

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

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**  
**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  
R. Elizabeth Jaka, Clerk  
Jim Gibson, Member  
Angela Chunka, Member

**Staff Members Present**

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools  
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence  
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations  
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

**Student Board Members Present**

Matthew Marquez Molnar, Vista High School

**Student Board Members Not Present**

Keri Scholte, Mission Vista High School  
Emma Konugres, Rancho Buena Vista High School  
Katrina Swirsky, Vista Visions Academy  
Lane McComb, Alta Vista High School  
Carlos Harvey, Major General Murray High School

**Item 1 CLOSED SESSION 6:00 P.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. Staff's Recommendation for Expulsions of Cases Numbered 10-2015/16 AND W14-2015/16 THROUGH W18-2015/16
- C. Threat to Public Services or Facilities: Discussion of Network and Technology Security Plan for Informational Purposes
- D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelection/Reassignment (Government Code 54957)
- E. Labor Negotiations Update (Government Code 54957.6) Labor Negotiator(s): Brett Killeen/Elaine Alexandres

**Item 2 Open Session/Regular Meeting – ON/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by President Alderson.

**Item 3 Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session** President Alderson reported that the Board unanimously approved suspension agreement of certificated employee case #07201604.

**Item 4 Approval of Agenda** Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. (Including Student Board Members) YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

**Item 5 Public Comments** Maryland Elementary Teacher, Regan Duncan, presented a service learning project along with some of her first grade students. Paula Keen, first grade teacher at Temple Heights Elementary spoke about her experience with our literacy programs for youngest learners. Community member Marshall Byer expressed his concern for student safety when walking to and from school and requested that we teach safe walking in rural areas.

**Item 6 Public Hearing** - None

**Item 7 District Announcements**

- A. DR. VODICKA DISTRICT COMMENTS: Annual Heroes of Vista event award recipients are Educator of the Year for Arts: Kathy Olson, Vista Academy of Visual & Performing Arts Educator of the Year for Technology: David Ruiz Vista Innovation & Design Academy Educator of the Year for Scholarships: Kelly McKinney, Vista Unified Educational Administrator of the Year: Dr. Matt Doyle, Vista Unified Vista Academy of Performing Arts was notified that they are a Gold Ribbon School recognized by the California Department of Education. The student broadcast team at Rancho Minerva Middle School entered into a contest that is hosted by Panasonic and won. Four students will be going to New York to receive award. We co-hosted the League of Innovative Schools national meeting. At the same time, ASU+GSV was held in San Diego. On Saturday we had students in a Hackathon. We participated in a TEDx event on Sunday that featured student performances. Anne Fennell from Mission Vista High School was one of the TEDx speakers. School site visits on Wednesday to nine of our schools.
- B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION: RESPECT – Dr. Vodicka recognized the Early Education Network, our trusted partners who assist us. Tia Anzellotti - Director of Partnerships, United Way San Diego, Sandra Candler-Wafer, North Region Facilitator, United Way San Diego, Laura Kohn, Executive Director, Education Synergy Alliance, Lucia Garay, Executive Director, Early Education Programs and Services, San Diego County Office of Education and Robin Layton, President and CEO, Educational Enrichment Systems
- C. PROCLAMATION: CALIFORNIA DAY OF THE TEACHER: MAY 11, 2016 – Dr. Vodicka read proclamation.
- D. PROCLAMATION: CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WEEK: MAY 15-21, 2016 – Dr. Vodicka read proclamation.
- E. PROCLAMATION: SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE WEEK MAY 15-21, 2016 – Dr. Vodicka read proclamation. Brett Killeen, Elaine Alexandres and Alaina Jankly presented Substitute of the Year certificates to Classified Employee - Rogelio Sanchez and Certificated Employee - Claudia Gomez.

**Item 8 Reports from School Related Organizations**

- A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Tod Critchlow presented. Spoke about Assembly Bill (AB) 375 which went into effect on January 1, 2016. Based on our contract, it will not take effect until the 2017/2018 school year. Mr. Critchlow read a statement from Pat Eamus who is at the hospital waiting for the birth of his second child. Requested that the Board and district honor this law immediately.
- B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Marie Hovlyn presented. CSEA Board has attended various meetings throughout the district this month. Classified School Employee Week (CSEW) is May 15-21, 2016 – Everyday Heroes. Encourage everyone to wear the buttons.
- C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – Sopha Lamos presented. March 21<sup>st</sup> held Board Meeting. DELAC Board recommends that CAASPP information be sent to parents so that parents can ask for Student Assessment Accessibility Tools to be turned on. The board would like the district to figure out a way to track who is using these supports to see if they are improving scores. 2. DELAC Board recommends that school principals share how important the CAASPP test is, how rigorous it is, and how important it is that the students are prepared. 3. DELAC Board recommends that principals train the teachers to train the students on how to use the designated and universal

support tools. 4. DELAC Board recommends that Craig Wiblemo's CAASPP powerpoint be translated into Spanish (This has already been done, and a link to the Spanish powerpoint will be provided to the DELAC Board at the next meeting). 5. DELAC Board recommends that principals share information about the lawsuit against CDE with parents as it was shared at DPAC.

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

A. STAFF REPORT: TK AND KINDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Presented by Shari Fernandez. Committee, Input from Committee, Composition of Committee, Meeting Dates, Transitional Kindergarten, Sites with TK, Addition of Expanded TK, Enrollment for TK/Kinder 2015-16, How VUSD is Promoting TK/Kindergarten, TK/Kinder Curriculum. Dr. Sharmila Kraft presented Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Research (Treatment vs Non-Treatment Group), Next Steps, Questions. Angela Chunks commented about the number of students. Member Jaka asked if we saw an increase in registration numbers due to advertising. Dr. Vodicka thanked the Board for encouraging us to promote the programs. Member Herrera recommended promoting it through the Strawberry Festival.

Break – 8:00pm Call to Order at 8:12pm

- B. STAFF REPORT: SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE – Presented by Dawn D. Dully. Professional Development 15-16, State Performance Plan Indicators Highlights, North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (SELPA) Award Winners, Next Year. Dr. Vodicka asked the Board to let us know if additional information is wanted. Member Jaka asked if we are still considering Single District SELPA. Dr. Vodicka said that we are currently looking at the pros/cons. Member Chunks said that presenting it as mini-workshops with Board Members would be the best way to deliver it. Member Herrera asked what information we have that tells us this model is working for children. Dawn Dully commented that they will put data together for the Board. Member Alderson asked for three data points. Member Jaka asked for the children being mainstreamed, is there a fine line. Dr. Vodicka said that it's a gradual change.
- C. STAFF REPORT: HIGH SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE – Dr. Vodicka presented Purpose, Traditional Education, Qualities of an Effective Learner, Timeline. Sherry Opacic reviewed the timeline placemat. Pursuing Excellence and Innovation, Researching. Larry White reviewed the learning environment. Developing, Emerging, Implementing, Comments and Questions. Dr. Opacic reviewed the timeline in more detail. Member Chunks asked for clarification on which schools would be impacted by this. Dr. Vodicka explained why Mission Vista High School was brought into the loop to join Rancho Buena Vista High and Vista High. Larry White explained that if changes were made, it would affect all three schools. Member Alderson felt that it was important to include them. He asked if the health education impacted physical education. Larry White clarified. Member Jaka asked if what qualifies as PE is set by the state requirements. Mr. White said that there are some variables. The state mandate is two years of PE. Dr. Vodicka is encouraged by seeing some themes and our groups will be about to come forward with recommendations. Member Gibson asked if we have open enrollment in high schools. Dr. Vodicka said that we have not denied any students requesting a different school outside of boundaries. Member Gibson asked how many open seats do we have at each school. Donna Caperton said that she will prepare a report.
- D. STAFF REPORT: MISSION AND VALUES – Presented by Craig Wiblemo. Respect, Trust Collaboration, District Goals 2016-2017, Focus on Goal 7, Partnership with UCSD, Survey Methodology, Data Collection, Response Rates, Individual Statement Rating Scale, Sub-Scale Development, Sample Statements, Survey Results, Teachers' Perceptions, Students' Perceptions (All Schools), Students' Perceptions (High Response Rate Schools), Classified Staff Members' Perceptions, Parents' Perceptions, District and Site Leaders' and Managers' Perceptions, Q&A. Member Jaka commented about how trust for principals has gone up. Member Gibson asked about the survey dates. Mr. Wiblemo said that we should expect the third year of data within the next three months.

- E. STAFF REPORT: MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT, & TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE (MITI) PROJECT UPDATE – Brett Killeen presented History, Transition & Functional Impact. Donna Caperton presented Transition & Functional Impact. Brett Killeen presented Communication. Donna Caperton presented Challenges. Brett Killeen presented Next Steps, Questions. Member Herrera said that we need to make sure that employees are not working extra long hours. We need to bring in some support staff to help. Brett Killeen mentioned that we did bring in some extra Fiscal Service staff. Member Gibson asked about time sheet processing going to two times a month. How is it done? President Alderson thanked the team for all they have done to make sure that payroll was completed. Member Jaka also thanked everyone.
- F. STAFF REPORT: FISCAL SERVICES UPDATE – Presented by Casi Wells. Accountant Ana Machado reviewed the department's role with ASB. Accountant Alice Asias reviewed training. Mary Dineen reviewed Print Shop services. Diana Johnson reviewed Purchasing Department. Casi Wells reviewed Fiscal Services Department.
- G. STAFF REPORT: BLUEPRINT UPDATE #10, STRATEGY 8 – Presented by Dr. Matt Doyle. Framework for the Future, House of Learning, Strategy 8 Action Plans 2015-16, Transformation and Success, Action Plan 1 Focus Student Perspective: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12, Personal Learning Challenge Scale-Up, Challenges and Next Steps, Blueprint as a Continuous Process of Refinement, Revision Process Flow Chart, Blueprint/LCAP Communication and Feedback, Blueprint/LCAP Current Feedback Themes, Blueprint/LCAP Next Steps, Blueprint Update Timeline, Questions. Member Chunka would like an organizational chart.

**President Alderson requested to extend the time of the meeting.** Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

**Break 10:26pm**

**Item 10 Consent Calendar**

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 10, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

**Item 11 Human Relations**

- A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER
- B. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR DEBORAH STARKEY FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
- C. APPROVE SECOND YEAR OF REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR JEAN RYDER FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
- D. APPROVE SECOND YEAR OF REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR SANDRA PIPERATO FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
- E. APPROVE THE ANNUAL DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
- F. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

**Item 12 Student Support Services**

- A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASES NUMBER 10-2015/16 AND W14-2015/16 THROUGH W18-2015/16
- B. INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2015-2020 SCHOOL YEARS –

**Item 13 Special Education - None**

**Item 14 Curriculum & Instruction**

- A. APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- C. APPROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE TEXTBOOKS: College Preparatory Mathematics Core Connections, Course 1
- D. APPROVE NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR 2016-2017
- E. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS

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

- A. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING MARCH 31, 2016, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- B. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTTALLING \$46,676.06
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 28, 2016, THROUGH APRIL 4, 2016
- D. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14090340 THROUGH 14100192
- E. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- F. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2016
- G. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- H. AWARD BID #C15160036R, NEW LUNCH SHELTER AT VISTA MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL TO GEM INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC INC. IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$189,000.00
- I. APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-35 AUTHORIZATION TO PIGGYBACK ON THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BID #14/15-3
- J. APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-36 AUTHORIZATION TO PIGGYBACK ON THE COLTON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BID #09-01 FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, OUTDOOR SITE FURNISHINGS AND DSA SHADE SHELTERS
- K. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTBOOKS
- L. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C13140189 FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS YEAR 2
- M. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000.00

**Item 16 Board Business** None**Item 17 Discussion/Action Items**

- A. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-33, APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER #389, AND THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE INCREASING BY 2 WORK DAYS (FROM 181 WORK DAYS TO 183 WORK DAYS) BEGINNING IN THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR. Elaine Alexandres presented. Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.
- B. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 16-34, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO (2) EIGHT HOUR DAY, 10 MONTH DISTRICT INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR POSITIONS ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE ABOLISHMENT OF ONE (1) VACANT SIX HOUR A DAY, 12 MONTH DISTRICT INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR POSITION ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Elaine Alexandres presented. Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.
- C. AWARD RFP #C15160626A FOR ARCHITECTUAL SERVICES FOR LONG RANGE FACILITY MASTER PLAN PROJECTS Donna Caperton presented. Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

D. AWARD RFP C15160813, PLANNING SERVICES TO TBW & B STRATEGIES Donna Caperton presented. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

E. AWARD ERATE BIDS, 16170051, 16170052, 16170053 FOR WIRELESS EQUIPMENT; UPS EQUIPMENT; AND NETWORK EQUIPMENT Presented by Donna Caperton. Member Gibson asked that this item be tabled until the next Board Meeting so that the Board Members have more time to review. Member Gibson moved to approve tabling item, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved tabling item until the May 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

**Item 18 Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation by Community Members/Public Comments (if necessary) - None**

**Item 19 Board Business/Discussion**

- A. School Board / Community Forums regarding VUSD Budget – President Alderson requested. He asked the Board members if we can hold a budget community forum. Board Members supported idea. Potential dates will be sent to the Board Members.
- B. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business – Member Chunka asked when the next ELA/Math update would be. Dr. Vodicka mentioned that we recently had the Board Workshop. The regular updates are scheduled quarterly.
- C. Board Members Reports or Comments - None
- D. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting - None
- E. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Meeting Adjourned at 10:46pm.

  
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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

  
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Clerk of the Board of Trustees