

GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT

General Public Comment

Pam Richards, Teacher on Special Assignment-Secondary Math and Science (TOSA), presented the “Visalia Vanquishers”, the first VUSD high school robotics team. After three days of intense competition, the team won the 2015 Rookie All Star Award and the 2015 Highest Rookie Seed in the 4th Annual Central Valley Regional FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition held at Madera South High School. The team will advance to the World Championships in St. Louis, Missouri in April where they will compete with teams from around the world.

Pam Russell, Sarah Martinez, Andrea Moreno, Kirsten Russell, and April Fridlund, spoke on the sixth grade promotion at Goshen Elementary School.

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), spoke on personal necessity leave for certificated personnel.

CONSENT
AGENDA

President Guerrero reported that two revised consent agenda items were distributed before the meeting because additional information was added after the board agenda was posted—Item 4.2.3 – Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7) and 4.3.1 – Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9).

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.4.2 – Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 13)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items (Encl. No. 1-12). Jim Qualls 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 stated that he would vote “no”.

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

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – March 2, 2015 Through March 13, 2015 (Encl. No. 1)
2. 2014-2015 Budget Revision No. 12 (Encl. No. 2)
3. VUSD General Fund Cash Flow Report as of February 28, 2015 (Encl. No. 3)
4. Selection of an Independent Auditor (Encl. No. 4)

4.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 5)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 6)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 7)
4. Certification of Temporary Athletic Team Coach List for Winter/Spring 2014-15 (Encl. No. 8)

- 4.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
 - 1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 9)
 - 2. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) and the State Center Community College District (SCCCD)/Reedley College (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 24, 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:
SEQUOIA & KINGS
CANYON
NATIONAL PARKS**

For the past three years, Sequoia High School and Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks have developed a career pathway for students; the first of its kind in the park's 123 years. The program combines classwork focusing on science as well as field experiences in the National Parks. To date, students have participated in over sixty visits to Sequoia & Kings Canyon. This past summer, students spent three weeks in the back country to restore trails, learn, and enjoy the most secluded areas of the parks. This community partner recognition honors the assistance that Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks have provided to Sequoia High School students. (Encl. No. 14)

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MONTH – APRIL
2015 – MASONS
RECOGNITION**

Public Schools Month has been sponsored and promoted by the Free and Accepted Masons of California since 1920. The purpose of Public Schools Month is to encourage communities and schools to set aside one week during the month as a special time for the discussion of public schools and to enlist the support of the general public to the cause of public education. The Visalia Mineral King Masons will hold its Public School Awards Night on Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Visalia Mineral King Lodge on Mineral King Avenue. (Encl. No. 15)

**PROCLAMATION
SUPPORTING
SCHOOL LIBRARY
MEDIA MONTH**

The library media program ensures that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information. The library media specialist's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library media program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school. The Board of Education has entrusted the library media specialist in each school to teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, to provide literature appreciation activities, and to guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student. (Encl. No. 16)

Charles Ulmschneider moved to adopt the proclamation supporting April 2015 as School Library Media Month. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**VISALIA PARTNERS
IN EDUCATION
(VPIE) ANNUAL
REPORT**

VPIE started twelve years ago as a partnership between local business and education with the following goal:

- To address a funding gap in Career Technical Education (CTE) program funding
- Develop strong partnerships between education and local business to support CTE in Visalia

VUSD has dedicated \$1.95 million from the general fund for CTE with in-kind contributions being made by local businesses. In 2014, the Board continued a commitment of financial support for career technical education through Visalia Partners in Education in the amount of \$150,000 per year, with the provision that staff request and confirm continued funding on an annual basis. The report updated the Board on the work of VPIE and requested that VPIE funding be continued through the 2015-2016 school year. (Encl. No. 17)

John Crabtree moved to approve to continue funding \$150,000 to the VPIE program for the 2015-2016 school year. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**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:

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Enjoy Spring Break
- John Crabtree
 - Attended
 - Boundary meeting
 - Executive Committee
 - Special Board Meeting
 - Visited VTEC
 - Selling eggs
 - Selling milk at local stores
- Bill Fulmer
 - No report

- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended
 - School Smarts and graduation at Manuel F. Hernandez and Ivanhoe Elementary Schools
 - Executive Committee
 - Strategic Planning Session
 - Spoke at Shannon Ranch Elementary School on her family's involvement with César E. Chávez
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Juan Guerrero
 - Spoke at Crestwood Elementary School's School Smarts Graduation
 - Attended
 - School Board's Strategic Planning
 - Boundary meeting at Green Acres Middle School
 - Met with teachers on combo classes
 - Invited by Mr. Hamilton to attend the color guard competition
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Visited school sites where administrative positions were announced
 - Retirements:
 - Mari Kalashian – Principal for Washington Elementary School
 - Felix Mata – Principal for Fairview Elementary School
 - Mike Waters – Principal for El Diamante High School
 - Jill Rojas – Principal for Visalia Adult School
 - Linda Bastire – Director, Elementary Curriculum
 - Julie Berk – Principal for Linwood Elementary School has taken an administrative job at Tulare Office of Education

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

Bill Fulmer moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-61 E, Case No. 15-62 E, Case No. 15-63 E, Case No. 15-64 E, Case No. 15-65 E, Case No. 15-66 E, and Case No. 15-67 E. (Encl. No. 18) Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Charles Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-10 SE, Case No. 15-11 SE, Case No. 15-12 SE, Case No. 15-13 SE, Case No. 15-14 SE, and Case No. 15-15 SE. (Encl. No. 19) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

ACTION (as applicable)

SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING

Sequoia High School is located at an aging facility that is in need of some significant investment in facilities in the near future. Three modular classrooms were placed in the parking lot over winter break to replace portables on campus that had damage from a storm. The report reviewed Sequoia High School’s facility needs and offered ideas for the Board’s consideration and the possibility of relocating Charter Alternatives Academy to a spot near Sequoia High School so that both schools could share student support services. It was the consensus of the Board for staff to move forward to establish a task force committee to find the form and function of the school. (Encl. No. 20)

CHARTER ALTERNATIVES ACADEMY (CAA) SUPPORT STRUCTURE

Staff updated the Board on the following various support services that are available to students attending CAA and the possibility of restructuring the school. (Encl. No. 21):

- Social workers
- Neighborhood Youth Counselors
- Campus supervisor
- “Watchstar” – drug counseling
- Visalia Youth Services – mental health services
- TCOE – Special Education & Behavioral Education
- Turning Point – drug counseling
- Tulare Youth Services Bureau – Adolescent sexual responsibility counseling

Public Comment

Karl Kildow, President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), asked if there would no longer be a need for Charter Alternatives Academy. Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent-Instructional Services, clarified that staff are looking at restructuring CAA with possibly only students with chronic behavioral issues attending.

APPROVAL OF LEASE-LEASEBACK DELIVERY METHOD FOR MT. WHITNEY SCIENCE LAB

The science academy is growing at a rapid pace at Mt. Whitney High School and has almost doubled in size from its first year. The increase in the program has brought forward the need for additional science lab space. Utilizing the lease-leaseback (LLB) delivery method for this project will allow the district to “design/build” the lab spaces saving time. Lab equipment is specialized and has longer than standard lead times which puts additional pressure on the construction schedule. District staff recommended the LLB partner to be Hilly Howl. (Encl. No. 22)

Lucia Vazquez moved to approve the recommended Hilly Howl, the recommended LLB partner. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE PARTICULAR

Prior to the Board taking action and in accordance with Education Code sections 45101, 45114, 45117, 45298, and 45308, the District administration recommends eliminating particular kinds of services currently being provided by classified employees. In addition, Education Codes 45115 and 45117 require a resolution that authorizes the District to provide notice to employees 60 days before the end of the

**KINDS OF
CLASSIFIED
SERVICE:
CLASSIFIED
POSITIONS**

contracted year prior to enacting layoff notices. These eliminations are a result of lack of work or lack of funds. (Encl. No. 23)

John Crabtree moved to approve the Recommendation and Resolution to Eliminate Particular Kinds of Classified Service: Classified Positions as listed and presented. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 regular 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 Jim Qualls was unable to attend the regular meeting on March 10 and the special meeting on March 17. He will use the one discretionary absence per calendar year for the regular meeting absence on March 10. (Encl. No. 24)

Bill Fulmer moved to approve full compensation to Board Member Jim Qualls for the month of March using the one discretionary absence per calendar year for the absence. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, and Vazquez. Abstain: Qualls and Ulmschneider.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 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