

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

OPENING BUSINESS The September 15, 2015 Special Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Juan Guerrero in the L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 Main Street, Visalia. A quorum of the Board was present.

| ATTENDANCE | <u>Arrive</u> | <u>Leave</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| John L. Crabtree | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| William A. Fulmer | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Juan Guerrero | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Donna Martin | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Jim L. Qualls | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Charles Ulmschneider | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Lucia D. Vazquez | 5:00 | 8:56 | |
| Dr. Craig Wheaton, Superintendent | 5:00 | 8:56 | |

Staff Members Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
Dr. Todd Oto, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
Delia Smart, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office

Donna Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Superintendent Wheaton reviewed the items on the agenda and the protocols for the meeting.

There was no general public comment.

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

**RECONSIDERATION
OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
BOUNDARY
DECISION
(Encl. No. 1)**

Superintendent Wheaton provided the following statement:

On May 12, 2015 the Board participated in an activity to narrow boundary map choices. The Board ultimately selected Map F to define the new middle school attendance area boundaries, commencing with the 2016-17 school year, which coincides with the opening of the new middle school. The administration recommends that the Board reconsider this decision by rescinding all decisions that led to elimination of potential maps under consideration at the meeting and the official Board vote that led to the selection of Map F.

There was no public comment.

Donna Martin moved to rescind the May 12, 2015, Board meeting middle school boundary decisions (Encl. No. 1). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Vazquez, and Ulmschneider. Noes: None. Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF MAP
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARIES
(Encl. No. 2)

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which provided an overview of the five finalist middle school boundary Maps A, B, C, F, and G and the statistical data for each of those maps that was also presented at the May 12, 2015, meeting.

Public Comment was provided by the following persons:

- Michelle Arnold, Community and Royal Oaks Representative
- Curtis Mueller, Royal Oaks Parent
- Maria Flores, Fairview Parent
- Nathee See, Fairview Parent
- Richard LaRue, Crowley Representative
- Rudy Oregel, Community Member
- Tracy Redden, Community Member
- David Elizarraz, Mt. Whitney and Conyer School Parent
- Elsa Lopez, Fairview Representative
- Johanna Washam, Redwood and Royal Oaks School Parent

Charles Ulmschneider stated that the Board has received lots of information, including all the discussion that has taken place on this item.

Charles Ulmschneider moved to approve Map G for middle school attendance areas boundaries. Due to lack of a second, no action was taken on the motion.

Lucia Vazquez thanked all for coming to provide public comment and gave her rationale for the maps that she would not support and stated she would be open to feedback from her colleagues.

Donna Martin thanked all for attending the meeting and any other meetings they have attended and stated her support for Map F.

Donna Martin moved to approve Map F as the middle school attendance area boundaries (Encl. No. 2). William Fulmer seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, and Ulmschneider. Noes: Vazquez. Motion carried.

RECONSIDERATION
OF HIGH SCHOOL
BOUNDARY
DECISION
(Encl. No. 3)

Superintendent Wheaton provided the following statement.

On June 23, 2015 the Board participated in an activity to narrow boundary map choices. The Board ultimately selected Map M to define the new high school attendance area boundaries, commencing with the 2016-17 school year. The administration recommends that the Board reconsider this decision by rescinding all

decisions that led to elimination of potential maps under consideration at the meeting and the official Board vote that led to the selection of Map M.

Public Comment was provided by the following persons:

- Sara Bratsch, Representative for Oak Grove Concerned Parents
- Kari Horton, Oak Grove Parent
- Dave Garrett, Oak Grove Parent
- Jorge Noricumbo, Representative for Oak Grove Concerned Parents
- Jennifer Ogletree, Oak Grove Parent
- Casey Camarillo; RHS, GAMS, and Royal Oaks Parent
- Nayeli Sanchez, Redwood Student
- Ramon Calderon, RHS and 3rd grade Students' Parent
- Paula Gallardo, Fairview Parent
- Elsa Lopez, Fairview Parent
- Emma Mercado, Fairview Student
- Analexty Alvarado, Fairview Student
- Mayte Cuellar, Fairview Parent
- Maria Flores, Representative of Fairview Parents
- Kim Colbourn, Community Member
- Mike Washam, Community Member
- Roberta Villafana, Resident of Fairview Attendance Area
- April Fridlund, VUSD Parent
- Maribel Sanchez, RHS Graduate and Sister of RHS, Fairview, and Middle School Students
- Aimee Davis, Community Member
- Sara Hernandez, Fairview Parent
- Tracy Redden, Community Member
- Richelle Renteria, Yoko Alvarez, Jessica Rodriguez, and Anette Dudley; Fairview Teachers
- Eddie Perez, Community Member
- Elizabeth Harris, Hurley Parent
- Alma Perez, Fairview Employee
- Misty Nevarez, Community Member
- Keith Jahnke, Community Member
- Melissa Brewer, Hurley Parent
- Karen Sorensen, VUSD Parent
- Curtis Mueller, Royal Oaks Parent
- Jennifer Kirkman, Oak Grove Parent
- Tim Caffee, VUSD Employee and Past VUSD Student and Parent
- Brian (no last name stated), Community Member
- Jennifer Moshier, Oak Grove Parent and VUSD Employee

Lucia Vazquez stated her support for Maps P and G and her rationale for supporting these maps. She asked for support for a new bond to build a new high school and asked for a stronger waiver if Map M is adopted.

William Fulmer stated that he attended Mt. Whitney, his children also attended Mt. Whitney, and his grandkids are attending Redwood---both are good schools.

Jim Qualls moved to rescind the June 23, 2015, decisions for high school attendance area boundaries (Encl. No. 3). Donna Martin seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Vazquez, and Ulmschneider. Noes: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

SELECTION OF MAP
FOR HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE AREA
BOUNDARIES
(Encl. No. 4)

Juan Guerrero asked district staff for clarification on where the middle school students in Map F would attend high school. Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, replied that it would depend on which map the Board adopted. The Board rescinded Map M, so the decision from June 23, 2015, is open for reconsideration and that's the discussion that the Board would need to have. The action taken at the meeting would define where the students would attend high school. The goal of the district is to establish five middle schools that are balanced; and if that remains the case, when the new high school opens then naturally those four elementary schools would flow right into the fifth new high school.

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation, providing an overview of high school boundary Maps G, H, M, N, and P and the statistical data for each of those maps.

Public Comment was provided by the following persons:

- Joy Carlson, Willow Glen Parent
- (Woman: No name stated)
- Betty Modzir, Grandparent of RHS and Oak Grove Students
- Mandy Redden, VUSD Student
- Johanna Washam, VUSD Parent
- Juana Esparza, Fairview Parent and Parent of RHS Graduate
- Daniel Wainwright, Community Parent

Juan Guerrero shared how hard the process has been and asked to start moving forward on a new high school. He stated his support for Map P and asked for a waiver if Map M is approved.

Donna Martin thanked all who attended the meeting, expressed her appreciation for all involved and stated her support for Map M.

John Crabtree thanked all for attending, shared how difficult the decision has been, and stated his support for Map M.

Charles Ulmschneider thanked all for coming out, thanked all who participated in the process, shared where his kids attended school, and stated his rationale for supporting Map P.

Jim Qualls stated how hard it has been on the Board and parents and shared his history with the VUSD Board. He stated his support for Map M.

Donna Martin moved to adopt Map M as the High School Attendance Area Boundaries. John Crabtree seconded the motion. Juan Guerrero requested the motion be amended to include a waiver for Fairview Elementary School—that they be allowed to remain at Redwood High School. Due to lack of a second, no action was taken on the amended motion. Juan Guerrero asked for the vote on the original motion from Donna Martin and second from John Crabtree to adopt Map M as the High School Attendance Area Boundaries. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Martin, and Qualls. Noes: Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez. Motion carried.

BROWN ACT
COMMITMENT
(Encl. No. 5)

Superintendent Wheaton provided the following statement.

The Board has been asked to make an unconditional commitment not to take action through the use of secret ballots, whether a preliminary or final decision is being made. In addition, the Board has been asked to ensure that the Board publicly reports any action taken and the vote or abstention of each Board member voting. The administration recommends approval. The District is committed to following the Brown Act and to transparency in its decision making. Making a motion and passing this commitment certainly is consistent with their actions.

Public Comment was provided by the following persons:
Mike Washam, Community Member
Melissa Brewer, Hurley Parent

Jim Qualls moved to approve the Board's Commitment to the Brown Act (Encl. No. 5). Lucia Vazquez seconded the motion. Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Guerrero, Martin, Qualls, Vazquez, and Ulmschneider. Noes: None. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

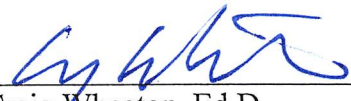
The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 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~~ JUAN GUERRERO
~~Clerk~~ PRESIDENT


Craig Wheaton, Ed.D.
Superintendent