

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

**OPENING
BUSINESS**

The January 24, 2017, Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lucia Vazquez 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	8:24	
William A. Fulmer	5:30	8:24	
Patricia M. Griswold	5:30	8:24	
Juan Guerrero	5:30	8:24	
Jim L. Qualls	-	-	X
Charles Ulmschneider	5:30	8:24	
Lucia D. Vazquez	5:30	8:24	
 Dr. Todd Oto, Superintendent	 5:30	 8:24	

Staff Members

Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services
 Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Development
 Delia Smart, Administrative Assistant, Superintendent's Office
 Jose Medina, Spanish Interpreter
 Grant Gordon, Student Representative to the Board

CLOSED SESSION

President Vazquez identified the closed session topics listed below and called for public comment on the closed session items. There were no comments from the public. 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)
- 2.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/ COMPLAINT
(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 2016080988
- 2.7 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Property: 28050 Road 148, Visalia, CA 93292
APN: 127050013
Agency Negotiator: Robert Gröeber
Negotiating parties: Blue Oak Academy
Under negotiation: Potential Lease

2.8 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – SUPERINTENDENT MID- YEAR REVIEW

EARLY BIRD SESSION

The Early Bird Session opened at 6:38 p.m.

INTRODUCE INTERPRETER

President Vazquez introduced Jose Medina as the Spanish interpreter for the Board meeting.

PARENT EDUCATION: CARA Y CORAZÓN
(Encl. No. 1)

Presenter: Jeff Hohne, Area Superintendent of Instructional Services

A short recap of January's Joven Noble training was given. Approximately twenty staff members from Sequoia High School and Charter Alternatives Academy participated in a three-day Joven Noble training during the first week of January. Sequoia High School Principal Reyes and Charter Alternatives Academy Principal Peralta spoke about the training and upcoming program implementation. Josie Burnias, school social worker, spoke about her experience and what she learned at the three-day training and how she has begun to implement the program at Charter Alternatives Academy. *(See PowerPoint handout for further details)*

The next phase will include sending a small group (4-6) of Sequoia and Charter Staff to be trained in the Cara y Corazon curriculum and pilot the program in the 2017-2018 school year. The cost of the training is \$7,000 including travel expenses.

Further discussion followed regarding board members' concerns about whether the program is inclusive and things being lost in translation. District staff assured Board members that the program is inclusive and has had success with students of all nationalities.

This was an information only item. There were no comments from the public.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board convened the regular Board meeting at 7:15 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

INTRODUCE INTERPRETER

President Vazquez re-introduced Jose Medina as the Spanish interpreter for the regular Board meeting.

REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Vazquez announced that the following action was taken in closed session.

On a motion by Member Crabtree and a second by Member Ulmschneider, the Board voted 5-1 with one member absent in favor to appoint Ms. Angela Sanchez to the position of Area Superintendent effective July 1, 2017.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: Fulmer

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

President Vazquez shared Ms. Sanchez's short biography and congratulated her on behalf of the Board.

On a motion by Member Crabtree and a second by Member Fulmer, the Board voted 6-0 with one member absent in favor to appoint Mr. Jeff Hohne to the position of principal of El Diamante High School effective July 1, 2017.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

President Vazquez shared Mr. Hohne's short biography and congratulated him on behalf of the Board.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Griswold led the pledge of allegiance.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was provided by the following person:

Greg Price, VUTA President, requested the Board policy on how to place an item on the board meeting agenda be sent to him.

CONSENT AGENDA (Encl. 2-14)

President Vazquez announced that a revised handout for the following items was distributed at the Board meeting because revisions were made after the Board agenda packet was posted and distributed:

- Item 5.2. 1 - Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
- Item 5.2. 2 - Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
- Item 5.2. 3 - Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)
- Item 10.10.5 – Notice of Intent to Employ Certificated Personnel and Approval of Variable Term Waiver Request for Single Subject Math Teacher (Encl. No. 24)

CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Warrant List – December 19, 2016 Through January 13, 2017 (Encl. No. 2)
2. 2016-2017 VUSD Budget Revision No. 09 (Encl. No. 3)
3. Training Agreement with the Flippen Group (Encl. No. 4)
4. Approval of Bid #4875 Roofing Bid at Various Sites (Encl. No. 5)
5. Approval Bid of #4876 VUSD Barn Structure (Encl. No. 6)
6. Authorization to Enter into Facility Use Agreement with The Academies (Encl. No. 7)

5.2 HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

1. Classified Personnel Report (Encl. No. 8)
2. Certificated Personnel Report (Encl. No. 9)
3. Consultant Contracts (Encl. No. 10)

5.3 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Student Field Trip Requests (Encl. No. 11)
2. New Teacher Center – Coaching Leaders to Attain Student Success (CLASS) Training (Encl. No. 12)
3. Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report (Encl. No. 13)

5.4 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Record of Board Member Attendance for Regular and Special Board Meetings (Encl. No. 14)

Member Crabtree moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Encl. No. 2-14. Member Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

**PUBLIC
RECOGNITION/
PROCLAMATIONS/
ACTION**

RESOLUTION –
NATIONAL
AFRICAN
AMERICAN
HISTORY MONTH –
FEBRUARY 2017
(Encl. No. 15)

Member Fulmer read out loud the resolution in support of recognizing February 2017 as National African American History Month.

Member Fulmer moved to adopt the resolution in support of recognizing February 2017 as National African American History Month. Member Guerrero seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

PROCLAMATION -
NATIONAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING
WEEK - FEBRUARY
6-10, 2017
(Encl. No. 16)

Member Fulmer read out loud the proclamation in support of recognizing February 6 through February 10, 2017, as National School Counseling Week.

Member Fulmer moved to adopt the proclamation in support of recognizing February 6 through February 10, 2017, as National School Counseling Week. Member Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

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

ACHIEVEMENT
REPORT: MID-
YEAR PROGRESS
K-12
(Encl. No. 17)

Presenter: Dr. Phil Black, Director of Assessment

Aligned with state standards and assessments, a series of district assessments are administered during the year to provide teachers and principals with information regarding student progress toward academic proficiency. Dr. Black provided trimester one updates

for K-6 student performance in English language arts (ELA) and math and semester one updates for K-12 students in English language arts (ELA), history, math, and science. (*See PowerPoint handout for further details*)

This was an information only item. There were no comments from the public.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ SUPERINTEN- DENT'S REPORT

Grant Gordon, Student Representative to the Board from El Diamante 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
 - He visited the following sites: Ivanhoe, Four Creeks, Highland, and Mineral King Elementary Schools.
 - He shared that while at Mineral King Elementary, he tried the mini burgers, which are not bad as long as the kids have lots of ketchup and most of them remove the cheese.
 - He is still seeing too much food being thrown away, and he's hoping that soon we'll be able to stop it and do something about it.
 - He attended the following events:
 - Board Planning Session on January 20 & 21, 2017
 - Visalia Education Foundation Board meeting
 - VPIE Partners Luncheon: It was a good lunch and the presentation for participants was good.
 - El Diamante High School's drama production *All Shook Up*
 - Career Day at the LJ Williams Theater for incoming 8th graders
- Patricia Griswold
 - She attended the following events:
 - El Diamante High School's drama production *All Shook Up*
 - Sequoia High School: On the day she visited they lost a student and she was impressed with the way the campus came together and was united and the desire in the students. There was a real feel of community on that campus.
 - Board Planning Session on January 20 and 21, 2017
- Bill Fulmer
 - He attended the following events:
 - Two meetings of the Board Policy Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - VPIE Partners Luncheon
 - Board Planning Session on January 20 & 21, 2017
 - He apologized for not making it to El Diamante High School's drama production *All Shook Up* because they had an addition to the family.
- Juan Guerrero
 - He attended the following events:
 - Elbow Creek Career Day
 - VPIE Partners Luncheon: There were lots of employers there who received recognition, and he believes it's important to recognize people who work with our schools.
 - Board Planning Session on January 20 & 21, 2017
 - Golden West High School Baseball Clinic
 - Martin Luther King, Jr., Ceremony at the Boys and Girls Club

- Charles Ulmschneider
 - He attended the following events:
 - Civic Facilities Board Meeting on January 23, 2017
 - Board Planning Session on January 20 & 21, 2017
- Lucia Vazquez
 - The Board and staff had a great Board Planning Session held on Friday, January 20, and Saturday, January 21, 2017. They did a lot of good work at the session, for which she expressed gratitude.
 - She agreed with the Board members' comments regarding the recognition and awards of partners at the VPIE luncheon.
 - In addition, She attended the following events:
 - Hispanic Community Advisory Committee Meeting
 - Executive Committee Meeting
 - El Diamante High School's drama production *All Shook Up*
 - She asked staff to invite her to visit their campuses, which she enjoys.
- Superintendent Oto
 - He provided a brief update of the work that the Board and Cabinet did at the Board Planning Session on January 20 & 21, 2017, which included sharing ideas about the vision and direction for the district, Board protocols, and district goals. He thanked the Board members for their participation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PANEL RECOM-
MENDATIONS/
ACTION**

RECOMMENDED
EXPULSIONS
(Encl. No. 18)

Member Ulmschneider moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Expulsions Case No. 17-31 E and 17-32 E. Member Fulmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.
Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider and Vazquez
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Qualls

RECOMMENDED
SUSPENDED
EXPULSIONS
(Encl. No. 19)

Member Crabtree pulled Case No. 17-10 SE and shared that he would abstain from voting on this item because he is familiar with one of the participants in the hearing.

Member Guerrero moved to accept the Administrative Panel Recommendations for Suspended Expulsions Case No. 17-10 SE. Member Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 with one member abstaining and one member absent.
Ayes: Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider and Vazquez
Noes: None
Abstain: Crabtree
Absent: Qualls

**GENERAL
AGENDA
Review/Public
Hearing/**

Public Input/
Board Discussion/
ACTION (as
applicable)

DISTRICTWIDE
EQUIPMENT
REPLACEMENT
FUNDING
(Encl. No. 20)

Presenter: Nathan Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Hernandez shared a presentation regarding the district's equipment replacement funding and stated that this is an informational item and an opportunity for initial discussion at this time. This item will be placed as an action item at an upcoming Board meeting. The district is looking at establishing some guidelines/policies for determining the useful life and replacement of capitalized equipment, which is anything over \$5,000; providing a basis for establishing a funding methodology within our current budget, and establishing a furniture and equipment replacement fund outside of the general funds. *(See PowerPoint handout for further details)*

This was an information only item. There were no comments from the public.

There was further discussion about funding to replace the band uniforms at every school site within the next two years and a more detailed and structured plan being brought back to the Board at a future meeting with that information and also capitalized equipment as discussed in the presentation. Member Ulmschneider asked about the possibility of purchasing lighter uniforms for band students for the summer because kids get very hot when they practice in 100 and above degree weather on the field in their regular uniforms. Member Guerrero agreed with Member Ulmschneider and requested the district research the possibility of a grant writer and/or staff member researching if any funding is available for the summer band uniforms. Member Fulmer suggested that the Visalia Education Foundation be approached with this request.

GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET PROPOSAL
FOR 2017-18
(Encl. No. 21)

Presenter: Nathan Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer

Governor Jerry Brown issued his initial proposal for the 2017-18 State budget on January 10, 2017, and will issue a revision to this proposal in May. Mr. Hernandez provided a status report and reviewed the Governor's initial proposal for education and the potential impacts to the VUSD 2017-18 budget. At the state level, the next steps are to hold budget committee hearings and the next update to the May revision. At the local level, the second interim report is due March 16 for school districts and March 15 for charter schools. *(See PowerPoint handout for further details)*

This was an information only item. There were no comments from the public.

2015-2016 ANNUAL
DISTRICT
FINANCIAL AUDIT
(Encl. No. 22)

Presenter: Jeff Jensen, CPA with Crowe Horwath LLP

The District must, on annual basis, have its financial statements audited by an independent audit firm in order to meet federal and state requirements. The auditor's report included the auditor's findings, recommendations, and opinions. In the auditor's opinion, the District's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Visalia Unified School District, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes

in financial positions and cash-flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District's audit report was filed with the California State Controller's Office before the December 15, 2016, reporting deadline. (See PowerPoint handout for further details)

There were no comments from the public.

Member Guerrero moved to approve the 2015-16 Annual District Financial Audit. Member Ulmschneider seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider and Vazquez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
PROVISIONAL
INTERNSHIP
PERMIT REQUESTS
(Encl. No. 23)

The Board was asked to approve the provisional internship permit requests for the following candidates:

- Linda Brandt
- Alexis Brito

There were no comments from the public.

Member Ulmschneider asked how many people applied for the two positions that are listed. Assistant Superintendent Ravalín replied that she did not have those numbers with her and that for the provisional internship permit VUSD is required by law to make sure we don't have any fully credentialed candidates who are acceptable for the positions. Member Ulmschneider shared his concern regarding a former Board member as well as employees being employed at Fresno Pacific.

Member Crabtree moved to approve the provisional internship permit requests for Linda Brandt and Alexis Brito. Member Fulmer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, and Vazquez

Noes: Ulmschneider

Abstain: None

Absent: Qualls

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO EMPLOY
CERTIFICATED
PERSONNEL AND
APPROVAL OF
VARIABLE TERM
WAIVER REQUEST
FOR SINGLE
SUBJECT MATH
TEACHER
(Encl. No. 24)

Presenter: Tamara Ravalín, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Development

The Board was asked to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for Single Subject Math Teacher for the following candidate:

- Sara Marie Evangelho

There were no comments from the public.

Member Crabtree moved to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for Request for Single Subject Math Teacher for Sara Marie Evangelho. Member Guerrero seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0 with one member absent.

Ayes: Crabtree, Fulmer, Griswold, Guerrero, Ulmschneider, and Vazquez

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Qualls

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 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,



William A. Fulmer
Board Clerk



Todd Oto, Ed.D.
Board Secretary/Superintendent