

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 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**

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 5:00 P.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION – President Alderson called meeting to order at 5:02pm. Tod Critchlow, VTA President, spoke about contract arbitration regarding the word daily. If Board prevails, they win the right to put hundreds of students on a teacher's case load. Adjourned to Closed Session.
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION(S) - 3 CASES
- C. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S): ELAINE ALEXANDRES
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957): 4 CASES
- E. 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 6:17pm.

**Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session** The Board voted to approve a settlement agreement regarding student number 2017110269 in a special education dispute, resolving all issues in dispute by a vote of 5-0. Approved notice to the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence that,

pursuant to Education Code section 35031, the term of her employment agreement will expire on June 30, 2018, and will not be renewed, and directed that such notice be provided to the Assistant Superintendent in accordance with law by the following vote. 4 Approve (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield, Vargas), 1 Abstain (Gibson).

**Item 4. Approval of the Agenda** Request to move 17B up on agenda before 9A by Student Board Member. From Consent Calendar, request to pull items 15L Ratify and Approve Contracts and 15J Approve MOU with Vista Foundation for Innovative Learning. Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with changes, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 5. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS: PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS** Mayra Martinez, student at MiraCosta College, hosted an event for 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Grapevine. It is important that parents know how they can help their child attend college. Sydney Prenatt and Dani Ellis, RBV Varsity Softball players, spoke about possible Title IX violation due to no softball field on campus. Ivan Ferrer and Jasmin Cortez, MiraCosta College students, spoke about event for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Item 6.A Public Hearing**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ACADEMY PETITION** A public hearing will be held pursuant to Education Code section 47605(b) for the Board of Trustees to consider the level of support of teachers employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents for the charter petition resubmitted to establish the National University Academy. Kimberleigh Kopp and Mallory Goodman presented. Asked that we remove this item from the agenda. Dr. Doyle recommended that the Board moves forward with procedure as is. Member Vargas asked if there is a limit on the number of times a charter can submit. No limit. Under the Anderson Case, they will need to submit again by June 30, 2018. Member Gibson moved to table item, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) NO (Alderson, Herrera).

**Item 7. District Announcements**

A. DR. KIMBLE DISTRICT COMMENTS – Dr. Matt Steitz presented on behalf of Dr. Kimble. Empresa Elementary has been recognized as a California Distinguished School. On April 6, 2018, Teach for America held their Innovation Awards. Board Member Cipriano Vargas received their Alumni Leadership Award. Rotary International held regional finals speech contest. Congratulations to Jess Kennedy from Mission Vista High School for placing first in that event. District Highlights video produced by students at Rancho Minerva Middle school was shown.

B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION - ROTARY INTERACT Cindy Farfan is the Rotarian that works with RBV Interact Club. The teacher that sponsors the club is Jim Bennett. Robert Crowel is the Rotarian that works with MVHS Interact Club. The teacher that sponsors the club is Anne Fennell.

C. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RECOGNITION Presented by Rachel D'Ambrosa. Classified Substitute Custodian, Kevin Asowago and Certificated Substitute, Griselda Vizcaino.

D. PROCLAMATION - SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE Presented by Elaine Alexandres.

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

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) Presented by Tod Critchlow. Spoke about T.H.E. Leadership Academy event this morning. Watched parents and teachers working on math lesson together. Teachers are collaborating and it's a win win. Trust the experts, listen to the teachers. Education is better if we work together.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Presented by Marie Hovel. CSEW is May 20-26, 2018. Theme: The heartbeat of our schools. Mentioned upcoming events. Lack of communication. Need to work on communication gap. Cuts may be necessary but every cut effects a real person who has dedicated their time to the district.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Presented by Yolanda Mezquite, President of DELAC. Translated by Juan Ayala. On Monday, March 19, 2018 DELAC held their monthly session. Two tasks were addressed: 1. Task 2: 7 sites presented School Needs Assessment results and recommendations 2. Task 5: Information was shared regarding languages spoken in Vista and number of

students that have reclassified this year In addition, the 3 required site ELAC tasks were reviewed for clarification of ELAC requirements. The DELAC board would like to respectfully request again that there be more teachers specifically focused on English Learners returned to the sites. Jim Gibson asked for more information regarding asking for return of teachers. What are the details? Dr. Matt Steitz said that the ELD resource teachers who were assigned to the sites and now they are centrally based and go out to sites due to reductions.

7:05pm-7:15pmBreak

VTA President, Tod Critchlow, questioned Interquest presentation.

**Item 17B. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR** Presented by Donna Caperton and Jeff Geyer. Member Alderson said that he has experienced this first hand as a principal and does not support it. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell, stoke against it and recommended to the Board that they deny. Student Board Member, Arleth Flores Aparicio, spoke in support of it. Member Gibson said that the threat of being caught is a deterrent. Member Herrera asked if we can do a trial for the rest of the year. We only have six weeks left. We can get the feedback and make decisions for next year. Member Vargas asked principals in crowd for input. Principal Ayala said that he does feel there is a need. We would benefit from a trial. Principal Golly said that she has experienced the dogs as a teacher. It was a deterrent. She agrees that a trial is a good idea but six weeks might not be enough. Member Alderson said that he thinks it's a waste of money. Student Member Nathan Mizell said that we do not have data. How can we spend \$5,000 with no data? Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) NO (Alderson).

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

A. STAFF REPORT: AVID Presented by Anne Greene and students Arleth Flores Aparicio and Carlos Vasquez. Our VUSD AVID Program currently serves, What is WICOR? Recent Innovations in our program, Impact of AVID, Questions? Member Alderson asked what was the most beneficial thing that AVID did for you. Carlos Vasquez said that it helped complete financial and applications for college. Arleth Flores Aparicio said that note taking helps you in critical thinking. She was able to take AVID class after school so she could still take a rigorous schedule. A push to apply for scholarships. Member Herrera asked how did you use it as English Learner. Arleth said that teachers emphasize reading and note taking. Critical thinking comes a little later in high school. AVID is a resource. Carlos said that attending seminars and analyzing articles. Member Smithfield said that she would like to see more in elementary schools. Students are continuing in the program at high school. Member Vargas asked the students to come back to inspire future students. Member Alderson ask what the budget is for AVID. Anne Greene said \$215,000 which includes tutor budget and other fees.

**Item 10. Consent Calendar** Pulled 15J and 15L. Matt Doyle and Donna Caperton explained 15J to Board. Request to remove Dunk Tank contract but rest of contract list remains. Member Vargas moved to approve 15L, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved. Member Herrera moved to approve consent calendar with changes, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: NONE

**Item 11. Human Relations**

A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

**Item 12. Student Support Services**

A. APPROVE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE 48916.1 AND EDUCATION CODE 48926

B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION ON CASE NUMBERS W17-2017/18 THROUGH W19-2017/18

**Item 13. Special Education**

**Item 14. Curriculum & Instruction**

- A. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTBOOKS
- B. APPROVE NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES
- C. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS
- D. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- E. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

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

- A. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RANCHO BUENA VISTA LACROSSE BOOSTERS FOR THE 2017-18 AND 2018-19 SCHOOL YEARS
- B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 18-37, 18-38, 18-39, 18-40 DESIGNATING DISTRICT AGENTS
- C. APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISING ON BEHALF OF THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2017-18
- D. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING MARCH 31, 2018, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- E. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14369700 THROUGH 14385044
- F. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$38,015.67
- G. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 27, 2018, THROUGH MARCH 28, 2018
- H. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC FOR YEAR 5 PROPOSITION 39 ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,046,756 (C13140189-5
- I. APPROVAL OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF VISTA
- J. APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (V17180842C) WITH VISTA FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING. Pulled by Cipriano Vargas. He asked Dr. Doyle to explain. Donna Caperton also expanded.
- K. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- L. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS – Request that Dunk Tank Marketing be removed from the list. All other items will remain.
- M. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- N. APPROVE RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL'S WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL EXHIBITION GAME AND CHARITY EVENT TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 at RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

**Item 16. Board Business** None

**Item 17. Discussion/Action Items**

- A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 18-42 TO DENY THE CHARTER PETITION FOR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY DUAL LANGUAGE INSTITUTE Item was tabled at the request of NUA. See agenda item 6A.
- B. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR Item moved up on agenda after agenda item 8.
- C. REVIEW BOARD POLICY 1312 RESOLVING COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOARD POLICY 1312.3 UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES: 1ST READING No Action Taken. Member Alderson wanted to clarify that no major changes were made but the CSBA language recommendations. Member Smithfield had questions and asked for more specific information.
- D. APPROVAL TO ADD TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR; APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-34 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BID #2014/15-22814 FOR THE LEASE/PURCHASE OF SEVEN(7) BUSES Lonna Leghart, parent of MVHS student, supports proposed bussing plan and asked for the present guidelines to be reviewed. Presented by Donna Caperton. Member Gibson asked if we can pick up more students or extra stops. Member Herrera said that this is a circle. We need to have a specific strategy and in the best interest of the students who have to walk long distances. Member Vargas asked about electric school buses. We do not have plug in system for them. Member Alderson said that we need to be cautious about bussing to magnet schools. Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

E. APPROVE FACILITY PROJECTS FOR 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR Presented by Donna Caperton. Member Alderson asked for 2017-18. Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

F. APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-35 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MODULAR RESTROOM BUILDINGS FOR CASITA AND GRAPEVINE SCHOOLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$305,020 Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

G. APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-36, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CMAS CONTRACT #4-13-72-0008C FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CARPET AND FLOORING Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

CSEA President, Marie Hovel, wanted to remind Board that these are real people and real jobs. Cuts hurt. We have hard working Classified employees. Please be kind, gentle and quick.

H. 1. APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF THIRTY (30) CLASSIFIED POSITIONS. (FOURTEEN OF WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A VACANT POSITION) 2. APPROVE THE REDUCTION OF HOURS FOR 8 CLASSIFIED POSITIONS. Presented by Rachel D'Ambrosa, Director, Human Relations. Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

I. APPROVE THE VISTA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SUNSHINE PROPOSAL TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENT Presented by Elaine Alexandres. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 18. Continuation Item 5.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments**

**Item 19. Board Business/Discussion**

A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business - Reschedule Governance Workshop for August 23, 2018. Member Alderson asked for sequence of technology, what is happening, and what it looks like through the system. Member Gibson said that college is not for everyone. Students can get technical jobs out of high school. Student Board Member, Nathan Mizell, spoke about Mission Vista High School Senate Meeting. He will be focusing on the student voice in our schools. Member Alderson said that Rancho Buena Vista High School held a candidates forum. It was an outstanding event run by students. Student Board Member, Arleth Flores Aparicio, was able to help organize the event. Student engagement is important. Member Smithfield was impressed with event. Also attended Yellow School Bus Tour to see school facilities, NAMM meeting, IB Tour and Mission Vista TED Talks. Member Herrera commended Board for being so present. She attended STEM Festival at VIDA. It gets better and better each year. She had the opportunity to judge 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Optimist Speech Contest. Member Vargas thanked Dr. Ruggles for the award nomination.

B. Board Members Reports or Comments

C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting

D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - MAY 8, 2018

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 PM.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees