

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The March 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	9:25	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	9:25	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	9:25	
Donna Martin	5:30	9:25	
Jim L. Qualls			X
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	9:25	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	9:25	
Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	5:30	9:25	

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 RECOMMENDED EXPULSIONS (Education Code Sections 48900, et. seq.)
- 2.2 RECOMMENDED SUSPENDED EXPULSIONS
- 2.3 RECOMMENDED REINSTATEMENTS
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/
APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - Principals
- 2.5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- 2.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)
 - 1. Agency Negotiator: Tamara Ravalín
 - 2. Employee Organizations
 - 1. CSEA
 - 2. VUTA
 - 3. Management

- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
OAH Case No. 2014080879
- 2.8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
OAH Case No. 2014100580
- 2.9 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: Portion of APN #103-001-005
Agency negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: City of Visalia
Under negotiation: Potential Sale

REGULAR SESSION The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Jim Qualls was on vacation. President Juan Guerrero announced that the following action was taken in closed session:

On a motion by Bill Fulmer with a second by John Crabtree, the Board voted unanimously to take action to accept a resolution to non-reelect the following certificated probationary employees pursuant to Education Code Section 44921.21:

- #013641
- #10308
- #2352
- #17000
- #16304

Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by John Crabtree with a second by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously to take action to accept a resolution to non-reelect the following certificated management employees pursuant to Education Code Section 44929.21:

- #453
- #1420

Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Charles Ulmschneider and a second by Donna Martin, the Board voted unanimously to take action to approve the settlement agreement between the District and OAH Case No. 2014080879.

Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by John Crabtree with a second by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously to take action to approve the settlement agreement between the District and OAH Case No. 2014100580.

Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Lucia Vazquez and a second by Bill Fulmer, the Board voted unanimously to take action to appoint Matt Shin to the position of Principal of Redwood High School to replace Dr. Fernie Marroquin who has accepted another position within the District.

Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Wheaton stated that in Closed Session, the Board approved the following recommendations effective July 1, 2015:

- El Diamante High School –Principal - Angela Sanchez will fill the position vacated by Mike Waters, who is retiring. Angela is currently the Principal of Green Acres Middle School
- Golden West High School – Principal – Dr. Fernie Marroquin was assigned to Golden West after serving as Principal for Redwood High School
- Director, Special Projects – Jeff Hohne who is currently the Principal for Mt. Whitney High School
- Mt. Whitney High School – Principal – Rick Hamilton was assigned to Mt. Whitney after serving as Principal for Golden West High School
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction (for retiring Linda Bastrire) – Samantha Tate who is currently the Principal of Shannon Ranch Elementary
- Shannon Ranch Elementary – Tara Sharp, the Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) in the Elementary Curriculum Department
- Administrator, Instructional Services – Melanie Stringer who is currently Principal of La Joya Middle School
- Administrator, Instructional Services – Jacqueline Gaebe who is currently Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Curriculum and Instruction Department

Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), announced that he will be retiring after 38 years of teaching and introduced the new President-elect, Greg Price, currently a teacher at Mineral King Elementary School, taking office on July 1, 2015.

Greg Price, announced that Karl Kildow was recently honored by Congressman David Valadao and recognized on the U.S. House of Representatives floor.

Karl Kildow distributed information on the California Labor Management Initiative introduced by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, discussed parent concerns if there will be a forum for parents' input regarding the Learning Center for special education students, and spoke on the definition of "underlying" regarding student's behavior.

CONSENT AGENDA Superintendent Wheaton announced that the following revisions to Consent Agenda Items were distributed at the meeting because changes were made after the board agenda packet was posted:

- Item 4.2.1-Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 4)

- Item 4.2.2-Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
- Item 4.2.3-Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 6)
- Item 4.3.1-Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.4.1-Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 10, 2015 (Encl. No. 12) and Item 4.4.2-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 13).

John Crabtree moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 1-12 with revisions. Bill seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.4.1-Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 10, 2015 (Encl. No. 12). Charles Ulmschneider stated that since all meetings are recorded for legal purposes, the minutes should be a summary and asked that the title be “Summary of Minutes”. Superintendent Wheaton clarified that these documents are the legal minutes. The recordings are an administrative aid in order to develop the minutes and are destroyed after 30 days according to board policy.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Item 4.4.1-Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 10, 2015 (Encl. No. 12). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.4.2-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 13). Charles Ulmschneider expressed his “no” vote as per last meeting when he explained it.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve Item 4.4.2-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 13). John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – February 16, 2015 Through February 27, 2015 (Encl. No. 1)
2. Approval of Change Order #1 for the Playground Structures at Various Sites (Encl. No. 2)
3. Notice of Completion for the Playground Structures at Various Sites (Encl. No. 3)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 4)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 6)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Fall/Winter/Spring 2014-15 (Encl. No. 7)
5. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Brandman University and Visalia Unified School District (Encl. No. 8)

- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
 - 2. Visalia Technical Early College (VTEC) High School Participation in CIF Athletics (Encl. No. 10)
 - 3. Request to Attend Conference/Workshop (Encl. No. 11)
- 4.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
 - 1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 10, 2015 (Encl. No. 12)
 - 2. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 13)

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

**COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
MATT SEALS AND
SEALS BIEHLE
CONSTRUCTION**

The Board honored Matt Seals and Seals Biehle Construction as this month's Community Partner for being strong supporters of VUSD for years. Matt is an alumnus of Redwood High School and continues to be involved in the athletic program. Matt has been instrumental in the implementation of the new Linked Learning Academies, serving as a member of the Implementation Team, Academy Advisory Member, and Co-Chair of the district-wide Visalia Partners in Education Committee (VPIE). Matt is a tremendous supporter of Career Technical Education (CTE). (Encl. No. 14)

**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. 15) This month the Board honored the following outstanding students:

- Sequoia High School
 - Blake Musgrave
- Charter Alternatives Academy
 - Luis Esquivel
- Visalia Charter Independent Study
 - Rebecca Moler
- Visalia Technical Early College High School
 - Shania Elvert
- Visalia Adult School
 - Kassie Lewis
- Golden West High School
 - Nicholas Seymore
 - Spencer Johnson
- Mt. Whitney High School
 - Jacen Quesada
 - Haleigh Powell

Redwood High School

- Jacob Fistolera
- Forrest Larson

El Diamante High School

- Kurtis Macgillvray
- Haley Thompson

**RESOLUTION OF
RECOGNITION –
CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ
DAY – MARCH 31,
2015**

The State of California has declared March 31, 2015 as “César E. Chávez Day” and has requested that all citizens of the state recognize his contributions. César E. Chávez, the founder of the United Farm Workers Union, was responsible for improving working conditions in the industry of agriculture and enhancing the safety and health of farm workers. The State of California has directed that every public school develop, prepare, and present appropriate class curriculum throughout the year to their students which will accurately reflect the life, work, and philosophy of César E. Chávez and also the issues of agricultural labor relations and the goals and accomplishments of the United Farm Workers Union. (Encl. No. 16)

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the Resolution of Recognition – César E. Chávez Day – March 31, 2015. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARY
UPDATE**

The District is in the midst of 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 Akers/Riggin. The Board provided direction on guiding principles at the board meeting on October 14, 2014. Draft maps were created from those guiding principles and versions of those maps were approved by the Board at the special board meeting on November 4. The maps have been reviewed with the public in quadrant meetings for public comment. The presentation provided the Board with revised maps that reflected those public comments. (Encl. No. 17)

The following quadrant meetings are scheduled for a second round of attendance area boundary public meetings in each school’s cafeteria/multi-purpose room:

- Monday, March 16 - Divisadero Middle School
- Tuesday, March 17 - Valley Oak Middle School
- Wednesday, March 18 - La Joya Middle School
- Thursday, March 19 - Green Acres Middle School

**FOCUS ON
STUDENT**

LEARNING

Presentation/Public Comment/Board Discussion/ACTION

HIGH SCHOOL MATH ADOPTION PROCESS

In January, the California Department of Education released its list of mathematics textbooks approved for use in providing Common Core based instruction to California high school students. VUSD has established teacher committees to review these materials and to consider recommending materials for District adoption. The presentation provided an update to the Board regarding the textbook review and adoption process and time line to date. All math teachers will be involved in the process. (Encl. No. 18)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Ms. 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
 - Facilities Advisory Committee
 - Adult School Nurses Pinning
 - Executive Committee
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Attended Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Met with Tulare County Supervisors Worthley and Vander Poel along with Robert Crow, Director of Student Services, and others to discuss the rundown conditions and safety issues at Mooney Grove Park where cross country students run
- Bill Fulmer
 - Attended
 - TCOVE meeting – sold campus to Tulare Union
 - Facility Advisory Committee
 - VTEC Scholarship Committee fundraiser
 - Adult School LVN Pinning
 - 210 Connect where education was discussed
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended
 - VCIS Advisory Committee
 - Adult School Nurses Pinning
 - Executive Committee
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Noche de Cultura
 - Offered to speak in classrooms on César Chávez

- Jim Qualls
 - Absent
- Juan Guerrero
 - Attended
 - Noche de Cultura
 - Hispanic Advisory Committee
 - Adult School LVN pinning
 - Fresno State South Valley Initiative along with Superintendent Wheaton for Business Education - public input to start fundraising for scholarships for students interested in going into the teaching profession
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Last Tuesday, Superintendent Wheaton attended an awards ceremony where a Golden West High School graduate , a Kindergarten teacher, was honored by the San Francisco Mayor and Board of Supervisors as one of twelve women selected to exemplify the stories that women weave in the life of San Francisco for National Women’s History Month—Cara Cooper, his daughter.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

EXPULSIONS

Juan Guerrero pulled Expulsions Case No. 15-53 E because he will abstain.

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-52 E, Case No. 15-54 E, Case No. 15-55 E, Case No. 15-56 E, Case No. 15-57 E, Case No. 15-58 E, Case No. 15-59 E, and Case No. 15-60 E. (Encl. No. 19) John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Expulsion Case No. 15-53 E. Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Martin, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Abstain: Guerrero. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Superintendent Wheaton stated that the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-10 SE (Encl. No. 20) was pulled from the agenda.

REINSTATEMENTS

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Reinstatements Case No. 15-25 R. (Encl. No. 21) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION (as applicable)

**PROPOSTION 39
ENERGY PROJECT
INFORMATION
UPDATE**

Staff has been working with TerraVerde Renewable Partners on the development of the District's Proposition 39 Energy Expenditure Plan. TerraVerde completed comprehensive investment grade audits of District facilities in the Fall of 2014 and energy analyses December through February. Staff has selected the highest priority energy conservation and clean energy (solar) measures to be submitted to the California Energy Commission for approval and funding. (Encl. No. 22)

Public Comment

Harry Buckner, teacher at Divisadero Middle School, asked for clarification on how the District receives its allocations. Rick Brown, President of TerraVerde Renewable Partners, stated that to release its grant funding, the District must submit an Energy Expenditure Plan (EEP) to the California Energy Commission (ECE) for approval. VUSD's EEP will be sent tomorrow. It generally takes three to six weeks for approval. After approval, the first two year's cash allocation should come in July; year three allocation should come in September; then the succeeding two Septembers, the cash allocation for those two years will be sent.

Tim Caffe, VUSD HVAC Department, asked how the annual energy savings was calculated. Rick Brown clarified that an energy audit was conducted for each identified site on the current usage compared to what the usage would be with the new equipment with a higher energy savings standard. Half of the savings will be from the new equipment efficiency and half will be from solar.

**BATTERY STORAGE
REBATE
APPLICATION FEES**

Staff has been working with TerraVerde Renewable Partners on the implementation of Battery Storage (aka "Advanced Energy Storage") as a way to significantly reduce the District's SoCal Edison electricity demand charges at District school sites. Under the State's "Self Generation Incentive Program", the District may apply for rebates that may cover up to 60% of the total cost of a battery system. Because of these high rebate levels, there has been a significant demand and the 2015 allocation is close to 90% subscribed already. Submitting an application requires a refundable application fee of \$600-2400 per site (based on each sites demand and the resulting optimal battery size). TerraVerde has conducted an analysis identifying which school site would benefit from battery storage. They estimate that implementation of battery storage at 33 sites could reduce the District's demand charges by \$285,000 or more per year. In order to submit the applications, the Board would need to authorize an expenditure of \$27,000 in application fees to secure these rebates. (Encl. No. 23)

Donna Martin moved to authorize staff to expend \$27,000 to secure "Self Generation Incentive Program" rebates for implementation of advanced energy storage. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**2014-15 SECOND
INTERIM FINANCIAL
REPORT**

District staff presented a report to the Board regarding the State budget and the VUSD fiscal status. VUSD will receive a positive certification from the State meeting financial obligations through the current fiscal year and two subsequent years and maintaining the required 3% reserve. (Encl. No. 24)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the Second Interim Report as of January 31, 2015 and the Positive Certificate. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF
RELEASE AND NON-
REEMPLOYMENT OF
TEMPORARY
EMPLOYEES**

Every year, prior to March 15, the Board is asked to release from employment at the end of the school year all temporary teachers per Education Code §44954 and any other applicable provision of law. Teachers are designated temporary because they replace a teacher on leave or on special assignment, were hired under categorical funding, are part-time Adult School staff, or retirees with earnings limitations. (Encl. No. 25)

Bill Fulmer moved to adopt the resolution to release temporary/probationary employees in grades K-Adult. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

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