

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The January 28, 2014 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Jim Qualls 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	9:30	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:30	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:30	
Donna Martin			X
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:30	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:20	
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
 Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
 Delia Smart, Executive Assistant, Superintendent's Office
 Tori McLain, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Qualls 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 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.5 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Tamara Ravalín
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 Property: Southeastern approximately 30-acre portion of Tulare County located near the northwest corner of N. Akers Street and W. Riggan Avenue in the City of Visalia
 APN 077-100-001

- Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
 Negotiating parties: City of Visalia
 Under negotiation: Potential Sale
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
 Property: NE corner of Mooney Boulevard and Meadow Lane
 914-920 S. Mooney; and 1828-1834 W. Meadow Lane
 Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
 Negotiating parties: Sam Katano
 Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Qualls announced that Donna Martin was absent due to a family emergency. He announced that no action was taken in closed session. Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment
Superintendent Craig Wheaton introduced and recognized Jonathan Estrada, a senior at Mt. Whitney High School, for speaking to the State Board of Education on the importance of their approving the proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) regulations and his experience of being actively involved in the AVID program since middle school and how that program has enhanced his educational development. Jonathan has been accepted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

CONSENT AGENDA Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-14. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
1. Warrant List – December 22, 2013 Through January 9, 2014 (Encl. No. 1)
 2. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 10 (Encl. No. 2)
 3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flow Report as of December 31, 2013 (Encl. No. 3)
 4. Lease-Leaseback Delivery Method for the VTEC Dairy Plant Reconstruction (Encl. No. 4)
- 4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for all Winter/Spring 2013-14 (Encl. No. 8)
- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
 2. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 10)
 3. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 11)
 4. Approval of Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE) for 2013-2014 (Encl. No. 12)

5. Clinical Training Agreements Between Visalia Adult School and Palm Village Retirement Community (Encl. No. 13)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 14, 2014 (Encl. No. 14)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS RECOGNITION: HOUSTON SCHOOL-VISALIA HOST LIONS CLUB

The Board recognized the Visalia Host Lions Club as a valuable partner with the students, families, and staff of Houston School for the past three and one-half years. Since the Club has been involved at Houston School, the attendance has improved dramatically along with better achievement. The school has been collecting pull tabs as one of the Club’s projects. (Encl. No. 15)

RESOLUTION – NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH-FEBRUARY 2014

Americans of African American descent helped develop our nation in countless ways contributing as scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, and explorers in addition to participating to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy. (Encl. No. 16)

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the Resolution for National African American History Month – February 2014. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2014-15 GOVERNOR’S JANUARY BUDGET PROPOSAL

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2014-15 State budget on January 16, 2014. The staff status report reviewed that proposal and the potential impacts to the Visalia Unified School District. The administration will continue meeting with parents, staff, and the community to develop the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the District. The Governor will issue his revision in May to the State budget. After the May Revision, the District will adopt its Local Control Accountability Plan. In June, the first reading of the school district budget will be presented to the Board. The State is projected to adopt their budget by June 15 then the second reading of the VUSD budget will be on the June 24 agenda for consideration of adoption. (Encl. No. 17)

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**
Presentation/Public

Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

**COMMON CORE
IMPLEMENTATION:
MATHEMATICS
PATHWAY FOR
SECONDARY
SCHOOLS**

This was the second reading of the proposed selection for the mathematics pathway for high schools for consideration of Board adoption. (Encl. No. 18) Under Common Core State Standards, districts must establish the sequencing, or pathway, of courses in high school mathematics. There are two pathway options:

- 1) Traditional math – deliver concepts through the structure of a series of standalone courses
 - a. Algebra I
 - b. Geometry
 - c. Algebra II
- 2) International math – combines the traditional pathway content into a structure designed around concepts instead of standalone courses
 - a. Mathematics I
 - b. Mathematics II
 - c. Mathematics III

In the International pathway, when a concept is taught for the first time, it is picked up in succeeding courses more clearly, so a student uses things repetitively through the sequence of courses proving to be advantageous for students and a more logical way for teachers to teach. The advanced math classes would be the same in each pathway.

The recommendation from staff was for the Board to adopt the International Mathematics Pathway for the high schools.

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the staff recommendation to adopt the International Mathematics Pathway for high schools. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, and Vazquez. Noes: Qualls and Ulmschneider. Absent: Martin. Motion carried.

**ACHIEVEMENT
REPORT: MID-
YEAR PROGRESS
7-12**

Core Content Area Tests (CCATs) are end-of-term assessments administered in the middle and high schools in core subjects. These assessments are aligned with State standards and STAR assessments and provide teachers and principals with information regarding student progress toward academic proficiency. The report provided an update on student achievement on the Core Content Area Tests. (Encl. No. 19)

**SCHOOL SITE
COUNCIL**

The School Site Council report included information regarding the English Learner Advisory Committee (a committee comprised of parents, staff, and community members specifically designated to advise school officials on English Learner program services) and School Site Councils (reviews and updates the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) including proposed expenditure of funds allocated to the school through the Consolidated Application). (Encl. No. 20)

**BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS/**

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.

SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

The Board members' reports included the following:

- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended
 - Board Planning Session on Friday and Saturday
 - Adult School LVN pinning ceremony
 - El Diamante High School's musical – "Seussical the Musical"
 - Will be attending "Challenge Day" at Redwood High School
 - Had discussions at school visits regarding on-campus groups that offer support for students needing additional assistance such as recovery resources
 - Requested Joven Noble or Mariposas programs that allow students to learn comportment, socialization, cultural topics, and other wholesome opportunities
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Attended Board Planning Session on Saturday
- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - State Board of Education meeting in Sacramento
 - Shannon Ranch and Hurley Elementary School Site Council meetings
 - Board Planning Session on Friday and Saturday
 - Adult School LVN pinning ceremony
 - Chamber of Commerce Ambassador's Breakfast
 - Toured Visalia Charter Independent Study site
 - Had lunch with Oak Grove students and principal
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended
 - Facilities Advisory Committee
 - Board Planning Session Friday and Saturday
 - Adult School LVN pinning ceremony
 - Alternative Governance (AG) board meeting
- Juan Guerrero
 - Thanked student representative for her report
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended
 - Educational Advisory Forum
 - Board Planning Session on Friday and Saturday
- Donna Martin
 - Absent
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Thanked Board for their dedication and time spent at the Board Planning Session on Friday and Saturday. Worked hard on the current goals and future goals.
 - Donna Martin is a Grandma for the first time. Her grandson was born early weighing 3 pounds and 1 oz.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Lucia Vazquez moved to pull Expulsions Case No. 14-25 E and to take no action and to accept the remaining the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 14-23 E, Case No. 14-24 E, and Case No. 14-26 E. (Encl. No. 21) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Abstain: Guerrero. Absent: Martin. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 14-11 SE and Case No. 14-12 SE. (Encl. No. 22) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENTS

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Reinstatements Case No. 14-39 R and Case No. 14-40 R. (Encl. No. 23) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

**FACILITIES MASTER
PLAN**

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 presentation provided the Board with an opportunity to review the final plan that was developed after a series of public meetings. (Encl. No. 24) Staff recommended that the Board approve the Facilities Master Plan as presented.

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the Facilities Master Plan. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**2012-2013 ANNUAL
DISTRICT
FINANCIAL AUDIT**

The District must, on an annual basis, have its financial statements audited by an independent audit firm in order to meet federal and state requirements. Jian Ou-Yang, CPA with Brown Armstrong, Certified Public Accountants, presented the auditor's report which included the auditor's findings, recommendations, and opinions. In the auditor's opinion, the District's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Visalia Unified School District, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial positions and cash flows, where

applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the nation. (Encl. No. 25)

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the 2012-2013 District Financial Audit with former board member Tim Chaney's name being added to the list of board members because he was a board member during this audit. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RE-ADOPT
PROFESSIONAL
GOVERNANCE
STANDARDS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to **TABLE** General Agenda 10.3 – Re-Adopt Professional Governance Standards to give the Board time to continue to review the VUSD Governance Team Standards: Protocols & Agreements that were discussed during the Board Planning Session on January 24 and 25, 2014. Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously. (Encl. No. 26)

**SECOND AND
FINAL READING OF
REVISED BOARD
POLICIES**

Superintendent Wheaton stated that this is the second and final reading of the following board policy revisions which District staff and the Board Policy Sub-Committees have reviewed. There was no further request for clarification on any of the revised policies, so the Board took action on the eleven revisions in one vote – (Encl. No. 27-37).

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the revisions to board policies (Encl. No. 27-37). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP 0420 – SCHOOL
PLANS/SITE
COUNCILS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING**

BP 0420 – School Plans/Site Councils (Encl. No. 27). Approved

**CSBA REVISION TO
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
1312.3 – UNIFORM
COMPLAINT
PROCEDURES –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING**

Mandated BP/Mandated AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint (Encl. No. 28). Approved

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP 1431 – WAIVERS-
SECOND AND FINAL
READING**

BP 1431 – Waivers (Encl. No. 29). Approved

**CSBA REVISION TO
BP/MANDATED AR
3311 – BIDS –**

BP/Mandated AR 3311 – Bids (Encl. No. 30). Approved

SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO Mandated AR 3542 – School Bus Drivers (Encl. No. 31). Approved
MANDATED AR
3542 – SCHOOL BUS
DRIVERS – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING

NEW CSBA BP 3350- New BP 3350 – Travel Expenses (Encl. No. 32). Approved
TRAVEL EXPENSES-
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO Mandated AR 4161.11/4261.11/4361.11 – Industrial Accident/Illness Leave (Encl. No.
MANDATED AR 33). Approved
4161.11/4261.11/
4361.11 –
INDUSTRIAL
ACCIDENT/ILLNESS
LEAVE – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5141.27 – Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs (Encl. No. 34). Approved
BP 5141.27 – FOOD
ALLERGIES/SPECIAL
DIETARY NEEDS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6144 – Controversial Issues (Encl. No. 35). Approved
BP 6144 – CONTRO-
VERSIAL ISSUES –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials (Encl. No. 36). Approved
BP 6162.6 – USE OF
COPYRIGHTED
MATERIALS–
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BB 9010 – Public Statements (Encl. No. 37). Approved
BB 9010 – PUBLIC

STATEMENTS –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO
BB 9250 –
REMUNERATION,
REIMBURSEMENT
AND OTHER
BENEFITS – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING

BB 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits (Encl. 38). Superintendent Wheaton summarized the second reading of the revision updated by CSBA to BB 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits. He clarified that what was reported in the newspaper that this action could give board members a raise was not accurate. Education Code 35120 states that each member of the Governing Board may receive the maximum monthly compensation. The past practice of VUSD has been that the President receives the maximum monthly compensation and the remaining board members receive slightly less than that. It is not the intent to change the past practice and no board member is receiving a raise.

What VUSD inserted (underlined) is a phrase to the bylaw on the first page, ninth paragraph: “Beyond one discretionary absence per calendar year, any member who does not attend ~~all~~ regularly scheduled Board meetings during the month is eligible to receive only a percentage of the monthly compensation equal to the percent of meetings he/she attended...” (Education Code 35120) According to the Education Code, the Board needs to take action to approve absences.

There is also an Exhibit which is the Resolution that the Board will take action on that will be used to excuse board member absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings. The reasons that a board member can be excused is:

- Performance of other designated duties for the district during the time of the meeting
- Illness or jury duty
- Hardship deemed acceptable by the Board

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve BB 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits (Encl. No. 38). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carries unanimously.

VUSD REVISION TO
BB 9220 –
GOVERNING
BOARD ELECTION-
FIRST
READING

VUSD Revision to BB 9220 – Governing Board Election (Encl. No. 39) - First Reading. The revised policy reflects the updated official boundaries of the District, which are those set forth in the full and correct transcript of the boundaries maintained in the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Office and the Office of the County Clerk of Tulare County.

At 9:20 p.m., Charles Ulmschneider left the meeting.

CSBA REVISION TO
BB 9223 – FILLING
VACANCIES –
FIRST READING

BB 9223 – Filling Vacancies – (Encl. No. 40) – First Reading. Updated bylaw reflects new law AB 334 which allows governing boards to approve a board member’s out-of-state absence for illness or urgent necessity for an unlimited duration.

For the record, Juan Guerrero stated that he believes each board member can represent their district and give good representation to the school district as any other local official

because he has heard comments locally that if you go by area, you are not going to get fair representation or the representation is going to be diluted. He feels insulted by such comments. He was elected at large more than once and was elected "by district".

Bill Fulmer would like to change the federal military deployment to twelve months instead of six months. Dr. Wheaton will research the Government Code and will bring his findings back in the second reading.


ADJOURNMENT

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


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 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