

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The December 10, 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>
John L. Crabtree	5:30	9:40	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:40	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:40	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:40	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:40	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:40	
Lucia Vazquez	5:30	9:40	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:40	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
 Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
 Doug Bartsch, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Pam Ryan, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
 Tori McLain, Student Representative

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, issued the Oath of Office to the newly elected and re-elected Board members, John Crabtree, Juan Guerrero, Jim Qualls, and Charles Ulmschneider, before Closed Session.

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 SUSPENDED 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

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 **Public Comment**
President Martin recognized Victoria Porter, Principal of Visalia Technical Early College High School (VTEC), and staff for being honored on December 7 by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) at their annual meeting in San Diego by presenting VTEC High School with the prestigious 2013 Golden Bell Award for having an exemplary Career Technical Education (CTE) program. The Golden Bell is awarded to outstanding programs that reflect the depth and breadth of curriculum supporting and addressing students' changing needs.

CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS OF CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT ELECTION Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent-Administrative Services, stated that the school district received the official Certificates of Election from Rita Woodard, Registrar of Voters of Tulare County, for the Consolidated District Election held on November 5, 2013. The term of four years will expire on the first Friday of December 2017. This historic election for VUSD completes the implementation of the by-trustee area election process where trustees are elected solely by the voters of their respective district that started with the November 8, 2011 election of Donna Martin – Area 5; Lucia Vazquez – Area 6; and Bill Fulmer – Area 7. The following elected Governing Board Members represent these areas:

- Charles Ulmschneider – Area 1
- Juan Guerrero – Area 2
- Jim Qualls – Area 3
- John Crabtree – Area 4

CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Development, issued the Ceremonial Oath of Office to the newly elected and re-elected Board members, John Crabtree, Juan Guerrero, Jim Qualls, and Charles Ulmschneider. The four Board members signed their Oaths of Office Certificates followed by a reception.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ACTION

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER SERVICE Superintendent Wheaton recognized Board President, Donna Martin, for her outstanding leadership and commitment in serving the needs of students, staff, the community, and fellow Board members as Clerk and President for 2013. (Encl. No. 1)

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT According to the Education Code, the meeting in December is described as the Annual Organizational Meeting of the School Board at which time the Board elects their

officers for 2014. Superintendent Wheaton summarized Board Bylaw 9121 – Election of Board President. (Encl. No. 2)

Bill Fulmer moved to elect Jim Qualls as President. Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, and Qualls. Noes: Martin, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried.

CLERK

Superintendent Wheaton summarized Board Bylaw 9123, the duties of the Clerk of the Board. (Encl. No. 3)

Lucia Vazquez moved to elect Juan Guerrero as Board Clerk. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY

Education Code requires the Board to take formal action to appoint the Superintendent to serve as Secretary to the Board. Superintendent Wheaton reviewed Board Bylaw 9122, the duties of the Secretary. (Encl. No. 4)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve Superintendent Craig Wheaton as Board Secretary. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 10.2.10 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Internship Credential Program Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and National University. (Encl. No. 18)

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 5-26. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10.2.10 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Internship Credential Program Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and National University (Encl. No. 18). Charles Ulmschneider asked for clarification on accepting credentials of universities. Superintendent Wheaton responded that Visalia Unified accepts credentials that are granted by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. It is not the district's position to determine that one university's credential is better than another university.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 10.2.10 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Internship Credential Program Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and National University (Encl. No. 18). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

10.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – November 4, 2013 Through November 21, 2013 (Encl. No. 5)
2. VUSD General Fund Cash Flow Report as of October 31, 2013 (Encl.

- No. 6)
- 3. Resolution Acknowledging the State Facility Program Bond Authority is Exhausted (Encl. No. 7)
- 4. Deem Surplus Vehicles Obsolete (Encl. No. 8)
- 10.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 11)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for all Winter 2013-14 (Encl. No. 12)
 - 5. Rejection of Claim for Damages Filed on Behalf of I.R. No. 140023 (Encl. No. 13)
 - 6. Rejection of Claim for Damages Filed on Behalf of M.P. No. 140024 (Encl. No. 14)
 - 7. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the CalState TEACH Intern Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California State University, Fresno (Encl. No. 15)
 - 8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the IMPACT Intern Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and Tulare County Office of Education (Encl. No. 16)
 - 9. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the CalState TEACH Student Teaching Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and California State University, Fresno (Encl. No. 17)
 - 10. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Internship Credential Program Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District and National University (Encl. No. 18)
- 10.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 19)
 - 2. Safe School Plans (Encl. No. 20)
 - 3. Agreement Between Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education in Conjunction with Visalia Unified School District and Westgate Gardens Convalescent Center, Linwood Gardens Convalescent Center, Redwood Springs Healthcare Center, Quail Park Retirement Village, and Family Healthcare Network (Encl. No. 21)
 - 4. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and College of the Sequoias for Student Success in Agriculture Classes at Visalia Technical Early College (VTEC) High School (Encl. No. 22)
 - 5. Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Application for Specialized Grant Funding for Golden West High School (Encl. No. 23)
- 10.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 12, 2013 (Encl. No. 24)
 - 2. Board Meeting Dates for 2014-2015 School Year (Encl. No. 25)
 - 3. Approval of Authorized Signatures for Calendar Year 2014 (Encl. No. 26)

**PUBLIC COMMENT/
PUBLIC INTEREST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
STATUS REPORTS/
ACTION** (as
applicable)

**NEW MIDDLE
SCHOOL BUILDING
DESIGN PROCESS
UPDATE**

David Iwanaga, partner of the S.I.M. Architects Firm, provided an update including 3D aerial model sketches from different views of the exterior design of the new middle school buildings. The architects have been meeting with District staff, school administrators and students, community representatives, the City of Visalia officials, and the contractor to continually receive feedback from each group as they continue to develop the design. The new middle school will open in August 2016 near Akers and Rigg in northwest Visalia. (Encl. No. 27)

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

**UPDATE ON
ACTIVITIES TO
STRENGTHEN
POSITIVE SCHOOL
CULTURE AT
MIDDLE SCHOOL
AND HIGH SCHOOL**

One of the District-wide Goals for 2013-14 is to develop a strong sense of significance and belonging for students. Statistics show that when students feel that they belong with peers and that they matter to adults, they stay in school and are less likely to drop out, they perform better academically, and they misbehave less frequently. District staff reviewed various programs and activities that are underway to achieve positive school culture. (Encl. No. 28)

**COMMON CORE
IMPLEMENTATION –
INSTRUCTIONAL
TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE**

California has begun the multi-year process of transitioning to the California Common Core Standards to guide curriculum development and instruction. Information was presented focusing on the implications of the Common Core Standards for instructional technology and the plans underway to purchase 4,200 Internet-connected computers using a special State allocation. (Encl. No. 29)

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

Tori McLain, Student Representative to the Board from Golden West 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:

- John Crabtree
 - Attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference
 - Visited:
 - Nutritional Services Department
 - Transportation Department
 - Visalia Adult School

- Donna Martin
 - Attended the CSBA Annual Conference
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended the CSBA Annual Conference
 - Toured Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS)
 - Looking forward to wrestling season
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Commented on needed technology in the classrooms
 - Administrative attendance at board meetings
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended:
 - Gang Task Force Committee
 - Visalia Education Foundation
 - VUSD Facilities Advisory Committee
 - TCOE Fall Institute
 - CSBA Annual Conference
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended:
 - CSBA Annual Conference
 - Linked Learning meeting
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended:
 - CSBA Annual Conference
 - VUSD Facilities Advisory Committee
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - El Diamante High School won Valley Championship in football
 - La Joya Middle School hosted a large robotics competition
 - El Diamante High School band won second straight championship in Division 4A, the largest division in the State. This is the fourth championship win in the last six years for EDHS.
 - Received information at the CSBA Annual Conference on Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the development of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). District staff working to gain input from community members and school administrators are meeting with site councils, DELACs and ELACs for their input
 - Linked Learning Consortium in Kings and Tulare Counties working on grants for Career Technical Education (CTE)
 - COS hosted group of administrators looking at the future adult education

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 14-17 E, Case No. 14-18 E, Case No. 14-19 E, and Case No. 14-20 E. (Encl. No. 30) Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Guerrero, Martin,

Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Momentarily out of the room: Fulmer. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 14-07 SE and Case No. 14-08 SE. (Encl. No. 31) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Momentarily out of the room: Fulmer. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

**2013-14 FIRST
INTERIM
FINANCIAL REPORT**

In accordance with Education Code 33127, the Board is required to certify to the Tulare County Office of Education by December 15, 2013, whether the District will be able to meet its financial obligations through the current fiscal year and two subsequent years. District staff reported that this requirement of maintaining a 3% reserve and positive projections for the next two fiscal years will be met for a positive certification. (Encl. No. 32)

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the 2013-14 First Interim Financial Report. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY
OUTREACH/
DISTRICT
ADVISORY REPORT**

District Goal 4.2 is to maintain the Superintendent's advisory committees and outreach to community groups, service clubs, and non-profit organizations. Superintendent Wheaton provided an update on community outreach efforts including a review of current District advisory committees, visits to each school site and staffing meetings. (Encl. No. 33)

**BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS
FOR 2014**

Superintendent Wheaton reviewed the list of committees that Board members participated in during 2013. Board members conveyed which committees they would like to be involved in for 2014. Those revisions would be sent to the Board members to review and contact the Superintendent's Office to confirm the appointments. (Encl. No. 34)

**SELECTION OF
BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO
VOTE IN 2014
ELECTION OF
COUNTY
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

As required by Education Code Section 4005 and 35023, the Board yearly selects a Board member to vote on behalf of the Visalia Unified School District in electing members to the County Committee on School District Organization. (Encl. No. 35) The responsibility of the representative is to take part in the 2014 election of county committee members at the Annual County School Boards Association (CSBA) Dinner which takes place in the fall.

Donna Martin moved to select Lucia Vazquez as VUSD's Board representative to vote in the 2014 election of county committee members. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

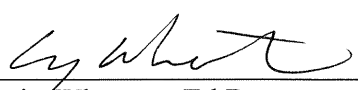
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 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,



Juan Guerrero
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent