board due to his new position with the California Department of Correction. He thanked his fellow Board members, District staff, and the Visalia community for what they do for the students of Visalia.

**CONSENT AGENDA** A revised Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8) was distributed before the meeting due to newly hired personnel after the board agenda packet was posted.

Donna Martin pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.2.1 - Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7).

Lucia Vazquez pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.3.2 - New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2013-2014 School Year (Encl. No. 13), Item 4.3.6 - Agency Agreement Special Friends Grant (Encl. No. 17), and Item 4.4.2 - Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 11, 2013 (Encl. No. 21).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items (Encl. 1-23) including the revised 4.2.2 - Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8). Rodney Elder seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.2.1 – Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7). Donna Martin asked for clarification of the four special education aide positions that were eliminated. Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, explained that the four positions are vacant positions that were eliminated at those particular school sites and are part of the process of aligning services to student needs.

Donna Martin moved to approve Item 4.2.1 – Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7). Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.3.2 - New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2013-2014 School Year (Encl. No. 13). Regarding the Baking and Pastry Arts course, Lucia Vazquez asked if there would be an opportunity for students to learn how to make healthy choices during this class. Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, explained that preparation and implementation of nutritional foods are part of the course guidelines in the context of a hospitality career pathway.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Item 4.3.2 – New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2013-2014 School Year (Encl. No. 13). Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.3.6 – Agency Agreement Special Friends Grant (Encl. No. 17). Lucia Vazquez asked how many K-3 students would be involved in the District and when VUSD would consider adding its own contribution to increase the program. Doug Bartsch, Assistant

Superintendent-Instructional Services, answered that he did not have the exact number of students involved in this program but would research it and give the Board that information. He stated that it could be considered to expand the program as the District becomes financially healthier.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Item 4.3.6 – Agency Agreement Special Friends Grant (Encl. No. 17). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.4.2 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 11, 2013 (Encl. No. 21). Lucia Vazquez stated that she was out of town for this meeting due to her work and would abstain from the vote.

Rodney Elder moved to approve Item 4.4.2 – Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 11, 2013 (Encl. No. 21). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Elder, Fulmer, Martin, and Qualls. Abstain: Vazquez. Absent: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

#### 4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – July 8, 2013 Through July 24, 2013 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 2 (Encl. No. 2)
3. VUSD Cash and Investment Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2013 (Encl. No. 3)
4. Agreement for Transportation Services Between Visalia Unified and Stone Corral School District (Encl. No. 4)
5. Approval of Lease Lease Back Contract 4791 Goshen Elementary Measure E Improvements (Encl. No. 5)
6. Approval of Lease Lease Back Contract 4792 Veva Blunt Elementary School Parking Lot Improvements (Encl. No. 6)

#### 4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 9)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall 2013-2014 (Encl. No. 10)
5. Adoption of Revised Agreement for Certificated Management Staff for Total Compensation Program Participation (Encl. No. 11)

#### 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 12)
2. New Secondary Course Offerings for the 2013-2014 School Year (Encl. No. 13)
3. Revised Secondary Course Offerings for the 2013-2014 School Year (Encl. No. 14)
4. Memorandum of Understanding Between VUSD and Pro-Youth/HEART (Encl. No. 15)
5. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 16)

6. Agency Agreement Special Friends Grant (Encl. No. 17)
  7. 2013-2014 Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant for El Diamante, Golden West, Mt. Whitney, Redwood High School and VTEC (Encl. No. 18)
  8. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Adult School and College of the Sequoias (Encl. No. 19)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
1. Resignation from Board Member Tim Chaney (Encl. No. 20)
  2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 11, 2013 (Encl. No. 21)
  3. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 25, 2013 (Encl. No. 22)
  4. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 9, 2013 (Encl. No. 23)

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT –  
BOARD  
CLERK TO PRESIDE  
AS BOARD  
PRESIDENT

Superintendent Wheaton stated that, with the resignation of Board Member Tim Chaney so close to the election of Board members in November and in accordance with the Education Code, his position would remain open. The Board would continue with six members instead of seven. In the Board Bylaws, it states that the Clerk will preside in the absence of the President as Donna Martin did for this meeting. The Board could elect a different member to finish the term if they so desired. (Encl. No. 24)

CLERK – APPOINT  
PAST BOARD  
PRESIDENT AS  
BOARD CLERK

Dr. Wheaton has been in contact with Rodney Elder to serve as Clerk. (Encl. No. 25) After discussion, Bill Fulmer moved to appoint Donna Martin as Board President and Rodney Elder as Clerk, combining both Enclosure Numbers 24 and 25. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ACTION**

ACCEPTANCE OF  
CASH DONATION TO  
VUSD HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE  
PROGRAMS FROM  
ROBERT BACON

Attorney Robert Bacon has donated \$32,000 to the science departments at the four comprehensive high schools to support increased technology available for student use in the lab setting. The funds would be used for computers, software, and data collection interface units. (Encl. No. 26)

Jim Qualls moved to accept the cash donation to VUSD High School Science Programs from Robert Bacon. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked Mr. Bacon for his generous donation to VUSD.

**FOCUS ON STUDENT LEARNING**  
Presentation/Public  
Comment/Board

Discussion/ACTION

(as applicable)

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

Information was received on August 6 that the Federal government had made a decision on the California Office to Reform Education (CORE) District-Consortium NCLB waiver request. Their decision was to allow only the eight school districts that had originally applied for the NCLB waiver to participate at this time. April 2014 was given as the possible date for other waiver requests to be considered. The District will continue to research the CORE waiver and monitor how the eight school districts are proceeding and implementing new criteria. (Encl. No. 27)

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Lucia Vazquez
  - No report
- Charles Ulmschneider
  - Absent
- Bill Fulmer
  - No report
- Jim Qualls
  - No report
- Rodney Elder
  - No report
- Donna Martin
  - Thanked the Board for the opportunity to carry on as President
  - Encouraged Board members to use their laptops or iPads instead of paper board agenda packets
- Superintendent Wheaton
  - Introduced and welcomed Tamara Ravalin as the new Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources Development
  - Has been attending teacher inservices this week as teachers are back to school
  - California State Test (CST) scores were released last week. Across the State, there was a slight decline; but VUSD had an increase of less than a percentage point at grade level or above.

**GENERAL AGENDA**

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

**ACTION** (as

applicable)

2013-14 LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FORMULA AND LOCAL CONTROL

The Legislature adopted the 2013-14 State budget, and Governor Jerry Brown signed it on June 27, 2013. The presentation provided an update on the implementation of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the guidance received to date on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2013-14 fiscal year. (Encl. No. 28)

ACCOUNTABILITY  
PLAN UPDATE

**Public Comment**

Karl Kildow, President – Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), stated that State hearings were held in Fresno and Bakersfield, and he testified representing the association. Concerns were raised in terms of the funds staying with the school district and not following the student if the student leaves a district causing budgetary problems.

RESOLUTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
EXPENDITURE OF  
EDUCATION  
PROTECTION  
ACCOUNT FUNDS  
IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2013-14

The passage of Proposition 30 on the November ballot created a separate funding stream for school districts called the Education Protection Account (EPA) from the new incremental income and sales tax increases. Revenues from Prop 30 are directed into the EPA fund and allocated to school districts, charter schools, and community colleges. The new law also created the requirement for districts to report to the Board each year in a public session how these funds would be spent with no monies from the EPA allowed for salaries or benefits of administrators or any other administrative costs. VUSD plans to use these funds to pay salaries and related benefits for instructional personnel. (Encl. No. 29)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Resolution to Approve the Expenditure of Education Protection Account Funds in Accordance with the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION  
TO CONTRACT  
WITH  
CENERGISTICS TO  
PROVIDE ENERGY  
EDUCATION AND  
MANAGEMENT

The regional Cenergistics representative provided information on how their company could partner with the District to significantly lower energy costs through improved monitoring and energy usage education. Their program would supplement the many energy conservation efforts the District has already implemented and maximize the energy efficiency of facilities. This was an informational item only. (Encl. No. 30)

There was no public comment.

RECOMMENDATION  
TO CONTRACT  
WITH CM  
CONSTRUCTION  
SERVICES FOR  
CONSTRUCTION  
MANAGEMENT OF  
THE RHS ACADEMIC  
BUILDING AND THE  
NEW MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

CM Construction Services and their team are providing Program Management Services for all Measure E projects. Administrative staff recommended that the District also contract for their construction management services for the Redwood High School academic building and the new middle school. Involving construction managers early in the design process ensures projects can be delivered on time and on budget. It was the consensus of the Board for staff to move forward and bring a contract back for consideration of approval at the next Board meeting. (Encl. No. 31)

There was no public comment.

COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN VUSD  
AND VISALIA  
UNIFIED TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION

On July 9, 2013, a Tentative Agreement was reached with VUTA. On July 25, 2013, VUTA membership ratified amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with VUSD effective July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016. The District agrees to fund step and column movement for the 2013-14 school year. The Teacher Salary Schedule shall be increased by 2.0% effective July 1, 2013. The District will be covering the increase of health care. (Encl. No. 32)

(VUTA) FOR  
2013-2016

There was no public comment.

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between VUSD and VUTA for 2013-16. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO  
ESTABLISH SALARY  
FOR DISTRICT  
MANAGERS  
INCLUDING SUPER-  
INTENDENT AND  
ASSISTANT  
SUPERINTENDENTS  
AND CONFIDENTIAL  
EMPLOYEES  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
2013

The approval of the Resolution to Establish Salary for District Managers Including Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents and Confidential Employees effective July 1, 2013 would mirror the agreement with VUTA. (Encl. No. 33)

There was no public comment.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve this Resolution. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO  
ESTABLISH  
BENEFITS FOR  
DISTRICT  
MANAGERS,  
CONFIDENTIAL  
EMPLOYEES AND  
ELIGIBLE  
DISTRICT-PAID  
RETIREES  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
2013

With Board approval, benefits for management, confidential employees, and eligible district-paid retirees would also mirror the VUTA agreement. (Encl. No. 34)

There was no public comment.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the Resolution to Establish Benefits for District Managers, Confidential Employees, and Eligible District-Paid Retirees Effective July 1, 2013. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO EMPLOY  
CERTIFICATED  
PERSONNEL AND  
APPROVAL OF  
VARIABLE TERM  
WAIVER REQUEST  
FOR SPEECH/  
LANGUAGE &  
HEARING

Cindi Costa, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, explained that the variable term waiver is for a renewal request for an ongoing speech and language therapist that is currently employed by the District. She is working to be accepted into an extremely difficult program. (Encl. No. 35)

Rodney Elder moved to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for a Speech/Language & Hearing teacher. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT WRITING  
SERVICE PROPOSAL

Superintendent Wheaton presented the Grant Writing Service Proposal as an information item and a follow-up to the Board Study Session in July when the Board directed him to negotiate a contract with California Consulting to be put in place as early as September. The proposed contract was discussed and suggestions were made for revisions. The

revised contract will be presented to the Board at the August 27 meeting for further discussion and possible action. (Encl. No. 36)

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

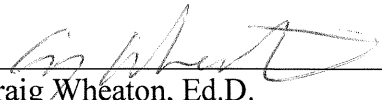
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 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,

  
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Rodney Elder  
Clerk

  
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Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.  
Superintendent