

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The August 12, 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	9:05	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:05	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:05	
Donna Martin	6:00	9:05	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:05	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:05	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	9:05	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:05	

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

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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Tamara Ravalín
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT

REGULAR SESSION

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

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Scott Jeffery, Lead Negotiator for California School Employees Association (CSEA), thanked the Board on behalf of the men and women of CSEA for the passage of the contract and for its recognition of CSEA members.

CONSENT AGENDA President Qualls reported that revised copies of Consent Agenda Items 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8) and 4.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 9) were distributed before the meeting. There were additions made to each report after the board agenda packet was posted.

Superintendent Wheaton pulled 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8) and stated that Donna Martin had chosen to leave the Board Room to remove any possible perception of a conflict of interest. Charles Ulmschneider stated that he was pulling 4.2.2 also.

Juan Guerrero pulled 4.3.2 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 12).

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-18. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8). Charles Ulmschneider stated that he could not approve the report due to what he perceived as a board member conflict of interest.

Juan Guerrero moved to approve 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Abstain: Martin. Motion carried.

Donna Martin returned to the Board dais in the Board Room.

4.3.2 - Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 12). Juan Guerrero stated that he would abstain because his employer is Proteus, Inc., one of the program providers.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve 4.3.2 – Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 12). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List - June 23, 2014 Through July 24, 2014 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 20 (Encl. No. 2)
3. 2014-15 Budget Revision No. 1 (Encl. No. 3)
4. Approval of Change Order #1 for the Site Security Projects at Various Sites (Encl. No. 4)
5. Approval of Contract with Mangini Associates Inc. for Mineral King Elementary School Measure E Modernization Projects (Encl. No. 5)
6. Notice of Completion for the Redwood Fire Alarm Upgrade (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 2014-15 (Encl. No. 10)
- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 11)
 - 2. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District PULSE Program and After School Program Providers (Encl. No. 12)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Turning Point of Central California Inc. (Encl. No. 13)
 - 4. New Secondary Course Offerings for 2014-2015 School Year (Encl. No. 14)
 - 5. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 15)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 24, 2014 (Encl. No. 16)
 - 2. Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 8, 2014 (Encl. No. 17)
 - 3. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 18)

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

**GROPPETTI
AUTOMOTIVE
ATTENDANCE
INCENTIVE**

Groppetti Automotive has announced an incentive program for high school student attendance. Students in grades 9-12 at the four comprehensive high schools and Visalia Technical Early College High School (VTEC) with perfect attendance are eligible to participate in a drawing for a new car and a variety of other prizes. Their program was designed to reduce chronic and irregular attendance for all students. The name of the incentive program is “It’s a Gas to Go to Class”. The incentive program will start on the first day of school with the drawing for the car and other prizes to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. (Encl. No. 19)

**LINKED LEARNING
ACADEMY UPDATE**

Linked Learning is an educational approach that combines rigorous academic courses, career themed courses, work-based, and personalized student support structures in an academy structure on a traditional high school campus. All of these components together create a career themed academy that prepares students for college and careers. The District partnered with the Tulare Kings Linked Learning Consortia to apply for and receive the California Career Pathways Trust Grant of \$14.7 Million for the region.

Golden West High School will offer an “Ag Engineering Academy” and Mt. Whitney High School will offer a “Health Sciences Academy” starting this school year. (Encl. No. 20)

**VUSD SUMMER
STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT**

VUSD staff voluntarily participated in staff development workshops this summer which included the following topics (Encl. No. 21):

- New teacher training
- K-6 Math
- Mathematics Common Core
- Mathematics Planning Institute
- Math 1 Planning Institute
- English Language Arts
- Gateways Program Training
- Science/History Course Planning
- Graphing Calculator Technology Training

**PROCESS FOR
LOCAL CONTROL
ACCOUNTABILITY
PLAN (LCAP)
REVISION AND
REVIEW 2014-2015**

Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Staff presented information regarding the process for review and revision of the LCAP for the 2014-2015 school year and the timeline for development of the 2015-2016 LCAP. Staff explained the role of the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) and the District Advisory Committee (DAC) regarding LCAP. (Encl. No. 22) Members of the VUSD DAC Advisory Committee will now be made up of:

- 1 representative from each School Site Council
- 1 representative from DELAC
- 2 student representatives
- 1 VUTA representative
- 1 CSEA representative
- 1 representative from:
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Visalia PTA Council
 - Forum for Advanced Scholarship and Achievement (FASA)

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

The Board members’ reports included the following:

- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - Finance Advisory Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Elementary Staff Development Day on Common Core
 - Community Forum on Common Core held at 210 Club
 - Secondary Staff Development Day
 - Administrative Services Staff Development
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended
 - Finance Advisory Committee

- Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Luncheon for Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds employees
 - Elementary Staff Development Day
 - Un Hombre Noble (A Noble Man) presentation at Sequoia High School
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Finished a year of teaching in the classroom
 - Vacated in the East and got some good ideas from schools there
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended Elementary and Secondary Staff Development Day
 - Community Forum on Common Core held at 210 Club
 - Luncheon for Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds staff
- Donna Martin
 - Attended
 - Luncheon for Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds staff
 - Administrative Services Staff Development
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended
 - Joven Noble in-service provided by Dr. Jerry Tello at Sequoia High School
 - Secondary Staff Development Day
 - Administrative Services Staff Development
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Requested
 - Dates for Career Technical Education meetings
 - How the drought is affecting students at Linnell Camp, Ivanhoe, and other sites
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended
 - Luncheon for Maintenance, Operations, and Grounds staff
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - As a new Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) State Board member, attended a three-day Board planning session

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

CONTRACT
RENEWAL FOR
GRANT WRITING
SERVICE WITH

Visalia Unified School District contracted with California Consulting to research and write grants since September 2013. A representative from California Consulting made a presentation and contract renewal was discussed by the Board. (Encl. No. 23)

**CALIFORNIA
CONSULTING**

Juan Guerrero moved to not renew the contract with California Consulting. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Ulmschneider and Vazquez. Motion carried.

**45-DAY BUDGET
REVISION – STATE
BUDGET UPDATE**

The Board had requested regular updates on the 2014-15 budget process. The presentation provided an opportunity to review the State’s adopted budget and any resulting impact on the District’ 2014-15 budget. (Encl. No. 24)

There was no public comment. The budget revision was approved as a separate item as 4.1.3 – 2014-15 Budget Revision No. 1 (Encl. No. 3)

**PLANNED
NETWORK
INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADES**

VUSD Technological Services staff reviewed the proposed upgrading of computer network infrastructure at school sites. The upgrade would bring all schools to the current new construction standards to meet the needs of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing and the ever-increasing Internet-delivered instructional content. The project would entail replacing approximately 375 network switches and the ‘core’ network routing platform. The estimated cost of \$735,000 includes materials and labor and will be funded by the current round of California Ed Tech K-12 Voucher ‘Microsoft Settlement’ funds. (Encl. No. 25)

There was no public comment.

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the planned network infrastructure upgrades. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 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