

**VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018**  
**VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD ROOM**  
**1234 ARCADIA AVENUE**  
**VISTA, CA 92084**

**Board Members Present**

Carol Weise Herrera, Vice President  
Rosemary Smithfield, Member  
Cipriano Vargas, Clerk

**Board Members Not Present**

Rich Alderson, President  
Jim Gibson, 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

**Item 1. Open Session/Regular Meeting**

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Call to order by Carol Herrera at 5:01pm.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda** Request to remove Item 3C, Board Governance Workshop, from the agenda. Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with change, seconded by Member Smithfield. All in favor. YES (Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 3. Board Business/Discussion/Study Session**

A. WALKING DISTANCES TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – Presented by Donna Caperton. Member Smithfield commented that Grapevine has 15 students that live over 1.5 miles from school. Dr. Kimble stated that she wondered if we would see increase in attendance, especially on rain days. Member Herrera stated that 1.5 miles is excessive so she would not reduce distance. She asked how big of an issue is it. Member Vargas stated that there is a definite need. Can we partner with the city or county to make public transportation more affordable for families? Emerald is a dangerous street. Ms. Caperton stated that there is a city approved traffic impact study at Emerald. Suggestions will be made in March during First Interim. Member Herrera stated that the bell schedule might be an answer. We can utilize buses two or three times a day. Member Vargas said that offering a raid day shuttle as an option. Dr. Kimble stated that we are trying to come up with a system-wide way. Ms. Caperton will present proposal soon.

B. MAGNET SCHOOL PROCEDURES – Presented by Dr. Kyle Ruggles and magnet school principals. Recommendation that we reduce out of district student acceptance from 25% to 10%. All principals agree. Feedback from parents has been good. They feel that they have been listened to. Dr. Kimble mentioned that charter schools are similar in demographics. Member Herrera said that we need to make all of our schools so desirable that our students will want to stay. Asked that we communicate with other principals on what they can do for retention. Member Vargas mentioned that students moving from

elementary to middle and then to high school have priority. Concerns that regular elementary school students cannot get into middle magnet schools because of the priority. Does McKinney Vento apply? Would like to see a report on English Learners at middle schools as well as Special Education. We need to be held accountable for what we have been saying at 10%. Member Herrera stated that there is a perception that magnet schools are better than non-magnet. We need to work on all of our schools. Parents pick school based on test scores. Member Smithfield said to please do not use the excuse that we make more money by bringing other students to the district. Students have to walk past magnet schools to get to their own school. Are kids still failing? Unprepared. Member Vargas said that we need to have waitlist transparency. Dr. Ruggles stated that we are considering an automated centralized process. Member Vargas said that we need a recruitment component and parent education. Member Herrera asked if we recruit all schools or just area surrounding. All principals need to get into marketing through school and community events.

C. BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP – Removed from Agenda.

D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AT 6:00 PM CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees