

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COLLABORATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS (CHPS) CRITERIA IN DESIGNING, BUILDING AND OPERATING ALL NEW SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN THE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 04 - 51

WHEREAS, the District has determined that students learn best in an environment that is comfortable, healthy, naturally lit and well maintained, and studies have indicated that student achievement is greater and attendance higher when these conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, the District spends a substantial amount on energy costs each year, and studies show that energy costs for new facilities may be reduced by 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, the District will be building new schools and renovating existing schools and facilities which provide a unique opportunity to move beyond standard designs to create facilities, whose tangible benefits have been measured in the form of increased student attendance, higher test scores, reduced operating costs, elevated teacher and staff retention, and an improved indoor environment by providing cleaner air, better acoustics, and natural light; and

WHEREAS, the District has an opportunity to use an integrated design approach taking advantage of energy savings that become feasible when the interaction between separate building elements, such as windows, lighting and mechanical systems are considered; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) have developed comprehensive and complete design criteria based on the latest information available in high efficiency building construction, design and safe operation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Visalia Unified School District hereby adopts the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) criteria to be used in designing, building, renovating and operating schools in the District.

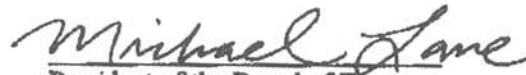
PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 23, 2004, at a regular meeting by the following vote to wit:


AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Visalia Unified School District

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk of the Board of Trustees  
Visalia Unified School District