

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The September 9, 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	6:00	9:10	
William A. Fulmer	6:00	9:10	
Juan Guerrero	6:00	9:10	
Donna Martin	6:00	9:10	
Jim L. Qualls	6:00	9:10	
Charles Ulmschneider	6:00	9:10	
Lucia D. Vazquez	6:00	9:10	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 6:00	 9:10	

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
 Kati Ann Kochevar, 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 CONTINUED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Tamara Ravalín
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management
- 2.4 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
 Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
 One potential case

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. Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT **Public Comment**
Greg Price, a teacher at Mineral King Elementary School and representing the Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), spoke to the Board regarding problems with the air conditioning during some of the Back to School Nights. Also, some teachers have questioned if enough 3rd and 5th grade “Go Math” textbooks have been received.

CONSENT AGENDA President Jim Qualls stated that a revision to Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11) was distributed before the meeting to the Board and the public. There were additions made to the report after the board agenda packet was posted.

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.1.7 - Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for Increment 1 of the New N.W. Middle School Project (Encl. No. 7).

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-21 excluding Item 4.1.7 - Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for Increment 1 of the New N.W. Middle School Project (Encl. No. 7) and Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 4.1.7 - Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for Increment 1 of the New N.W. Middle School Project (Encl. No. 7). Charles Ulmschneider asked if there was consideration of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Staff explained the process used for this contract.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.1.7 - Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for Increment 1 of the New N.W. Middle School Project (Encl. No. 7). John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11). Charles Ulmschneider stated that he would vote “no” on this item.

John Crabtree moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

- 4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
 - 1. Warrant List – August 11, 2014 Through August 29, 2014 (Encl. No. 1)
 - 2. 2013-14 Budget Revision No. 21 (Encl. No. 2)
 - 3. 2014-15 Budget Revision No. 3 (Encl. No. 3)
 - 4. Approve the Removal of David Loverin as Authorized Signature and Add Additional Authorized Signatures of Jeff Ramsay and Jessica Villarreal for Calendar Year 2014 (Encl. No. 4)
 - 5. Resolution – GANN Limit Adoption (Encl. No. 5)
 - 6. Approval of Change Order #2 for the Site Security Projects at Various Sites (Encl. No. 6)
 - 7. Approval of Lease-Leaseback Contract with Oral E. Micham, Inc. for Increment 1 of the New N.W. Middle School Project (Encl. No. 7)
 - 8. Notice of Completion for the Site Security Projects at Various Sites (Encl. No. 8)
 - 9. Resolution on Sustainability and the Design and Construction of High Performance Schools (Encl. No. 9)
- 4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 - 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 10)
 - 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 11)
 - 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 12)
 - 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall 2014-15 (Encl. No. 13)
- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 14)
 - 2. Agreement Between Tulare County Sheriff Department and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 15)
 - 3. Memorandum of Understanding with Visalia Unified School District’s American Indian Services and Owens Valley Career Development Center (Encl. No. 16)
 - 4. SCICON Day Contract for Fifth Grade (Encl. No. 17)
 - 5. SCICON Four-Day Week Contract for Sixth Grade (Encl. No. 18)
 - 6. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Pro-Youth – After School Safety and Enrichment (ASES) Grant (Encl. No. 19)
 - 7. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and Pro-Youth – California 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Grant (Encl. No. 20)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
 - 1. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 21)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
SONS OF THE SAN
JOAQUIN**

The Board and District staff thanked and honored the “Sons of the San Joaquin”, Jack, Joe, and Lon Hannah, for their generosity and support of VUSD students and the music program for many years. One of their memorable concert events held each year at L.J. Williams Theater involves every fourth grade student attending VUSD in a sing along of historical songs of California. (Encl. No. 22)

**NATIONAL
HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH
PROCLAMATION –
SEPTEMBER 15 TO
OCTOBER 15, 2014**

The State of California is home to over three million Hispanic students from kindergarten through grade twelve. The diversity of this group includes persons who have their origins in Spain, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Spanish speaking Caribbean Islands. Since the inception of European contact with our continent, Hispanics have always been an integral part of this nation’s early exploration and California’s discovery and early settlement. While the impact of the Hispanic culture and traditions are manifested in our State’s customs, traditions, and laws, Hispanic Americans continue to make important contributions to our society in American government, business, agriculture, commerce, Armed Forces, education, the arts, science, and sports. (Encl. No. 23)

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve the National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation – September 15 to October 15, 2014. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**SOLAR
PERFORMANCE
UPDATE**

Due to the passage of Measure E by the community, solar panels have been installed at twelve school sites providing shade for playgrounds, outdoor meeting areas, and over parking lots. TerraVerde Renewable Partners, solar asset managers for VUSD, provided an update to the Board and public on solar panel performance. The project is performing slightly better than projected; and once some rate and billing issues with Southern California Edison are resolved, savings will be even higher. The District has saved over \$500K so far and is producing energy at 114% of projections. (Encl. No. 24)

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

**CO-CURRICULAR/
EXTRA-
CURRICULAR**

Significance and Belonging is an integral part of the VUSD mission to meet high academic achievement for all students. The report highlighted the participation rates of students in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. (Encl. No. 25)

**PARTICIPATION
2013-2014**

Highlights:

- 87% of 9-12 grade students in traditional high schools are enrolled in at least three college prep courses
- VUSD begins formal music education starting in Grade 4-6 (6,388 students)
- All 4-6 grade students participate in either band, orchestra, or classroom music
- 43.7% of students in traditional high schools and VTEC are enrolled in at least one Career & Technical Education (CTE) class
- 50% of 7-8 grade students are enrolled in at least one “creative arts” (band/orchestra/choir/dance/drama/yearbook/video productions) class
- 56% of 9-12 grade students in traditional high schools are enrolled in at least one “creative arts” class
- 40% of 7-8 grade students participate on sports teams and inter-scholastic athletics
- 49% of 9-12 grade students in traditional high schools participate on sports teams and inter-scholastic athletics

**BEHAVIOR
INTERVENTION
PROGRAM**

During the 2012-13 school year, the District implemented the Behavior Intervention Team to assist teachers and administrators in supporting students with special behavioral needs. One of the District’s goals was to reduce dependence on outside contractors to provide behavior-aide support to individual students. The presentation updated the Board regarding staffing and students served. (Encl. 26)

Public Comment

Lupe Wong, a VUSD parent, received clarification on the difference between the Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) and Behavior Analysis/Intervention Aides (BAIA) along with their experience, education, and qualifications.

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), received clarification on the factors that determine when the Behavior Team is called in for assistance, the savings that has taken place by reducing the outside contracts for behavioral intervention, comparisons from last year, and training. He spoke to the Board regarding teacher concerns he has received regarding support.

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

Kati Ann Kochevar, Student Representative to the Board from Redwood 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:

- Lucia Vazquez
 - Has been working with selected VUSD schools on the UC Berkley “The Fit Project”
 - Will attend “The Lisa Project” exhibit with other Board members before the regular Board meeting on September 23
 - VTEC fund raiser September 19 – drive-through spaghetti dinner
 - Visited Nutritional Services with Director Regina Ocampo
 - Discussed “food share” and waste management
 - “The Lisa Project” is free and is in Spanish

- Attended Hispanic Advisory Committee
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) meeting
 - Property Advisory Committee meeting
 - Redwood fund raiser
 - Met with the new Nutritional Services Director, Regina Ocampo
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended
 - VPIE meeting – partnership with VUSD and businesses
 - TCOVE board meeting – sold the campus to Tulare Union High School District
 - Back to School Nights for Mt. View and Veva Blunt Elementary Schools
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended VPIE meeting
 - Working with Boy Scouts to establish a sanctuary for kids in the inner city Lincoln Oval area
 - Visalia City Council approved children’s park at the Village Park requiring an adult to be accompanied by a child
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended Hispanic Advisory Committee meeting
 - Thanked teachers, classified staff, and administrators for taking care of the needs of those students that are less fortunate
- Donna Martin
 - Heard Pamela Nevills, author of “Build the Brain the Common Core Way” – a good reference for Common Core
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Reminded Board of Special Board meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. to continue conversation on school climate and school discipline
 - VUSD passed a milestone of 28,002 students enrolled - approximately 270 higher than this time last year, so still a growing district
 - Was stopped by a neighboring school district’s Superintendent complimenting Golden West High School on the high character and high level of sportsmanship that he saw demonstrated on the volleyball team recently. He was so impressed that he stopped and talked to her parents and was going to call Principal Hamilton—students doing the right thing
 - VUSD is sponsoring “The Lisa Project” exhibit—a ten minute interactive approach to child abuse prevention open to the public at set up at Golden West High School on September 22-27 and at Rotary Theater September 29-October 4. Teachers and high school students will have the opportunity to attend.

- o Visalia Education Foundation (VEF) – fund raiser on Saturday, September 27 – William Close and the Earth Harp turning L. J. Williams Theater into a string instrument that he will play

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL
RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

REINSTATEMENTS Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reinstatement Case No. 15-01 RCE. (Encl. No. 27) Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

GENERAL AGENDA
Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as applicable)


FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 UNAUDITED ACTUALS REPORT Education Code Section 42100 requires that school districts file their prior fiscal year unaudited financial statements with the County Office of Education by September 15 of each year. The 2013-14 unaudited financial statements summarize all receipts and expenditures for all District funds. The Unaudited Actuals Financial Report is publicly available at the District Office and on the VUSD website. The District will have a balanced budget. The District Audited Financial Report will be presented to the Board in January. (Encl. No. 28)

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals Report as presented. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 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