

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 14, 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	10:10	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	10:10	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	10:10	
Donna Martin	5:30	10:10	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	10:10	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	10:10	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	10:10	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	10:10	

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
 Katie Ann Kochevar, Student Representative to the Board

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 CONTINUED EXPULSIONS
- 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: 4930 West Kaweah Court, Visalia, CA 93277
 APN 087-470-001-000
 Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
 Negotiating parties: Mike Porte, Grubb & Ellis Real Estate
 Under negotiation: Potential Purchase

- 2.7 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))
Two potential cases

EARLY BIRD SESSION

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

During the school year, high school students are recognized by the Board for outstanding achievement in a specific area of curriculum. (Encl. No. 1) This month the Board honored the following outstanding students:

Sequoia High School

- Joan Ocampo

Charter Alternatives Academy

- Jordan Tristan Hernandez

Visalia Charter Independent Study

- Carley Manahan

Visalia Technical Early College High School

- Mia Ashline

Visalia Adult School

- Mario Marquez

Golden West High School

- Mariela Velasco
- Elida Leyva

Mt. Whitney High School

- Jose Padilla
- Esai Sosa

Redwood High School

- Henry Peterson
- Jorge Pineda

El Diamante High School

- Rebecca Kozlowski
- Darius Liles

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Jim Qualls announced that no action was taken in closed session. Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment

Nathan Hernandez, Administrator-Business Services, presented the Corporate Games Cup to the Board. In 2008, the City of Visalia started a friendly competition between organizations within the city. VUSD employees have participated each year starting in 2009 winning the championship trophy three of those years.

CONSENT AGENDA Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7) and Item 5.2.5 – Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the University of Phoenix (Encl. No. 10).

Lucia Vazquez pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8); Item 5.3.4 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) CHOICES and Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Encl. No. 14); and 5.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 18).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-17. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 5.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7) – Charles Ulmschneider asked for clarification regarding credentials and requested adding the middle initial of each candidate. Superintendent Wheaton stated that every candidate on the list is reviewed and approved by the Tulare County Office of Education.

John Crabtree moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.2.2 – Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Item 5.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8) – Lucia Vazquez requested more information on the four Watch Star items and moved to not approve Encl. No. 8. There was no second. Motion failed.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8). John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Noes: Vazquez. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Item 5.2.5 – Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the University of Phoenix (Encl. No. 10) – Charles Ulmschneider had concerns about the contract and security issues and will vote “no”.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.2.5 – Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the University of Phoenix (Encl. No. 10). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Item 5.3.4 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) CHOICES and Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Encl. No. 14) – Lucia Vazquez asked for clarification on the target audience and the number of people that have registered. Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, replied that the target audience would be the Student Advocacy Family Engagement (SAFE) staff, school counselors, and other support staff with approximately 50 attending.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.3.4 – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) CHOICES

and Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Encl. No. 14). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 5.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 18) – Lucia Vazquez asked for clarification on the dates for the Annual Board Planning Session. The dates are set for Friday, January 23, 2015 and Saturday, January 24, 2015.

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 18). John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – September 8, 2014 Through September 26, 2014 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2014-2015 Budget Revision No. 5 (Encl. No. 3)
3. Resolution Approving the Purchase of Real Property from Sally Peterson and Adopting Categorical Exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (Encl. No. 4)
4. Appoint New Measure E Bond Oversight Advisory Committee Member (Encl. No. 5)

5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 7)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 8)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall 2014-15 (Encl. No. 9)
5. Student Teacher Agreement Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and The University of Phoenix (Encl. No. 10)

5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 11)
2. Memorandum of Understanding Between Visalia Unified School District and College of the Sequoias (COS) (Encl. No. 12)
3. Resolution – Approval to Submit Application to License Crowley Preschool (Encl. No. 13)
4. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) CHOICES and Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training (Encl. No. 14)
5. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 15)
6. Agency Agreement with Tulare County Department of Education and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 16)

5.4 SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 9, 2014 (Encl. No. 17)
2. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 18)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
DARYN DAVIS-
PRO-YOUTH/
HEART**

The Visalia Unified School District and Board of Trustees recognized Daryn Davis and Pro-Youth/HEART for the contributions to the children of Visalia. Daryn Davis was the author of the California 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant and the After School Safety and Enrichment Grants that made after school programs possible at Visalia schools. (Encl. No. 19)

**AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM
2014-2015**

Over 4,000 students from every VUSD elementary school participate in after school activities provided by Pro-Youth/HEART and After School Activities (ASA) with the City of Visalia Parks & Recreation Department. Visalia Unified's "The PULSE" (Promoting Unity, Success, and Leadership Through Enrichment) After School Program serves 864 students at all four middle schools. At the five high schools, the "XL Program" (Visalia High School Expanded Learning) involves over 1,700 students. (Encl. No. 20)

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

**RESOLUTION TO
MOVE TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS TO
EVEN YEARS –
FIRST READ**

The Board had expressed interest in moving to even year elections for trustees. Voter turnout is generally high on even year elections; and as the City is making the same move, the District election cost would grow significantly if VUSD were to remain on the odd year election cycle. The adoption of the Resolution would start the process to make the move to the even year election cycle. The Board and public had an opportunity to provide direction and comments. The second and final reading will take place at the October 28 regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Encl. No. 21)

**MEASURE E
FACILITIES
IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN**

With no school facilities bond on the November 2014 ballot, the State Facilities Program will remain without any bonding authority. The Measure E bond program development was based on the availability of State funds for both new construction and modernization. The presentation gave information on some of the options going forward while the State Facilities Program undergoes changes. Staff recommended "pausing" on moving projects forward to final design until the Governor's January 2015 budget proposal is released. Staff expects that the Governor will propose a solution for school facilities funding in next year's budget proposal. (Encl. No. 22)

The following 2014 projects have been completed:

- Security upgrades at six schools

- Playground upgrades at five schools
- Construction of Redwood High School fire alarm

The following projects are under construction and will be completed:

- Redwood High School 2-story academic building by August 2015
- New middle school at Akers and Riggin by August 2016

The following projects are in design and will be completed Summer 2015:

- Golden West High School music building
- Next group of security upgrades
- Next group of playground upgrades

The following projects are in design and on hold:

- Golden West High School central plant
- Modernization design for Crowley, Goshen, Ivanhoe, Mineral King, and Washington Elementary Schools

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION
(as applicable)

**UPDATE ON NEW
HIGH SCHOOL
WORLD
LANGUAGE
OFFERINGS**

VUSD Board Goal 1.5 is “Implement one additional world language high school offering by August 2015”. Staff provided the Board with an update on the progress that has been made toward implementing the goal and the timeline for adding the course. (Encl. No. 23)

Public Comment

Greg Price, representing Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), asked which high schools will be implementing the new world language offerings. Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, explained that all four comprehensive high schools will be taking part.

**SECONDARY
COMMON CORE
LANGUAGE ARTS
AND LITERATURE
IMPLEMENTATION
UPDATE**

The 2014-2015 school year marks the implementation of California’s new standards in English/Language Arts. A major effort in the implementation of these standards in Visalia Unified middle schools and high schools has been to focus on literacy in all content areas. The presentation provided the Board and public with insight on the strategies related to literacy by presenting the experiences and perspectives of three English teachers and two History teachers. (Encl. No. 24)

Public Comment

Wendy Miller, VUSD parent, complimented the Redwood High School English staff for an increased emphasis in writing. She asked how parents and students will be able to recognize growth in their writing assignments. Stacey Curschman, Director 7-12 Curriculum – Instructional Services, replied that teachers use the data warehousing

system, Illuminate, a storage system for assessment data, where parents and students can see multiple assessments over time and what their scores are.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT – KATI
ANN KOICHEVAR –
REDWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL -
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:

- John Crabtree
 - Announced that VTEC dairy is in production and brought one of the first gallons of milk to sample
 - Visited
 - Willow Glen Elementary School with Doug Bartsch, Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services
 - Hurley Elementary School Hall of Science funded by the PTA
 - Houston Elementary School
 - Annie R. Mitchel Elementary School
 - Attended
 - Bond Oversight Advisory Committee
 - Teacher of the Year Awards at the Chinese Cultural Center
 - Linked Learning Forum
 - Adult Education Consortium
 - Visalia Education Foundation Band Showcase Fundraiser
 - Tulare County Hispanic Leadership Network
 - Executive Committee
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended
 - Visalia Education Foundation Band Showcase at Golden West High School and served hamburgers and hotdogs
 - Gang Prevention Task Force
 - Green Acres Middle School band and choir concerts
 - Tulare County Hispanic Leadership Network meeting at the Marriott
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Condolences to Green Acres Middle School students and staff for their loss last week
 - Attended
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Finance Advisory Committee
 - Tulare County Hispanic Leadership Network
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Visited Four Creeks Elementary School with Doug Bartsch, Assistant Superintendent – Instructional Services

- Juan Guerrero
 - Asked for the Lisa Project attendance numbers, year to date amount of money spent on consultant contracts, and for Board members to adhere to the three minute limit on commenting on enclosures
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended
 - Visalia Education Foundation Band Showcase at Gropetti Stadium
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Educational Regional Summit at Holiday Inn
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Tuesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting at VUSD
 - Thursday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. – New Middle School Groundbreaking on site at Akers north of Riggan
 - Visalia Education Foundation has hosted two fundraiser events in the last month
 - William Close Concert – turned L.J. Williams Theater into the Earth Harp
 - Annual Band Showcase
 - Currently selling an opportunity to win two tickets to November 24er – Rams game in the new Levi Stadium
 - All funds going to support VUSD students
 - The Lisa Project attendance
 - Brought poster with written reactions
 - 2,529 people went through the exhibit (1,352 were students)
 - VUSD raising awareness of child abuse and prevention of child abuse
 - Appreciation to Suzie Skadan – Director of Health Services, for her hours of coordinating this project

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

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-06 E, Case No. 15-07 E, Case No. 15-08 E, Case No. 15-09 E, Case No. 15-10 E, Case No. 15-11 E, Case No. 15-12 E, and Case No. 15-13 E. (Encl. No. 25) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Temporarily out of the room: Guerrero. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-01 SE. (Encl. No. 26) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Temporarily out of the room: Guerrero. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDED
CONTINUED
EXPULSIONS

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Continued Expulsions Case No. 15-02 RCE. (Encl. No. 27) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as
applicable)

ATTENDANCE
BOUNDARY
GUIDING
PRINCIPLES

VUSD is preparing to start a district-wide attendance boundary process to develop five balanced attendance areas for the middle schools in anticipation of the new middle school opening in August 2016. At the same time, the four comprehensive high schools also need to be rebalanced as the five middle schools will feed into those existing high schools. Staff presented guiding principles for the attendance boundaries, and the Board directed that draft maps be created to be shared and reviewed by the public seeking their input. The draft maps will be presented at the October 28 Board meeting. The maps will then be taken to quadrant meetings for public comment and recommendations before the Board's final approval. (Encl. No. 28)

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
FOR A MULTIPLE
SUBJECT
CREDENTIAL WITH
EL

Prior to submitting a Variable Term Waiver Request to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a notice of intent to employ an individual on the basis of a credential waiver must be published in the board agenda and approval granted by the Governing Board. (Encl. No. 29)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for a Multiple Subject Credential with EL. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Noes: Vazquez. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING-
BOARD POLICY
REVISIONS –
ENCLOSURES
30-47**

Superintendent Wheaton stated that all Board members have had an opportunity to review the potential changes for several weeks. The revisions have been reviewed in detail by three committees. Board President Qualls recommended that Board members bring forward any questions.

VUSD Revision to BP 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities (Encl. No. 36) - Lucia Vazquez requested that the California State Seal of Biliteracy Award be included under the “Honors and Awards” section. After discussion, **it was the consensus of the Board for this revision to go back to the Board on October 28 as a First Reading.**

CSBA Revision to Mandated BP & New Mandated AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment (Encl. No. 39) – Donna Martin spoke with Dr. Todd Oto regarding the new regulation. She wanted to go on record stating that she cannot support the locker rooms being shared by high school students. Dr. Wheaton said that

the policies and regulations are written according to the law. The District will follow the law to protect the rights of all and support every student.

CSBA Revision to Mandated BP/Mandated AR 6184 – Continuation Education (Encl. No. 46) – Bill Fulmer requested that the age students are eligible for continuation education classes be consistent with what the District is currently practicing. After discussion, **it was the consensus of the Board for this revision to go back to the Board on October 28 as a First Reading.**

All remaining revisions will come to the Board on October 28 as a Second and Final Reading.

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 30)
BP 0200 – GOALS
FOR THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT – FIRST
READING

CSBA REVISION (Encl. No. 31)
TO MANDATED
BP 0410 – NON-
DISCRIMINATION
IN DISTRICT
PROGRAMS AND
ACTIVITIES –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION (Encl. No. 32)
TO MANDATED
BP 3260 – FEES
AND CHARGES –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION (Encl. No. 33)
TO BP 3280 – SALE
OR LEASE OF
DISTRICT-OWNED
PROPERTY – FIRST
READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 34)
MANDATED BP
3513.3 – TOBACCO-
FREE SCHOOLS –
FIRST READING

VUSD REVISION TO (Encl. No. 35)
BP 5116.1 –
INTRADISTRICT
OPEN
ENROLLMENT –
FIRST READING

VUSD REVISION TO (Encl. No. 36)
BP 5127 – GRADUA-
TION CEREMONIES
AND ACTIVITIES –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 37)
BP 5144 –
DISCIPLINE – FIRST
READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 38)
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
5144.1 –
SUSPENSION AND
EXPULSION/DUE
PROCESS – FIRST
READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 39)
MANDATED BP &
NEW AR 5145.3 –
NONDISCRIMINA-
TION/
HARASSMENT –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 40)
BP 6141.5 –
ADVANCED
PLACEMENT –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 41)
BP 6142.92 –
MATHEMATICS
INSTRUCTION –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 42)
BP 6151 – CLASS
SIZE – FIRST
READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 43)
BP 6162.5 –
STUDENT
ASSESSMENT –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 44)
BP 6162.54 – TEST
INTEGRITY/TEST
PREPARATION –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 45)
BP 6163.1 -
LIBRARY MEDIA
CENTERS –
FIRST READING


CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 46)
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
6184 –
CONTINUATION
EDUCATION –
FIRST READING

CSBA REVISION TO (Encl. No. 47)
BB 9324 – MINUTES
AND RECORDINGS -
FIRST READING


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

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 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