

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The October 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	9:10	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:10	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:10	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:10	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:10	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:10	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	9:10	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 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
 Delia Smart, Executive 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 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
- 2.5 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

EARLY BIRD SESSION

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

ANNUAL REPORT: INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ruth Dutton, Principal/Superintendent, Sycamore Valley Academy, the independent K-8 school chartered by Visalia Unified in 2011 which opened in 2012. The annual report provided the Board with information regarding the progress of Sycamore Valley Academy in the areas of financial standing, academics, diversity, external review results, results of a parent satisfaction surveys, and instruction. (Encl. No. 1)

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. Kati Ann Kochevar-Student Representative to the Board from Redwood High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment

Myron Sheklian reported that the Visalia Education Foundation (VEF) sponsored a raffle ticket fundraiser for two end-zone tickets to the November 2, 2014 San Francisco 49ers vs. St. Louis Rams football game. The drawing was held during the public comment session of tonight’s VUSD Board meeting. The winning ticket #0178 was selected by VEF Chairman Marilynn Mitchell. The winning ticket holder was Donna G. of Visalia. A donation of \$10 per ticket was requested with proceeds going to fund scholarships and grants for the foundation. Approximately 300 of the 500 possible tickets were sold. VEF thanked everyone who participated in the raffle and for supporting the work of the Foundation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Wheaton stated that a revision to Consent Agenda Item 5.3.1 – Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 12) was distributed before the board meeting. An additional field trip was added after the board agenda packet was posted.

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 5.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9).

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

Item 5.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9). Charles Ulmschneider stated that it is important that the position at the District Office be filled with a nurse.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Item 5.2.2 Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – September 29, 2014 Through October 17, 2014 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2014-2015 Budget Revision No. 6 (Encl. No. 3)
3. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 4)

4. Food Service Agreement for Golden Valley YMCA (Encl. No. 5)
5. Agreement with SkillSurvey to Provide Pre-Employment Software Services (Encl. No. 6)
6. Annual Resolution to Deem Surplus Obsolete (Encl. No. 7)
- 5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
 1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
 2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
 3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
 4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall/Winter 2014-15 (Encl. No. 11)
- 5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 12)
 2. Agency Agreement Between Tulare County Office of Education and Visalia Unified School District/Elbow Creek School (Encl. No. 13)
 3. Health Career Affiliation Agreement between VUSD and Westgate Gardens, Family Health Care Network and Quail Park Retirement Village (Encl. No. 14)
 4. Agreement Between Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Mt. Whitney High School for Development of Youth-led Multimedia Program (Encl. No. 15)
- 5.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 23, 2014 (Encl. No. 16)
 2. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 17)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

PROCLAMATION: The California Department of Education and Visalia Unified School District have declared November 2014 as American Indian Heritage Month. (Encl. No. 18)

**AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE MONTH –
NOVEMBER 2014**

“This country was home to generations of native peoples long before the arrival of European explorers. Each of these tribes had a unique and vibrant culture as well as a system of social order. The European settlers were aided in their survival by the teachings of this country's first inhabitants. The contributions of the American Indians to this nation's government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves. Every tribe has celebrated heroes of their own in sports, arts, theater, film, literature, engineering, medicine, education, and environmental science. The American culture has been greatly influenced by traditions of native peoples and their close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants.”

John Crabtree moved to approve the American Indian Heritage Month – November 2014 Proclamation. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION –
VETERANS
AWARENESS WEEK-
NOVEMBER 9-15,
2014**

The United States Congress has declared the second week of November as National Veterans Awareness Week since 2000 to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to this country. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as many other education-focused organizations, has produced educator’s guides which advocate multiple ways to recognize veterans and teach youth about veterans. Many veterans continue to serve their country in public schools and colleges as teachers, classified professionals, and other school employees providing valuable instruction and support services to the schools and students. The Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and wishes to honor the continued contributions and sacrifices of the Armed Forces veterans, especially those serving as teachers, classified professionals, and school employees. (Encl. No. 19)

John Crabtree moved to approve the Veterans Awareness Week – November 9-15, 2014 Resolution. Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**LOCAL CONTROL
ACCOUNTABILITY
PLAN (LCAP):
PROGRESS REPORT**

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The presentation provided the Board with information regarding the process for review and revision of the LCAP for the 2014-2015 school year and also provided information regarding the timeline for development of the 2015-2016 LCAP. Currently, the District is gathering information from stakeholders to review and revise the 2014-15 LCAP and will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2014. The LCAP will then go to the Board for final approval at the December 9, 2014 Board meeting. (Encl. No. 20)

**ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARY DRAFT
MAP REVIEW**

The District is preparing to start a district-wide attendance boundary process to develop five balanced attendance areas for our 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 we will then feed five middle schools back into the four existing high schools. This is a district-wide effort that has the potential to affect many families and our existing feeder system. The Board provided direction on guiding principles at the last Board meeting on October 14, 2014. Draft maps have been created from those guidelines and were presented to the Board. The Board asked for more time to review the information and maps so a Special Board Study Session will be scheduled on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Once the maps are approved by the Board, those maps will then be taken to quadrant meetings for public comment before coming back to the Board with final recommendations. (Encl. No. 21)

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

**VUSD CHARTER
SCHOOL UPDATE**

- VUSD **dependent** Charter Schools (operates under Visalia Unified) (Encl. No. 22):
- Charter Alternatives Academy—expulsion school, grades 6-12, approximately 80 students
 - Visalia Charter Independent Study—independent study and online programs, grades 8-12, approximately 500 students
 - Visalia Technical Early College High School (VTEC)—career technical education focus (vet tech, food processing, ag systems), grades 9-12, approximately 205 students
 - Charter Home School Academy—home school program, grades K-8, approximately 97 students

VUSD **independent** Charter Schools (approved and overseen by the VUSD Board)

- Sycamore Valley Academy
 - School opened in August 2012
 - Grades K-8
 - Located on the Packwood campus
 - Current enrollment is 290+ students

**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
 - Attended:
 - Pro-Youth/HEART Legacy Dinner honoring County Superintendent Jim Vidak
 - Oak Grove Elementary School carnival
 - District Advisory Council meeting
 - Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
 - Mt. Whitney High School drama department one-act plays at Rotary
 - Attended the new middle school groundbreaking
 - Invited all to “Spoken Word” poetry workshop put on by high school students at Café 210 November 3 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Attended
 - School Bus Driver Awards in Tulare

- New middle school groundbreaking
 - PTA Presidents' luncheon
 - Visalia Civics Board meeting
 - Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - HEART dinner to honor Mr. Vidak
 - Visalia Civics Facilities Board meeting
 - Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
 - PTA Presidents' luncheon
 - New middle school groundbreaking
 - Executive Committee
 - VTEC Open House for the Linwood Elementary students
 - Oak Grove Elementary School carnival
- Bill Fulmer
 - No report
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended
 - New middle school groundbreaking
 - TCOE Excellence in Education Awards
 - Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
 - Pro-Youth dinner honoring Mr. Vidak
- Jim Qualls
 - Attended
 - Pro-Youth dinner at the Chinese Cultural Center
 - Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
 - PTA Presidents' luncheon
 - Tulare County Safe School Bus Drivers Awards
 - New middle school groundbreaking
 - El Diamante High School vs. Redwood High School JV and varsity football game
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Reminded Board of Special Board meeting for Student Achievement Awards on November 4 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-14 E, Case No. 15-15 E, and Case No. 15-16 E. (Encl. No. 23) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Juan Guerrero moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-02 SE and Case No. 15-03 SE. (Encl. No. 24) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA

Review/Public Hearing/

Public Input/

Board Discussion/

ACTION (as

applicable)

**RESOLUTION TO
MOVE TRUSTEE
ELECTIONS TO
EVEN YEARS-
SECOND READ
AND ADOPTION**

The Board has expressed interest in moving to even-year elections. Voter turnout is generally higher 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. A resolution to approve this move was presented to the Board for a second read and adoption. (Encl. No. 25)

John Crabtree moved to approve the Resolution to Move Trustee Elections to Even Years. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes. Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

The resolution was adopted by the Board, so it will be forwarded onto the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for action to approve and implement through the Tulare County Elections office.

**RESOLUTION ON
LOCAL RESERVES
CAP**

Visalia Unified School District has worked diligently to increase its economic uncertainty reserves to a Board approved 15 percent level. This reserve has helped the district weather the great recession with a minimum of layoffs and maintain vital educational opportunities for students. Reserves also help the district manage cash flow needs and avoid financing costs of short-term borrowings that might otherwise be needed. On June 20, 2014, the Governor signed into law SB 858. If Prop 2 passes on the November 2014 ballot, SB 858 will require VUSD to spend our assigned and unassigned account balances down to no more than two times the minimum level of the statutory reserve for economic uncertainties, or a 6 percent level in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the State of California makes a payment of any amount to the Public School System Stabilization Account. The resolution on local reserves cap was written to encourage the Legislature and Governor to repeal the language specific to limiting the reserve cap for schools. (Encl. No. 26)

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the Resolution on Local Reserves Cap. Juan Guerrero seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**MID-VALLEY
TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL REPORT**

Staff gave a presentation that reviewed each facet of Mid-Valley's operations including the annual financial summary. Mid-Valley Transportation has been in operation since August 2002. Services that are provided by Mid-Valley Transportation include home-to-school transportation, school bus maintenance, and driver in-service. Charter bus services for extra- and co-curricular activities are also available for activity trips for Visalia Unified and neighboring school districts. The Transportation Service Department is an approved BlueBird school bus warranty repair station, in addition to providing pre-delivery inspections of new BlueBird school buses sold in Central California. (Encl. No. 27)

VUSD REVISION TO
BP 5127 –
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES AND
ACTIVITIES – FIRST
READING

BP 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities – First Reading (Encl. No. 28) At the October 14 meeting, the Board made the following change to the “Honors and Awards” section: “The Superintendent or designee shall identify other school-sponsored awards which may be given during graduation exercise, “for example, life membership for the California Scholarship Federation and the California State Seal of Biliteracy Award.” This revision to board policy will be brought back to the Board for a second reading and for consideration of approval on November 18.

CSBA REVISION
TO MANDATED
BP/MANDATED AR
6184 – CONTINUA-
TION EDUCATION –
FIRST READING

Mandated BP/Mandated AR 6184 – Continuation Education – First Reading (Encl. No. 29) At the October 14 meeting, the Board made the following changes on page BP 6184(b):

- “The continuation high school shall be conducted for not less than ~~175~~ 180 days...”
- “Student eligible for continuation education classes shall be age 16 or ~~17~~-years older ...”

These revisions to board policy will be brought back to the Board for a second reading and for consideration of approval on November 18.

CSBA REVISION TO
BP 0200 – GOALS
FOR THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT –
SECOND AND FINAL
READING

BP 0200 – Goals for the School District – Second and Final Reading (Encl. No. 30).

Donna Martin moved to approve BP 0200 – Goals for the School District. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA REVISION
TO MANDATED
BP 0410 – NON-
DISCRIMINATION
IN DISTRICT
PROGRAMS AND
ACTIVITIES –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING

Mandated BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities – Second and Final Reading (Encl. No. 31)

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve Mandated BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Noes: Qualls. Motion carried.

The following revisions to board policy are the second readings. There were no public or board comments.

Juan Guerrero moved to approve the second and final readings of board policies Encl. 32-45). Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA REVISION
TO MANDATED
BP 3260 – FEES
AND CHARGES –

Mandated BP 3260 – Fees and Charges (Encl. No. 32)

Approved

SECOND AND
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3280 – SALE OR LEASE OF DISTRICT-OWNED PROPERTY – SECOND AND FINAL READING BP 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Property (Encl. No. 33)
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP 3513.3 – TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS – SECOND AND FINAL READING BP 3513.3 – Tobacco-Free Schools (Encl. No. 34)
Approved

VUSD REVISION TO BP 5116.1 – INTRADISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT – SECOND AND FINAL READING BP 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment (Encl. No. 35)
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 5144 – DISCIPLINE – SECOND AND FINAL READING BP 5144 – Discipline (Encl. No. 36)
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP/ MANDATED AR 5144.1 – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS – SECOND AND FINAL READING Mandated BP/Mandated AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Encl. No. 37)
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO MANDATED BP & NEW AR 5145.3 – NONDISCRIMINATION/ Mandated BP & New AR 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment (Encl. No. 38)
Approved

HARASSMENT –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6141.5 – Advanced Placement (Encl. No. 39)
BP 6141.5 –
ADVANCED
PLACEMENT –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6142.92 – Mathematics Instruction (Encl. No. 40)
BP 6142.92 –
MATHEMATICS
INSTRUCTION –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6151 – Class Size (Encl. No. 41)
BP 6151 – CLASS
SIZE – SECOND
AND FINAL
READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6162.5 – Student Assessment (Encl. No. 42)
BP 6162.5 –
STUDENT
ASSESSMENT –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6162.54 – Test Integrity/Test Preparation (Encl. No. 43)
BP 6162.54 – TEST
INTEGRITY/TEST
PREPARATION –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BP 6163.1 – Library Media Centers (Encl. No. 44)
BP 6163.1 -
LIBRARY MEDIA
CENTERS –
SECOND AND
FINAL READING
Approved

CSBA REVISION TO BB 9324 – Minutes and Recordings (Encl. No. 45)
BB 9324 – MINUTES

AND RECORDINGS - Approved
SECOND AND
FINAL READING


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

NEXT MEETING The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 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~~ Lucia D. Vazquez
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent