

**VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
CITY OF VISTA
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
VISTA, CA 92084

Board Members Present

Rich Alderson, President
Carol Weise Herrera, Vice President
Cipriano Vargas, Clerk
Jim Gibson, Member
Rosemary Smithfield, Member

Staff Members Present

Linda Kimble, Superintendent
Elaine Alexandres, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dr. Matt Doyle, Assistant Superintendent, Innovation
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Matthew Aragones, Alta Vista High School
Moses Gonzalez, Major General Murray High School
Nathan Mizell, Mission Vista High School - Present
Arleth Flores Aparicio, Rancho Buena Vista High School - Present
Leon Barboza Albarran, Vista High School

Item 1. Closed Session

CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION Call to Order-Roll by President Alderson at 5:00PM.

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION - 1 CASE
- C. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION(S) - 4 CASES
- D. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S): ELAINE ALEXANDRES
- E. APPROVE FINAL SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT FOR OAH CASE #2018010660
- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957): 2 CASES
- G. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE/NON-REELECTION/ REASSIGNMENT (Government Code 54957)

Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / Call to order by Rich Alderson at 6:12pm

Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – The Board voted to approve two settlement agreements in a special education dispute regarding OAH Case 2018010660, resolving all issues in dispute. First vote 4 ayes, 1 abstain. Second vote 5 ayes.

Approval of the Agenda. Member Gibson suggested moving Charters above Golden Apple Awards. No second. Member Smithfield requested to pull item 13B from Consent Calendar. Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with change, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

Item 4. District Announcements

A. DR. KIMBLE DISTRICT COMMENTS All Around Vista, Bobier, Roosevelt, Mission Meadows, VIDA, VHS, VMMS, Middle School, Temple Heights, Rancho Minerva Middle School, Breeze Hill, Lake Elementary, Hannali, Grapevine, Vista Rising Star, Rotary Speech Contest, IB Night at VAPA.

Teacher, Pat Emaus, encouraged all to read to our students. Thanked City of Vista, Vista Unified and the Board for supporting Read Across America.

B. PROCLAMATION: READ ACROSS AMERICA – Presented by Mayor Judy Ritter on behalf of City of Vista.

C. GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS PRESENTATION – Presented by Board Members.

- 1) Michelle Bell – Superintendent's Office (Classified)
- 2) Rebecca Richards- Special Education Assistant - Temple Heights Elementary (Classified)
- 3) Janet Robinson- Teacher at Monte Vista (Elementary)
- 4) Matt Stuckey- Teacher at Vista High School (High School)
- 5) Kirby Sand- Teacher at Roosevelt Middle School (Middle School)
- 6) Charles Schindler- Principal, Rancho Buena Vista High School (Admin.)

Item 5. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Lisa Harrison, Teacher at Rancho Minerva Middle School, shared information on their Maker Lab. Invited everyone to their March 14, 2018 S.T.E.A.M. event to see the Maker Lab in person. Retired Teacher, Deborah Morton, expressed concerns about Assistant Superintendent raises. Erin Feeley, Executive Director from Belle Mente said that students and parents just wanted to say thank you for listening to their charter renewal request. Community Member, Alejandro Sanchez, spoke about charter public hearings. President Alderson said that he would need to wait until public hearings to speak about those. 5A is for items not on the agenda.

Break until 6:51PM.

Item 6. Public Hearing

Teacher, Pat Emaus, expressed concerns about Classical Academy Charters academic and requested that the Board deny charter. Community Member, Alejandro Sanchez, expressed concerns about Classical Academy and recommend that the Board deny charter.

A. CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL PETITION – Opened by Rich Alderson 6:55pm.

Presented by Cameron Curry, Executive Director. Why a New Charter?, Why Vista Unified?, Who are the Classical Academies? Our Vista School Profile, Our Facility, Charter School Finance, Our Education Team, Our Instructional Program, Student Academic Success, Thank You! Parent of Classical Academy student, spoke in support of Classical Academy. Marina Lake, parent, spoke in support of Classical Academy. Amanda Bizak, resident of Vista and parent, spoke in support of classical academy. Bret Schanzenbach from the Vista Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of Classical Academy. Public Hearing closed at 7:14pm.

Teacher, Pat Emaus, spoke against Bella Mente Academy and recommended that the Board deny charter.

B. BELLA MENTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL PETITION Presented by Erin Feeley. Video shown. Mission, We are BMMA, Academic Values, Demographics and Enrollment, Academic Progression, Year By Year Comparison, The Bella Garden Project, Accomplishments, Conclusion. Sage, a Bella Mente student, spoke in support of Charter. Dawn Mayeda, Director, Sage Garden Project, spoke in support of Charter. Scott Mute, Belle Mente Board Member and Parent, spoke in support of Bella Mente Academy. Kristy Lemy, parent, spoke in support of Bella Mente. Bret Schanzenbach from the Vista Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of Bella Mente. Alejandro Sanchez expressed concerns and requested that the Board deny the Bella Mente renewal. Tom Denner, spoke in support of Bella Mente. Community Member spoke in support of Charter schools. Public Hearing closed at 7:48pm.

Break 7:49pm – 8:00pm

Community Member, Alejandro Sanchez, mentioned that he spoke with DELAC President. They have discussed improvements at the schools. Hearing good things about the district.

Item 7. Reports from School Related Organizations

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Pat Emaus read letter from Tod Critchlow. Congratulations to our Golden Apple winners. This is always a great night, and I wish I could be there. Thanks to Patrick Emaus for reading this for me. As we approach the middle of February, spring is just around the corner. This is the time of year when we have to start our serious planning for the 2018/2019 school year. We still need to focus on our work for this year, but any changes that we want to implement need to be well underway. I ask that you continue to collaborate with VTA and include us in discussions. It is far more productive to work through scenarios first. And I would also ask that you remember the axiom, "Sometimes you have to go slow to go fast." When VUSD/VTA agreed on our most recent contract we included language for a subcommittee to work on Special Education. That group should start working together soon and I am hopeful that through collaboration we will see some concrete solutions to some of our current issues. I know there is work going on with the Special Education Task force. Hopefully with this attention we will start to see beneficial results soon. I firmly believe that working together is our best hope for positive outcomes. We have two charter school proposals tonight. One of the take home messages for me is that we need our schools to have flexibility to develop their own personalities. Personalized learning is instruction that offers pedagogy, curriculum, and learning environments to meet the individual student's needs. The experience is tailored to learning preferences and the specific interests of different learners. I know that VUSD is also pushing this with our schools. It is great to see Dual Immersion finally coming to VUSD. We need all our sites to have the autonomy to develop in the direction they see fit. Site Autonomy is just personalized learning for the school.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presented by Marie Hovel. As you recognize the outstanding employees of our district tonight, remember that classified staff are the backbone of our district. Transportation, District Staff, Translators, keep schools clean and safe. They are the everyday heroes of our district.

Community Member, Alejandro Sanchez, spoke about the safety and security of our schools. He appreciates what we have done.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Yolanda Mezquite presented. Translated by District Translator Jessica Leon. Requested to increase summer classes and focus more on bilingual education.

Teacher, Pat Emaus spoke in support of this dual language program.

8. Staff Committee Reports to the Board

A. STAFF REPORT: GRAPEVINE DUAL LANGUAGE Presented by Dr. Matt Doyle and Rafael Olivide. Personal Learning Pathway, Grapevine Dual Language Task Force, Dual Language Research, Dual Language Design Process, Dual Language Pathways, Dual Language Program Scale-Up, Community Interest, Communication and Next Steps. Member Smithfield stated that she is very proud of them and knows that it will be successful. Asked them to explain where you are going with the curriculum. She asked if we have a commitment for money to operate this program. Dr. Kimble said that we will make sure that their curriculum needs are met. Member Smithfield said that she wants to make sure that they begin the school year with the curriculum that they need to operate. Member Herrera commented about how impressed she was at how much you love the children and care about their educational well-being. Your heart is in it. Member Vargas thanked the Grapevine team for doing the heavy lifting. We need dual language in our community. We want you to be successful. Is it too early to start looking at Middle and High School? Dr. Kimble said that it is important to continue students in dual language so we will work on it. What about Pre-K? Mr. Olivide is working on it. Student Board Member, Arleth Flores Aparicio asked what schools have been seeking guidance for dual language programs. Mr. Olivide said that in San Diego County, there are 144 dual language programs. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell said that he wishes this was available when he was younger. How does it work with complete immersion? How are students getting same level of instruction as 100% English speaking class? Mr. Olivide stated that over time, a 50-50 model, after 4th grade, students perform at same level. We need to look at whole picture over years. Member Gibson wanted to confirm that the same lesson will be taught in both languages on

the same day. Yes. Do students have support when they do not speak the language and do not understand the language? How is it taught? Students will have the same understanding but different strategies may be used. Dr. Kimble stated that dual immersion is not a typical classroom setting. Teachers will not be leaving students behind. They will make sure that students understand. 2nd teacher will build on the lesson that you learned. Teachers will be using strategies to make sure they are not left behind. Member Gibson said that if teacher repeats words right away, he would learn. If he needs to wait four hours until the English class to hear what it is, he is not going to get it. Member Smithfield said that as a kindergarten teacher with a high number of students came into the class speaking no English. The students get it. Mr. Olivide stated that teachers will have language acquisition strategies for both English and Spanish learners. Language acquisition takes time. Member Alderson mentioned that we had native language support. That approach never gained the success that we wanted. He wanted to make it clear that this is not the same thing. Mr. Olivide said that dual targets both English and Spanish speakers.

9. Consent Calendar - Member Vargas moved to approve excluding item 13B, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 12, 2017 AND JANUARY 18, 2018

10. Student Support Services

A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION ON CASE NUMBERS W8-2017/18 THROUGH W11-2017/18

B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENT WHO HAS APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

11. Human Relations

A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

C. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AND ITS CHAPTER #389 REGARDING THE SUMMER SCHOOL/EXTENDED YEAR ASSIGNMENTS

D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, AND ITS CHAPTER #389 REGARDING THE USE OF THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM ("GPS"), ZONAR

12. Special Education

13. Curriculum & Instruction

A. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER – Pulled from Consent Calendar by Rosemary Smithfield prior to agenda approval. Spending \$20,000 to send 8 people to Texas. Reserving travel without approvals needs to stop. Member Gibson said that the staff needs to know that it needs to come before the Board before moving forward with travel. Member Alderson asked if it was part of Blueprint. Yes, it is a part of it. Member Smithfield moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

C. SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2017-2018

D. TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PLANS

14. Business Services (Fiscal Services, Accounting, Child Nutrition Services, Purchasing and Facilities)

A. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 11, 2018, THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2018

B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

C. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$17,358.21

D. APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISING ON BEHALF OF THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2017-18

E. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

F. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$5,000.00) FOR BID #V17180261PWB, STRUCTURAL REPAIR AT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

G. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$850.00) FOR BID #C16170677B, NEW MARQUEE AT VISTA ADULT SCHOOL

H. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C16170677B, NEW MARQUEE AT VISTA ADULT SCHOOL

I. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1718-07

J. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14350387 THROUGH 14361562

K. APPROVE SHORT TERM EXTENSION OF RFP# C14150336 FOR GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES WITH JOSTENS INC.

L. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT

M. APPROVE THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2017-18

N. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #V17180261PWB, VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STRUCTURAL REPAIR

O. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CONTRACT #V17180240M ADULT ED RESTROOM PROJECT

P. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

15. Board Business

16. Discussion/Action Items

Teacher, Pat Emus said that he appreciates this resolution. Asks the state to make education a priority in California. Are VUSD's budget allocations set to our priorities? Expressed concerns about Assistant Superintendent salaries and raises.

A. GOVERNOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #18-26, FUNDING RESOLUTION. Presented by Donna Caperton. 2018-19 Governor's Budget Proposal Impact on Vista Unified. 2018-19 Changes/Impacts. Member Smithfield said that she understands that when we do retro pay, there is a penalty that we pay to PERS and STRS. Ms. Caperton mentioned that we need to provide bonus during same month as approved to avoid penalty. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell asked about decrease in ADA. Ms. Caperton said that some students left the area, some students have gone to charter schools. A variety of reasons. Member Gibson asked how many students moved out of state. Ms. Caperton will generate a report for him. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

B. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY POLICY 5145.12, SEARCH AND SEIZURE – Presented by Dr. Kyle Ruggles, Michael Sterner and Jeff Geyer. Contraband Detection Dogs, Rationale, Board Policy 5145.12 (Draft) Search & Seizure, Contraband Detection Dog Service Providers, Dog Detection Procedures, Suspension Rate – Controlled Substances 78 Corridor. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell said that he does not see the benefit. Dr. Ruggles said that it is a deterrent. Member Alderson said that there were false positives when he was a Principal. Students know whose backpack it is. As an administrator said that it was more trouble than it was worth. We stopped it in Vista because attorney general said that chain of evidence does not exist. Mr. Sterner said that if procedures are followed, it works. There are no false positives. It is detected. Member Gibson said as a parent, he would have preferred this. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell said it seems like an over reach to him. You will create a bigger problem by doing this. These companies are paid for results. Students at Mission Vista High School would not support this. Member Vargas said that it is an issue and it's at middle schools as well. Feels that this is a tool that we can give our administrators. Member Gibson said that it does work as a deterrent. Nathan Mizell said that he would stress to the Board to look into it more. Look into the data. Seek out more information. Member Alderson asked how many visits. Visits would be twice a month at each school. Mr. Sterner said that one student dealing holds the campus ransom. No action taken.

17. Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments - None

18. Board Business/Discussion

A. School Name Change Discussion - Board Policy – Member Herrera requested that the Board go back and revisit this policy. Member Alderson asked who would follow up. Michelle Bell will make sure that it is added to the next agenda. It needs to make sure that it gets into Board Agenda preparation.

B. Reschedule Governance Workshop - Proposed Dates: March 15 or 29, 2018 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Vargas asked for March 29th. All agreed.

Teacher, Pat Emaus stated that we spent over an hour this evening on charter schools instead Vista Unified. Maybe limit charter school presentations or change presentation time limits. 18.4 million in cuts in next couple of years. Suggested that we streamline reduction in cost. Look at budget proportions. If we do not have the losses, where will the money go instead of dropping to the bottom line?

C. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business

D. Board Members Reports or Comments – Member Alderson attended Vista’s Big Give last night. Heartwarming to see all of our students come together to raise money. Very proud. Thank you Kelly McKinney. Member Herrera stated that on the second Friday of each month, the Vista Chamber of Commerce has Rising Star honoring our high school students. She invited everyone to attend.

E. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting

F. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MARCH 8, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees