

# Victor Elementary School District

## MINUTES

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**WED, May 23, 2007, 6:00 pm**

**Location:** The Academy, 14907 S. Mojave Dr., Victorville, CA

The regular board meeting of the Victor Elementary School District was held on May 23, 2007, at The Academy of Performing Arts and Foreign Language, 14907 S. Mojave Dr., Victorville, California. The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Members:**

PRESENT: Dr. Gabriel Stine, President; Willie Davis Pringle, Clerk; Karen Morgan (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Timothy G. Hauk, Dr. Gary Elder

### School Report

1. RECEIVE SCHOOL PRESENTATION (Mr. Miller)

The student Bluegrass Band performed under the direction of teacher Eric Nordbeck. Principal Allan Miller presented The Academy's plan to achieve the district's mission.

### Recess:

The board recessed at 6:44 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:02 p.m.

### Basic #17:

The board reviewed Basic #17: Everyone is empowered. We involve people in the planning of the work that affects them.

### Communication Session

2. Public Verbal Comments

(1) Vijay Singh, Academy parent, said he spoke at a board meeting about a month ago, and he is still concerned about the busses. He thanked the district for providing one bus stop on the west side, but feels there should be 2-3 more stops. He said there are additional concerns in this matter, and he requested that the board members meet with the parents in a separate meeting. He wants to work out a more reasonable solution, as he feels The Academy is the best school, and with a tremendous music program he does not want The Academy family to be disrupted. (2) India Valenzuela, Del Rey School parent, said that on behalf of a committee they would like to be placed on the June 13 board meeting agenda and would like to present a powerpoint presentation on dual immersion. They would like the program to continue at the school, and would like to see test scores and comparisons of data to explain why the program is being discontinued. The parents want to do "whatever it takes" to keep the program at Del Rey. (3) Kent Crosby, Academy parent, said that the parents are still requesting the cost for the bussing as they have not yet received that information. He also requested that a list of parents who live west of the freeway be provided. Mr. Crosby expressed concerns about the location of the bus stop at Hook Jr. High, saying the junior high school students and child molesters living in the area could be a problem. He said he appreciates what the district has done so far.

3. V.E.T.A. Report

(1) San Bernardino County Coalition Presidents discussed with Dr. Fischer how districts are solving their negotiation issues successfully. The coalition presidents group got a grant to assist districts in sending teams to the West Coast Effective Schools Conference. At the end of each day there will be time for teams to meet and discuss how to use the newly acquired information in their district. (2) VETA honored 7 teachers in our district at the WHO awards at the Service Center Council meeting in Lancaster.

(3) One hundred fifty CTA presidents went to Sacramento to lobby our legislature about the state budget. (4) VETA is looking forward to finishing negotiations soon.

4. C.S.E.A. Report

Marsha Owens said there is a lot going on and things are not as rosy on the classified side as on the certificated side. She feels the relationship is deteriorating and negotiations are moving forward. But, things are not great for the classified. Our relationship is very shaky with administration and it continues to deteriorate. IBPS is going well in negotiations but not with other issues.

5. Board Members Comments

(1) Karen Morgan reported on her recent trip to Sacramento as a CSBA Delegate, where she has been discussing pending legislation with legislators. She spoke with Assemblywoman Sharon Runner regarding NCLB issues that need to be addressed. (2) Gary Elder complimented Mr. Nordbeck on the fantastic bluegrass band program and said he was very impressed with tonight's performance and the recent student performances led by Mr. Leon. (3) Willie Pringle apologized for missing the last two board meetings. There were issues at the college following the Virginia Tech incident that prevented him from attending one

of the meetings, and he was on vacation in Michigan during the next meeting. He learned that Michigan was laying off 35-50 teachers due to budget cuts, yet bonds had passed for other items. (4) Gabriel Stine thanked the staff and administration for all their hard work. He was impressed with Eric Nordbeck's work with the bluegrass band.

6. Superintendent's Comments

(1) Dr. Ralph Baker congratulated Vince Encarnacion and his wife on expecting a new baby. (2) Dr. Baker said a tentative agreement has been reached with VETA, and the vote will be on June 5. There was good solid negotiations and they reached an agreement and finished in record time. (3) Excelsior Charter School has proposed to accept 6th graders, and the high school board rejected doing this. They will actually vote in June on this issue, if it is not removed from their agenda. Dr. Baker said he suggested that the three boards from Excelsior, VVUHSD, and VESD meet to discuss this issue.

**Information Items**

7. JOINT PRESENTATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REOPENERS WITH CSEA (Dr. Dale Marsden and Ms. Marsha Owens)

As a group, we prioritized the articles for ratification of a Successor Agreement. Dr. Marsden and Marsha Owens presented the reopeners for the board's information and for the public.

8. RECEIVE UPDATED DASHBOARD REPORT (Dr. Marsden)

The board reviewed the updated district Dashboard Report.

9. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ADVERTISING ON SCHOOL BUSES (Mrs. Creason)

Mrs. Creason presented information regarding advertising on school busses. The question was asked about how much revenue would be generated if we did advertise on busses.

10. REVIEW AND DISCUSS AR 4133 REGARDING MEAL ADVANCES (Mrs. Betts)

The board reviewed AR 4133 which was recently revised to reflect a mileage allowance increase. At that time, Board Member Timothy Hauk requested that the meal advance portion of the regulation be reviewed and discussed at the May 23, 2007, board meeting.

11. REVIEW BOARD BYLAWS REGARDING PROTOCOLS AND ATTENDANCE AT BOARD MEETINGS (Dr. Stine)

The board reviewed BB 9400, Board Protocols, Chain of Command section. As requested by Board Member Timothy Hauk at the last board meeting, BB 9250 was reviewed and discussed as it relates to board members' attendance at board meetings.

12. FIRST READING OF NEW AND REVISED BOARD POLICIES (Dr. Baker)

New and revised board policies were submitted for the board's first reading and input. They will be brought back for the second reading on June 13, 2007. Dr. Baker reviewed changes that will be made to some policies before the second reading.

13. RECEIVE APRIL 2007 SUSPENSION REPORT (Mrs. Miller)

During the month of April 2007, approximately 99.1% of the Victor Elementary School District's student population presented themselves with proper conduct. The board reviewed and discussed the suspension report.

14. RECEIVE CONFERENCE REPORT (Mrs. Young)

The board reviewed the monthly conference report.

**Consent Items (Items 15 - 22)**

Upon a motion by Karen Morgan, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved all consent items listed below.

15. Approve Minutes of the May 9, 2007, Regular Board Meeting

16. Approve District Warrants

17. Approve Donation for Challenger School from Herff Jones Photography in the amount \$804.19 to be used for instructional materials

18. Approve Donations for Del Rey School to be used for instructional materials:  
 Washington Mutual \$295.20  
 e Scrip \$10.73  
 Target \$157.46
19. Approve Donations for Irwin School:  
 \$500 from Randy Grenawalt through CHP of 850 Club Inc., to be used for the basketball team  
 \$106.73 from Herff Jones Photography to be used for instructional materials
20. Approve Donation to The Academy in the amount of \$223.82 from Herff Jones Photography to be used for instructional materials.
21. Approve Donation for Endeavour School from Herff Jones Photography in the amount of \$442.70 which will be used for instructional materials and supplies
22. Approve Volunteers at Challenger School

### **Action Items**

23. ACT TO APPROVE PROPOSED BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2007-2008 (Dr. Baker)  
 The proposed Board Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008 was presented at the May 9, 2007, for the board's review and input. Some board members had concerns about the all day board meeting in February and asked that it be removed. Gary Elder said he'd like to see more schools added to the schedule. Upon a motion by Gary Elder, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board acted to table this item until the next board meeting.
24. ACT TO APPROVE COMMUNITY-BASED TUTORING (CBET) PROGRAM APPLICATION (Mr. Swearingen)  
 Victor Elementary School District is requesting an allocation of funds from the California Dept. of Education to provide additional funding to train parents and other community members who pledge to provide personal English Language tutoring to school age children who are English Language Learners. Upon a motion by Willie Pringle, seconded by Gary Elder, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved the CBET Program Application as presented.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The board recessed at 8:13 p.m. before entering closed session at 8:30 p.m. The board took the following actions in closed session.

25. PUPIL PERSONNEL REPORT: Act to approve the Pupil Personnel Report (Items A through C):  
 Upon a motion by Tim Hauk, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board approved items A and B for expulsion of students #210477 and 314967 as recommended.
  - A. STUDENT DISCIPLINE: Expulsion of student #210477
  - B. STUDENT DISCIPLINE: Expulsion of student #314967 \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. STUDENT DISCIPLINE: Expulsion of student #280093

Gary Elder made the motion to extend the expulsion for student #280093 by one semester, Tim Hauk seconded, and motion failed by 3-2 vote. Upon a motion by Willie Pringle, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 3-2 vote (Gary Elder and Tim Hauk voted no), the board approved the expulsion of student #280093 as recommended by the expulsion hearing panel.

26. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/RELEASE/RESIGNATION: Certificated, Classified and Charter Personnel Reports 07-16  
 Upon a motion by Karen Morgan, seconded by Willie Pringle, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board acted to approve remove items C, D, and E of the Addendum to the Classified Personnel Report, and approve the rest of the items on the Certificated, Classified and Charter Personnel Reports, which included: Resignations from teachers Trish Willis, Judith Michaels, and Lucia

Cortez-Pope; employment of Joseph Pont as Maintenance I Person; change of status for Kris Nordbeck as school secretary at West Palms Conservatory; change of status for Norm Smith as Maintenance I Person; resignation from Denise Pecora, secretary in admin. services; payment of unused vacation day for Ann Hair, school administrative manager; release from MVMCS contract for Dana Vanderploeg, resignation from MVMCS teacher Cori McFann and PE coordinator John Eltiste.

**Report Actions Taken in Closed Session**

The board returned to regular session at 9:35 p.m., and reported out to the public on all actions taken in closed session above.

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Willie Pringle, seconded by Karen Morgan, and followed by a 5-0 vote, the board acted to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.