

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 22, 2013 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President 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	9:30	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:30	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:30	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:30	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:30	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	9:30	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:30	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
 Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
 Doug Bartsch, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

Blake Pierce, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President 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 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.4 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Tamara Ravalín
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

**EARLY BIRD
SESSION**

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL HUMAN
RESOURCES**

The annual report provided information to the Governing Board related to all aspects of the Human Resources Development (HRD) Division including data related to District-

DEVELOPMENT REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Wide Goals for 2013-2014. (Encl. No. 1) HRD is committed to “recruit and hire highly qualified staff who reflect the demographics of our students and community” and “maintain competitive salary and benefits for all staff”. Included in the report were student and staff demographics, hiring data, and other pertinent general information.
There was no public comment.

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Donna Martin announced that no action was taken in closed session. Bill Fulmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-14. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – September 30, 2013 Through October 4, 2013 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 7 (Encl. No. 3)
3. Approval of Additional Authorized Signature for Calendar Year 2013 (Encl. No.4)
4. Adoption of Educational Specifications for the New Middle School (Encl. No. 5)
5. Adoption of Educational Specifications for the New VTEC Campus (Encl. No. 6)
6. Appoint New Measure E Bond Oversight Advisory Committee Member (Encl. No. 7)

5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Winter 2013-14 (Encl. No. 11)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Brandman University and VUSD (Encl. No. 12)

5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 13)
2. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 14)

PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ACTION

PROCLAMATION – AMERICAN INDIAN This country was home to generations of native peoples long before the arrival of European explorers. The contributions of the American Indians to this nation's

HERITAGE MONTH-
NOVEMBER 2013

government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves. The American culture has been greatly influenced by traditions of native peoples and their close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants. (Encl. No. 15)

Lucia Vazquez moved to adopt the American Indian Heritage Month – November 2013 Proclamation. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

NUTRITIONAL
SERVICES UPDATE

An update from the Nutritional Services Department was presented on new federal menu planning regulations for breakfast and lunch, the new packaging center and the “Produce Stand” concept implementation, Smart Choice logo, federal competitive food sales regulations, and community health education messages that appear on NSD delivery trucks. (Encl. No. 16)

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

CAREER TECHNICAL
EDUCATION/
LINKED LEARNING

This report provided an update on the current status of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in VUSD and reviewed the 5-year plan shared with the Board last year. The update addressed program assessments, programmatic changes, curriculum alignment, community partnerships that will expand work-based learning opportunities for students, and information on the implementation of Linked Learning Pathways being developed with grants received from the National Academy Foundation. (Encl. No. 17)

INSTRUCTIONAL
PRACTICES IN
MATHEMATICS
AND THE
TRANSITION TO
COMMON CORE
STANDARDS

The update provided the Board with information regarding the changes that the transition to Common Core State Standards that were adopted in 2010 will bring to mathematics instruction when implemented during the 2014-2015 school year. (Encl. No. 18) Under Common Core State Standards, math standards have two components:

- Mathematics Content Standards – build from one grade level to the next
- Mathematical Practice Standards – are the same for each grade level

The Mathematics Content Standards and the Mathematical Practice Standards combine to foster mathematical understanding, knowledge, and promotes reasoning and problem solving skills.

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

Blake Pierce, Student Representative to the Board from El Diamante High School, gave a brief summary of the events that are taking place at each of the high schools.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Bill Fulmer
 - Visalia Education Foundation (VEF) fundraiser – Warren Miller's (famous for producing snowboarding and skiing movies) "Ticket to Ride" – an adventure in snow skiing film – at El Diamante High School Theater Thursday, November 7 at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. Proceeds support school activities and scholarships
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Encouraged everyone to attend the culturally enriching Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration to be held Saturday, October 26 at the Visalia Garden Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended
 - Jt. City Council/VUSD Board meeting on October 14
 - Study group on Common Core
 - Candidates' Night for City Council and VUSD Board Members
 - Tim Kanold Core Curriculum at El Diamante High School
 - Toured El Diamante High School campus
 - Annual Visalia Civic Board Meeting with VUSD and the City involving the theaters
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Books for teachers to read: *The Smartest Kids in the World*, *Why Teach*, would like to read *Overcoming Textbook Fatigue*
 - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Rodney Elder
 - Visited Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) and Visalia Technical Early College (VTEC) High School
- Donna Martin
 - Emceed "Taste of the Arts" and represented VUSD for supporting the arts
 - Attended the event held at Mt. Whitney High School as a tribute to the student who had passed away a year ago
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Eight former Golden West High School students will be honored at the end of October in Louisville, Kentucky with Future Farmers of America's (FFA) highest honor, the American FFA Degree. Eight is an unusually high number. Their advisor, Emmett Schultz, will need to be in attendance and with the short time line, was not able to get that request to attend the conference on this board agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION
EXPULSIONS**

Rodney Elder moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 14-03 E, Case No. 14-04 E, Case No. 14-05 E, Case No. 14-06 E,

Case No. 14-07 E, and Case No. 14-08 E. (Encl. No. 19) Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDED
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Continued Expulsions Case No. 14-04 RCE and Case No. 14-05 RCE. (Encl. No. 20) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

MID-VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL REPORT

Mid-Valley Transportation has been in operation since August 2002. Services that are provided by Mid-Valley Transportation include home-to-school transportation, school bus maintenance, driver in-service, and charter bus services for VUSD and neighboring school districts' extra and co-curricular activities trips. The VUSD Transportation Service Department is an approved BlueBird school bus warranty repair station in addition to providing pre-delivery inspections of new BlueBird school buses sold in central California. The presentation reviewed each facet of Mid-Valley's operations including the annual financial summary. (Encl. No. 21)

INDEPENDENT
CHARTER SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT

This report provided the Board with an annual overview of the progress of Sycamore Valley Academy (SVA), the independent charter school chartered by VUSD in 2011. SVA has approximately 230 students in grades K-8 located on the Packwood campus. (Encl. No. 22)

Public Comment

Ruth Dutton, Principal/Superintendent for SVA, and Karin Dixon, Board Chair, spoke to the Board regarding information that was reported.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 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,



Rodney Elder
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent