

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The May 26, 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	10:00	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	10:00	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	10:00	
Donna Martin	5:30	10:00	
Jim L. Qualls	5:30	10:00	
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	10:00	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	10:00	
 Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent	 5:30	 10:00	

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
 Joshua Lopez, 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSIGNMENT/REASSIGNMENT/
APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)
 - Principal
- 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

**REGULAR
SESSION**

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. President Juan Guerrero made an announcement on the action that was taken in closed session.

On a motion by Bill Fulmer and a second by Charles Ulmschneider, the Board voted unanimously in favor 7-0 to appoint Blanca Martinez-Ramirez to the position of Principal of Willow Glen Elementary School effective July 1, 2015. Ms. Martinez-Ramirez is currently the Elementary Administrator supporting Willow Glen and Goshen Elementary Schools.

On a motion by Bill Fulmer and a second by Charles Ulmschneider, the Board voted unanimously in favor 7-0 to appoint Monica Saenz to the position of Principal of Fairview Elementary School effective July 1, 2015. Ms. Saenz is currently a Curriculum Coach at Annie R. Mitchell Elementary School and has participated in the District's Elementary Administrative Intern Program.

Charles Ulmschneider led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**GENERAL PUBLIC
COMMENT**

General Public Comment

Dave Whitmore, Assistant Principal-Golden West High School, presented the Golden West FFA Team that was the State Agricultural Mechanics Champions—Nick Seymore, Hayden Neiderreiter, Allen Reese, and Matt Caviglia and their coach Emmett Schultz. The State competition consisted of written tests, hands-on mechanical, electrical, and plumbing tasks that they were graded on--all skills that they will take into the industry with them. This has been viewed as one of the hardest career development events to compete in. This is the second State Championship Team from Golden West. Nationals will take place in October in Louisville, Kentucky.

Pam Richards, Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA), presented the VUSD High School Robotics Team that competed at the National Finals in St. Louis, Missouri. The “rookie” High School Robotics Team competed with over 600 teams and placed in the top 20 out of 80 first-year teams in attendance. Buchanan High School in Fresno was the World Champion. The Team presented the Board with the trophy they won in Ventura – the Rookie Inspiration Award.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Consent Agenda Item 4.4.3-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15).

Bill Fulmer moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items Encl. No. 1-17). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4.4.3-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15). Charles Ulmschneider state that he would vote no on this item.

Bill Fulmer moved to approve Item 4.4.3-Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 15). John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

COMMUNITY
PARTNERS
RECOGNITION:
DRU QUESNOY

The Board recognized Dru Quesnoy, Director of Marketing at Kaweah Delta Health Care District, for her tireless support of the students and staff of Visalia Unified. Dru is a founding member of the Visalia Partners in Education (VPIE) committee, a long-time supporter of Career Technical Education, and the driving force behind the DocBand event which has presented nearly 500 students with exposure to the Medical Industry over the last eight years. Dru serves on a number of boards and committees throughout Visalia and is a true champion for the youth of this community. (Encl. No. 18)

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

UPDATE ON
PROCESS FOR
PUBLIC REVIEW
AND COMMENT ON
LOCAL CONTROL
ACCOUNTABILITY
PLAN (LCAP)

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) requires a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is required to identify goals and measure progress for student subgroups across multiple performance indicators. The proposed dates for the first and second reading of the VUSD 2015-16 LCAP will be brought to the Board for additional public input and for consideration of Board approval at the regularly scheduled board meetings on June 9 and June 23, 2015. (Encl. No. 19)

Public Comment

Greg Price, newly elected President-Visalia Unified Teachers Association (VUTA), stated that he was pleased to see items that VUTA were asking to be added.

Wendy Miller, a VUSD parent, received clarification on the State's metrics and additional services for all students including classes for AP students.

ADOPTION OF
HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARIES –
FIRST READING

The Board took action on May 12 to adopt five middle school boundaries that will become effective August 2016 when the new middle school will open. Draft maps of the four high school boundaries were created from the guiding principles set by the Board and from public input. The review of the proposed high school maps provided the Board and the public with an opportunity to discuss and give additional input regarding the boundary options. Staff and the demographer designing the maps will return to the June 9 Board meeting to continue to review proposed maps, narrow down options, and possibly approve the high school boundaries that will become effective with the opening of the fifth middle school in August 2016. (Encl. No. 20)

Public Comment

Suggestions from the public (most did not identify themselves)

- Keep Hurley and Oak Grove community together
- Pair up at least two schools that are attending middle school together
- Do not consider new high school now
- Some schools are going to be affected with all maps--impossible to make everyone happy
- Hurley and Oak Grove to Mt. Whitney High School does not make sense
- Not right to shift overcrowding from Redwood High School to El Diamante High School
- Do not plan for a high school that is not funded yet
- Do not split the middle schools--friendships are important

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Joshua Lopez, Student Representative to the Board from Mt. Whitney 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
 - Golden West High School choir rehearsal at LJ Williams
 - All District Music Festival
 - El Diamante High School BBQ and fund raiser for the Miners Foundation
 - Oak Grove Elementary Open House and sports themed musical
 - VUSD Retirement Reception at El Diamante High School
 - FFA Awards Dinner and Ceremony
 - Watched CSBA webcast on legal aspects
- Bill Fulmer
 - Saw Mr. Leal and Elbow Creek Elementary students on TV
 - Attended
 - California Association of Bond Oversight Committees meeting in Sacramento
 - Executive Committee
 - Gang Task Force
 - VUSD Retirement Reception at El Diamante High School
- Charles Ulmschneider
 - Received and read emails from the public on the boundaries
- Jim Qualls
 - No report
- Donna Martin
 - Was Tulare County's Board representative in Sacramento at the Delegate Assembly--sent link to information on chronic absences and the impact on school achievement
 - Reminded Board members to complete the CSBA survey
 - Data from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) shows that in the past ten years, the number of teaching credentials has

- decreased. Encourage classified staff to become teachers
- Special Education Task Force will be making recommendations to the State
- Attended Retirement Reception
- Lucia Vazquez
 - Attended
 - Executive Committee
 - Meeting on EL learners and new standards
 - Visited Sequoia High School
 - Attended Retirement Reception
- Juan Guerrero
 - Encouraged Board members to divide up and go to Middle School Promotions
 - Plans to attend all graduations
- Superintendent Wheaton
 - Will send Board members the annual procedures reminder on graduations for parking and other details
 - Watched the Redwood Rangers baseball team win the Valley Championship at Rec Park
 - Staff applied for a second Career Pathway Trust Grant with a group and feels optimistic about the announcement that will be made tomorrow

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

Charles Ulmschneider pulled Expulsions Case No. 15-89 E.

Lucia Vazquez moved to accept the remaining Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 15-88 E, Case No. 15-90 E, and Case No. 15-91 E (Encl. No. 21). Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Expulsions Case No. 15-89 E. Charles Ulmschneider stated he will vote “no” do to First Amendment issues and privacy issues.

John Crabtree moved to accept Expulsions Case No. 15-89 E. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Vazquez. Noes: Ulmschneider. Motion carried.

**SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS**

Donna Martin moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendation for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 15-21 SE. (Encl. No. 22) Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL
AGENDA
Review/Public**

Hearing/
Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as
applicable)

REQUEST
CHARTER
RENEWAL FOR
VISALIA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHARTER SCHOOL-
VISALIA CHARTER
INDEPENDENT
STUDY

The existing VUSD charter for Visalia Charter Independent Study (VCIS) expires on June 30, 2015. VCIS is a college style independent learning model, is WASC Accredited until June 30, 2016, and has UC and NCAA approved curriculum. VCIS serves approximately 600 students. (Encl. No. 23)

Donna Martin moved to approve VUSD staff's recommendation to renew the charter for a period of five (5) years from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 for Visalia Charter Independent Study. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-16
GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET
PROPOSAL - MAY
REVISION

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2015-16 State Budget in January and issued his May Revision to that proposal on May 14, 2015. The status report reviewed changes to the January proposal, the potential impacts to the VUSD 2015-16 budget, the budget timeline, and the next steps for VUSD to approve the 2015-16 budget. (Encl. No. 24)

Public Comment

Greg Price, newly elected President-VUTA, requested a copy of the PowerPoint be sent to VUTA and that VUTA be included in the discussion of how the \$15M in one-time money will be implemented into the classroom.

APPROVAL OF
LEASE-LEASEBACK
CONTRACT WITH
DAVID A. BUSH,
INC. FOR THE
GOLDEN WEST
MUSIC BUILDING
MODERNIZATION

Previously, the Board approved the selection of David A. Bush Inc. as the Lease-Leaseback partner for the Golden West Music Building Modernization. Since then, Bush has solicited subcontractor bids for that project, went through the standard Lease-Leaseback process, advertised for those bids, held a pre-bid walk, Bush collected those bids, and met with VUSD staff to review. Staff requested that Superintendent Wheaton execute the contract upon the Division of State Architect's (DSA) approval of the plans and specifications for the project. This is a timing issue so that the District does not have to wait for a board meeting to execute the contract after DSA approves. (Encl. No. 25)

Jim Qualls moved to approve Superintendent Wheaton to executive the contract with David A. Bush Inc. for the District's Golden West Music Building Modernization Project as soon as DSA approves the project. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CSBA
RECOMMENDA-
TION TO DELETE
BP 0420.1 –
SCHOOL-BASED
PROGRAM

John Crabtree moved to approve the second and final revisions to board policies Encl. No. 26-36 as one item with one motion. Bill Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Delete BP 0420.1 – School-Based Program Coordination (Encl. No. 26). Approved.

COORDINATION-
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 0440 – District Technology (Encl. No. 27). Approved.
BP 0440 – DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY
PLAN – SECOND &
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 3100 – Budget (Encl. No. 28). Approved.
BP 3100 – BUDGET –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel (Encl. No. 29). Approved.
BP 4121 –
TEMPORARY/
SUBSTITUTE
PERSONNEL –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO AR 4161.1/4361.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave (Encl. No. 30). Approved.
MANDATED
AR 4161.1/4361.1 –
PERSONAL
ILLNESS/INJURY
LEAVE – SECOND &
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO AR 4161.2/4261.2/4361.2 – Personal Leaves (Encl. No. 31). Approved.
MANDATED
AR 4161.2/4261.2/
4361.2 – PERSONAL
LEAVES – SECOND
& FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO AR 4261.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave (Encl. No. 32). Approved.
MANDATED AR
4261.1 – PERSONAL
ILLNESS/INJURY
LEAVE – SECOND &
FINAL READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP/AR 5125 – Student Records (Encl. No. 33). Approved.
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR

5125 – STUDENT
RECORDS –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP/AR 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Encl. No. 34). Approved.
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
5144.1 -
SUSPENSION AND
EXPULSION/DUE
PROCESS –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP/AR 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment (Encl. No. 35). Approved.
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
5145.7 – SEXUAL
HARASSMENT –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

CSBA REVISION TO BP/AR 6158 – Independent Study (Encl. No. 36). Approved.
MANDATED BP/
MANDATED AR
6158 –
INDEPENDENT
STUDY –
SECOND & FINAL
READING

2015 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION RESOLUTION
SECOND READING

The District has debt service payments that could be reduced by taking advantage of the current low interest rate environment. Additionally, there are available redevelopment tax increment revenues that could be leveraged to provide funding for other high priority facility needs of the District. Staff recommended issuing \$18.69 million to refinance the 2005 COP and a 2009 Lease-Purchase and leave \$12.3 million available for projects. The issuance of the COP will not increase the current payment amounts to the District or to the taxpayers. (Encl. No. 37)

Jim Qualls moved to approve the issuance of \$18.69 million in Certificates of Participation notes. Charles Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM OF AND AUTHORIZING

At 9:57 p.m., President Guerrero recessed the Regular Session and convened to the Visalia Financing Corporation Meeting for action.

THE EXECUTION
OF DOCUMENTS
RELATED TO THE
CERTIFICATES OF
PARTICIPATION

Staff recommended approval of the proposed Resolution of the Board of Directors approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of the documents related to the Certificates of Participation approved on May 12, 2015 regular Board agenda. (Encl. No. 38)

John Crabtree moved to approve the staff recommendation. Jim Qualls seconded the motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:59 p.m., President Guerrero closed the Visalia Financing Corporation Meeting and reconvened to Open Session.

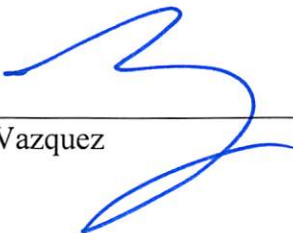
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

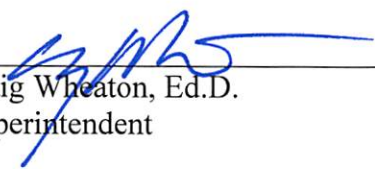
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 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