

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The February 10, 2015 Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Juan Guerrero 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	9:15	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:15	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:15	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:15	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	9:15	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:15	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	9:15	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 9:15	

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
 Ms. Ashton Seifert, Student Representative

CLOSED SESSION

President Juan Guerrero 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 EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 OAH Case Number 2015010088

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Juan Guerrero announced that on a motion by Jim Qualls with a second by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously during closed session to take action to approve the settlement agreement between the District and OAH Case No. 2015010088. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried unanimously.

Juan Guerrero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

General Public Comment

Michelle Moore, a resident of Tulare, spoke to the Board on Common Core.

Randy Tellalian, a Visalia resident, President of the Central Valley Regional Center in Tulare County, and father of a 26 year-old daughter with Down Syndrome that attended Visalia schools and is excelling in her community program, addressed the Board supporting special needs students attending regular classes and not be isolated.

Rick Hamilton, Principal for Golden West High School, announced that Golden West FFA won the State Citrus Judging Championship Award for the second year in a row. The rules of competition state that once a student is on a team that wins State, that student can no longer compete in that category, so this year's champions are completely new to judging citrus at the State level in that category—and it will be their last year! Congratulations to Golden West's A and B judging teams!!

CONSENT AGENDA Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15).

John Crabtree moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items (Encl. No. 1-14). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 4.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15). Charles Ulmschneider requested that this item be removed from the Consent Agenda for all future board meetings because it takes up space and is not necessary.

Jim Qualls moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 4.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15) and to leave this item on future Consent Agendas as is. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT
LEARNING**

**Presentation/Public
Comment/Board
Discussion/ACTION**

(as applicable)

**HIGH SCHOOL
AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM
UPDATE**

After school programs are now at all five high schools and are also known as “Visalia High School Expanded Learning XL”. The five schools are on a 5-year grant funding cycle starting this year with federal funding coming from 21st Century Community Learning Center. (Encl. No. 16) The grant requires a variety of academic and enrichment activities. VUSD’s programs include:

- California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Prep
- Career Readiness
- College Preparation – SAT Prep
- Homework Help/Tutoring
- Variety of Intervention Classes (Math/EL/ELL/Other)
- Credit Recovery
- Credit Acceleration
- Leadership Council
- Service Learning Projects
- Health & Fitness
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
- Performing & Fine Arts
- Multi-media
- Photography
- Life-skills

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

Since LCAP was approved, additional funds were made available from the State. These funds must be used to complete activities for LCAP Year One and to begin work on LCAP Year Two. The original stakeholder advisory groups were re-engaged to assist in determining the priorities on how these funds would be used. At the December 9, 2014 meeting, the Board approved District staff’s recommendation to increase counseling and advisement services in the middle of the year. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The report provided the Board with information regarding the LCAP for the 2014-2015 school year and also information pertaining to the development of the 2015-2016 LCAP. (Encl. No. 17)

Public Comment

Michelle Moore, a resident of Tulare, CA, spoke to the Board on LCAP.

**UPDATE ON
ONLINE EDUCATION**

Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, presented an update on how VUSD’s online education meets the needs of Visalia students. Online classes offer flexibility in access and options; are rigorous academic experiences; and are well-supervised, legitimate courses. (Encl. No. 18)

IN VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Ashton Seifert, 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.

The Board members' reports included the following:

- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) - part of Career Technical Education (CTE)
 - Visalia Technical Early College High School Advisory Board meeting and toured the dairy
 - Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) meeting at Shannon Ranch Elementary School with five first grade teachers sharing the new test score data base
 - Redwood High School's musical "Mary Poppins". Students were off to the left of the stage using sign language for the hearing impaired
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Honored to be named the Educator of the Year for 2015 for the Down Syndrome Association of the Central Valley
 - Discussed the importance of students with special needs being placed in general classrooms in their neighborhood schools. It is mandated by law.
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended
 - VPIE board meeting
 - VTEC board meeting
 - Reminded Board and the public of the VTEC Foundation fund raiser "Denim and Diamonds" at the Glass Barn at Seven Sycamores Ranch in Ivanhoe on February 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Commented on her support for special education students and teachers
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended
 - Ivanhoe Elementary School's Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade folkloric dance presentation
 - Grand Opening of the new fire station next to VTEC
 - Boundary meeting at Green Acres Middle School

- Will attend “The Music Man” being presented by Green Acres Middle School students
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Reminder -Tuesday, February 17 - Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the Student Achievement Awards and USAV Winter Awards
 - “Mary Poppins” was a fabulous production
 - Spent Saturday morning with a group of committed members of the Visalia Runners Club to put on a fund raiser that has gone on for many years. Funds from the run support two scholarships at each high school for cross country students to encourage a healthy life style and fitness.
 - Commented that teachers have a difficult job with the implementation of new standards; teachers and administrators are in this together; stay focused on what our children need today and in the future.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-44 E, Case No. 15-45 E, Case No. 15-46 E, and Case No. 15-47 E. (Encl. No. 19) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Temporarily out of the room: Vazquez. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Jim Qualls moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-08 SE. (Encl. No. 20) Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL AGENDA
Review/Public Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/

ACTION (as applicable)

**REFUND OF
DEVELOPER FEES**

The Board took action to deny the original request for waiver and reimbursement of developer fees at 3236 E. Caldwell Avenue at the January 13 Board meeting. The house was purchased in 2008 and in 2014, it was discovered that a part of the house was not permitted. The home owner was not at that meeting and has since requested an appeal of that decision. He has provided additional information and was present at this meeting to answer any questions from the Board. District staff agreed that this is an extremely unique situation has never seen similar circumstances, and supported the appeal. (Encl. No. 21) Board member John Crabtree proposed that rather than spend more staff time and resources, the District should reimburse the fees.

Donna Martin moved to refund developer fees to the current owner, Jason Glick, \$2,422.56 from Fund 250-Developer Fees. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes:

Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Charles Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**VUTA INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS**

The first reading of the initial contract proposal from VUTA was presented to the Board at the January 27 board meeting and was available for the public to review in the office of the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development. (Encl. No. 22) There was no public comment on the proposal.

The Association seeks to reopen:

- Article V Hours of Employment
- Article IX Leaves for Clarification Purposes

Board President Juan Guerrero acknowledged receipt of VUTA's initial contract proposal.

**VUSD INTERESTS/
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FOR CERTIFICATED
NEGOTIATIONS**

The District presented the first reading of the initial contract "interests" at the January 27 board meeting to be "sunshined" and then negotiated with VUTA. This document was available for the public to review in the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development. (Encl. No. 23) There was no public comment.

District interests:

- Support employees and maintain staff at the most efficient and effective levels;
- Recruiting a highly qualified and diverse staff;
- Ensuring students will experience a rich and balanced curriculum;
- Ensuring students will be prepared to compete, succeed, and excel;
- Ensuring students will graduate college and career ready;
- Maintaining district reserves to preserve the instructional program for all students;
- Engaging in an open and honest exchange of information through collaborative and objective negotiations with the Visalia Unified Teachers Association; and

Open Articles:

- Article VI – Transfers and Reassignments
- Article X – Salaries
- Article XII – Employee Benefits
- Article XIII – Grievance Procedure

Board President Juan Guerrero acknowledged receipt of VUSD's Interests/Initial Proposal for Certificated Negotiations.

**2015-2016 SCHOOL
CALENDAR UPDATE**

The proposed calendar for 2015-2016 has been reviewed and approved by the Visalia Unified Teachers Association and closely mirrors the current year calendar. Staff continues to support the three-week winter break and completing the first semester prior to winter break for secondary students. (Encl. No. 24)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried unanimously.

VUSD 2015 SUMMER
FACILITY PROJECTS
PREVIEW

District staff summarized facilities projects planned for summer 2015. These include projects from Routine Restricted Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance, other miscellaneous maintenance funds, and Measure E. Some of the larger projects will be completed during the coming school year. (Encl. No. 25)

2015 CSBA
DELEGATE
ASSEMBLY
ELECTION

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) will be electing two representatives to serve from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017 on the Delegate Assembly for Subregion 12-A, Tulare County. Cathy Mederos (Tulare Joint Union High School District) and Dean Sutton (Exeter Union School District) are on the ballot. (Encl. No. 26)

Donna Martin moved to vote for Cathy Mederos (Tulare Joint Union High School District) and Dean Sutton (Exeter Union School District). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Abstain: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

RE-ADOPT
PROFESSIONAL
GOVERNANCE
STANDARDS AND
PROTOCOLS –
SECOND READING

The Board conducted the annual review of their Professional Governance Standards and Protocols. These standards serve as a framework for clarifying the Board member's role and responsibilities. The standards have been developed through extensive state and national research identifying the essential practices and characteristics of effective and successful public school board governance. Through adoption of their Professional Governance Standards and Protocols, the Board renews its commitment to serve in an effective and successful governance model. (Encl. No. 27)

Bill Fulmer requested to amend the VUSD Governance Team Standards, Protocols & Agreements #7 to read, "When a Board member receives a call, they will listen to the concern **and may** refer the individual to the appropriate staff member and then inform the Superintendent." He also requested to amend #9 to read, "When individual Board members meet with groups, the purpose is to listen and gain information rather than make commitments or promises; then a summary of the meeting **may be** reported to the Superintendent."

Bill Fulmer moved to re-adopt the Professional Governance Standards and Protocols as amended. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION –
BOARD MEMBER
ATTENDANCE

In accordance with Board Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits, the Board is required to approve a resolution to authorize compensation for a Board member who missed a meeting because he/she was performing other designated duties on behalf of the District at the time of the meeting, was ill or on jury duty, had a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board, or will use the one discretionary absence per calendar year for the absence. Board member Donna Martin was unable to attend the

January 23 and 24, 2015 Annual Board Planning Session nor the January 27, 2015 regular meeting due to a death in her family. (Encl. No. 28)

John Crabtree moved to approve the Resolution-Board Member Attendance for Donna Martin's absences on January 23 and 24 and January 27, 2015. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 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,



Lucia D. Vazquez
Clerk



Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent