

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 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  
Dr. Matt Steitz, Interim Chief Academic Officer, Educational Excellence  
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

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.

Tod Critchlow, VTA President, spoke about Voice of San Diego freedom of information request and asked Board Member questions.

Adjourned to Closed Session at 5:04pm.

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION(S) - 5 CASES

C. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S):  
ELAINE ALEXANDRES

D. 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 President Alderson at 6:00pm

**Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session** – The Board took action by unanimous vote to reassign employees 18-1625 and 18-4705 from their administrative positions pursuant to Education Code section 44951, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Item 4. Approval of the Agenda** Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with change, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 5. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS** - None

**Item 6. Public Hearing** – None

**Item 7. District Announcements**

A. DR. KIMBLE DISTRICT COMMENTS – Showed District Highlights video produced by Rancho Minerva Middle School students. Attended Dessert with the Superintendent sponsored by the Vista Unified PTA. We are hosting three School Safety Forums next week.

B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION – RESPECT – Honored Key Club Advisors with commendations. Gary Duffield – Mission Vista High School, Frank Harper – Rancho Buena Vista High School, Joanie Boyd – Vista High School, Tommy Thomson – Trade Tech.

**Item 8. Reports from School Related Organizations**

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Presented by Tod Critchlow. Thanks to the Key Club and Kiwanis for all they do. Last month attended the Servant Leadership Institute Annual Conference. I would like to thank Jim Mihal of JT Designs, a Vista based business, for his generosity. He provided a scholarship that allowed me to attend this fabulous conference. I would also like to thank Roger Gillespie and Art Barter of Datron World Communications for helping to make this possible. VUSD has had a partnership with the Servant Leadership Institute and I am here tonight to ask that we continue down this path. From the SLI website: How You Get Results Is More Important than the Results Themselves. This simple statement is something that we would do well to emulate here in VUSD. If you apply this thought to the classroom, students can often learn more from a difficult failure than an easy success. Another theme from SLI: Inspire and equip leaders in your organization to find meaning and purpose in their work, foster an environment of trust and respect at all levels, and achieve success! I believe you could just as easily say Inspire and equip students in your classrooms to find meaning and purpose in their work, foster an environment of trust and respect at all levels, and achieve success! Or Inspire and equip teachers in your schools to find meaning and purpose in their work, foster an environment of trust and respect at all levels, and achieve success! I hope that you, the board, will continue to equip your teachers with the tools and resources they need so they can continue to inspire our students.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Presented by Marie HovelIn. CSEA is always willing to be a part of any conversation easy or hard. Collaboration.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – Presented by Yolanda Mezquite. The DELAC board would like to respectfully request that there be more teachers specifically focused on English Learners and that there be more security present at schools.

**Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board**

A. STUDENT BOARD REPORT - MAJOR GENERAL MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL – Presented by Moses Gonzalez

B. STAFF REPORT: SCHOOL SAFETY – Presented by Dr. Kyle Ruggles, Strategy 2: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Facilities and Resources, Safe School Preparedness, Strategy 3: Social & Emotional System of Support, Mental Health and Regional School Safety Community Forums. Student Board Member Arleth Flores Aparicio stated that her school does not have drills every month. A lot of students do not know that we have a psychologist on campus. Dr. Ruggles will assist. Student Board Member Nathan Mizell mentioned that on Back to School nights, psychologists are not present. Student Member Leon Barboza Albarran asked if students are shy and don't want to go to psychologist, any suggestions? Dr. Ruggles said that we need to build relationships with school leadership. Member Vargas said that the parent liaison would also be good and can provide information to parents. What is PSST? How do you submit? It's an online anonymous reporting system. Anything unsafe can be reported on it. Member Herrera said that we should have a curriculum that would move from school level to level. We have many programs and many schools. Do all schools have something? Kids don't know what to look for. If they do identify, they do not know what to do. Member Smithfield asked if all of our psychologists should be at the forums, not just the high schools. Although we are cutting budget, these social emotional support positions are so important. Member Alderson said that we need to look at the parents. Parents want to know what we are doing. Happy that we are getting the information out. Sharing the process of threat assessment, what steps does

the school go through. He thinks it would be helpful to the parents. Do we look at elementary level like bullying, as students get older, its hidden more? How many campus supervisors do we have at the elementary and middle school level? We need more adults out on campus with the students. More people who can identify signs or problems. Counseling ratio is 600 students to one counselor. Dr. Ruggles said all your feedback is important. Student Board Member, Leon Barboza Albarran, said that boys are told to not show emotions, can something be done? Our teachers and counselors need to connect with students early on to build trust. Member Gibson said that state passed law that teachers are not able to carry. He is not opposed to having teachers carry with proper training. He is for it with proper training.

Break 6:55pm-7:06pm

C. STAFF REPORT: BLUEPRINT UPDATE – STRATEGY Presented by Matt Doyle. Invited principals to join him. Personal Learning Pathway, Year 1: Build Capacity - Personal Learning Path as a Mindset, World Economic Forum, Elements to Personalize. Personal Learning Pathway Impact presented by Kim Morton and AP from Temple Heights, Laura Smith from Casita, Tammy Lee AP from Empresa, Benjie Walker from VAPA, Juan Ayala from Rancho Minerva, Steve Post from VMMS, Eric Chagala from VIDA, Nicole Miller from MVHS, Cheryl Taugger from VHS. Jim Gibson asked for definition of Personal Learning. Dr. Doyle read definition. Member Gibson asked if a student is interested in something can they come to class saying I want to do physics, can they? Dr. Doyle mentioned that we have the responsibility to teach core curriculum. The students can tell the teachers what type of information they would like to study but it needs to be applicable to the class subject. What schools are teaching entrepreneurship? Dr. Doyle listed schools. He mentioned that the San Diego Workforce Partnership is working with each of our high schools. What if an elementary student is caught selling something? Thrively is at our elementary schools which helps students define interests. We would like students to refocus energy. Kim Morton said that students complete application and create an action plan. They need a faculty sponsor. The answer will always be yes. Member Gibson shared a story of his youth about selling.

Break 8:00pm-8:12pm

D. STAFF REPORT: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UPDATE – Presented by Donna Caperton. Current Actions, Existing Elementary Service, Proposed Elementary Service, RMMS Shuttle Service Pilot, Proposed Service for Roosevelt Middle School, Costs for Program, Next Steps, Questions? Member Gibson asked if the Board will vote on this. Donna Caperton said that she can put it on the April Board Meeting agenda. Student Member Nathan Mizell asked why we stopped bussing years ago. Member Gibson said that it became a cost issue. Busses, personnel, etc. It became a financial burden to the district. Donna Caperton mentioned that we were at a very large budget deficit and needed to make cuts that did not affect the classroom. Member Smithfield thanked Dr. Kimble. She asked if there are grants for buses. Ms. Caperton said that we are looking for alternative energy buses. Bill Weisburg said that the average age of our buses is 18 years old. Member Herrera said that she is okay bringing this up for a vote. We need to make sure that the students are safe. Member Gibson said that we were going to look into the City with safe sidewalks. Does the budget include preventive maintenance? Member Alderson said that every student who rides will need a bus pass. Reviewed the numbers. It is the one thing we need to be conscience about. Can we look into buying or leasing some of San Diego Unified buses? Member Gibson said that we had to destroy some buses due to environmental concern. Member Herrera said that we have unintended consequences by having magnet schools. Students have been displaced and have a longer walk to school.

**Item 10. Consent Calendar** - Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 15, 2018

**Item 11. Human Relations**

A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. RESOLUTION #18-30 - This Memorandum of Understanding is entered by the Vista Unified School District and the California School Employees Association and its Chapter 389 for the purpose of establishing parameters for the implementation of Assembly Bill 119, which requires public agencies to provide unions with access to new employee orientation sessions.

C. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

**Item 12. Student Support Services**

A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION ON CASE NUMBERS W12-2017/18 THROUGH S16-2017/18

**Item 13. Special Education**

A. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT 1718-1002 FOR A THERAPEUTIC VISIT PER IEP IN WEST JORDAN, UT, SATURDAY - TUESDAY, MARCH 24 - 27, 2018.

B. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR PARENTS OF STUDENT 1718-1003 FOR A THERAPEUTIC VISIT PER IEP IN BILLINGS, MONTANA FROM SUNDAY - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - 28, 2018.

**Item 14. Curriculum & Instruction**

A. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS

B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

C. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

**Item 15. Business Services (Fiscal Services, Accounting, Child Nutrition Services, Purchasing and Facilities)**

A. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #V17180240PWB, MODULAR RESTROOM AT VISTA ADULT EDUCATION

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

C. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,445.76 FOR BID #V17180240PWB, MODULAR RESTROOM AT VISTA ADULT EDUCATION

D. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14362156 THROUGH 14368799

E. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

F. APPROVE SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 5145.12, SEARCH AND SEIZURE

G. AWARD CONTRACT V17180724 FOR FIBER OPTIC WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) TO AT&T FOR ERATE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 7/1/2018 THROUGH 6/30/2021

H. AWARD CONTRACT FOR WEB PAGE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, V17180486 TO WEST

I. APPROVE TERMINATION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HILLCREST REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, INC.

J. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 30, 2018, THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2018

K. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$15,454.03

L. APPROVE SECOND AND FINAL ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT #C13140052 FOR PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, ATTENDANCE, EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO SCHOOL MESSENGER

M. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

N. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT

**Item 16. Board Business**

**Item 17. Discussion/Action Items**

Teacher, Pat Emaus, spoke against the renewal of Belle Mente.

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 18-31 TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE RENEWAL PETITION FOR BELLA MENTE MONTESSORI ACADEMY. Member Gibson said that the parents decide and they offer a variety of options. Dr. Doyle presented. Rebecca Nobriga presented Special Education conditions. Member Gibson said that the timeline seems a little unrealistic. Are some of the deadlines negotiable? Dr. Doyle said that some can be adjusted to June. Member Smithfield stated that they should have these items like having a psychologist in place. We are asking them to include and sustain services. Member Alderson asked how many special education students. They have 89 special education students. Member Gibson said that he likes charter schools because it gives us competition. He thinks that we should always focus on the schools successes. Member Alderson thanked team and

appreciates the effort that goes into reviewing a charter. Member Gibson moved to approve with the option to change due dates, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

Break 9:09pm-9:16pm

**B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 18-32 TO DENY THE PETITION FOR CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL.** Michelle Anderson, California Charter School Association, spoke in support of Classical Academy Charter School. Presented by Matt Doyle. Rebecca Nobriga presented Special Education. Member Gibson asked if they are preventing any races from applying? If they are not discouraging a race from applying, it should not be a problem. Member Alderson said that they do not represent our demographics. Member Smithfield said that it is written in the charter school act that a school should match the community demographics. Member Gibson said that you cannot force people to go to a school. Dr. Doyle said that the recommendation based on what we believe is right for our community. We haven't seen evidence that Classical Academy has tried to integrate students into the school. Member Alderson asked how many special education students at the school. Are using Revenue anticipation notes. No. Member Gibson asked how long they have been in business. How is the school structured? Since 2011 they have been a resource center in Vista. K-8. Member Alderson said that our role is not to deny charters so students will come to our schools. It's to make sure that the students are going to get quality education. Member Gibson asked if they have any financial problems. None. Member Gibson asked about literacy rate. Dr. Doyle said that it is above district average. Member Smithfield moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) approved. NO (Gibson).

**C. CYBER SAFETY PROGRAM** Presented by Donna Caperton, Michelle Walsh and DeWayne Cossey. Member Gibson said that he brought this to the district a year ago. He supports this program and feels the emphasis on bullying is important. Dr. Kimble thanked the team for the time and thoughtfulness in their review of this program. Member Herrera said that Mr. Gibson has a vested interest in this because of his expertise. We can make a recommendation but we have to respect the team and their recommendation. Member Gibson said that the Board is responsible for the decisions, not the staff. Member Gibson doesn't want to vote against something that we already have, he wants as a supplement. Member Alderson said that we were asked to vote on this. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Smithfield. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) NO (Gibson)

**D. APPROVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-33 DEMANDING FEDERAL GUN CONTROL CONTROL ACTION TO PREVENT DEATH AND INJURY** Presented by Cipriano Vargas. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) NO (Gibson)

**E. APPROVE THE 2ND INTERIM BUDGET REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2018 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #18-29** Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**F. APPROVE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) OFFICIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT FOR REGION 17** Member Vargas gave his recommendation for voting. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Smithfield. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**18. Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments** None

**19. Board Business/Discussion**

**A. School Name Changes - Board Policy Review** – Member Herrera does not feel that school names should be modified. We need to consider the guidelines for renaming schools. We will have unintended consequences. We can brand a school but do not need to change its name. Member Alderson said it's less about the name and more about what the school is doing.

**B. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business**

**C. Board Members Reports or Comments** – Student Board Member Nathan Mizell wanted to address action item 15F. Dr. Kimble said that the policy was approved earlier this evening. The contract will come to the board at the next board meeting. Member Smithfield wanted to congratulate Math teachers from Rancho Buena Vista High School who are being honored tomorrow.

D. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting  
E. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - APRIL 12, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17PM.



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees



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Clerk of the Board of Trustees