

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

Thursday, May 4, 2017
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
Jim Gibson, Clerk
Rosemary Smithfield, Member
Cipriano Vargas, Member

Staff Members Present

Dr. Matt Doyle, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Elaine Alexandres, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

Staff Members Not Present

Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Student Board Members Present

Adriana Gonzalez, Alta Vista High
Fernando Suarez, Major General Murray High
Meghan Stashak, Mission Vista High
Alyssa Maloney, Rancho Buena Vista High
Kelly Cannataro, Vista High
Rose Loock, Vista Visions Academy

Item 1 Closed Session 6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957): 1 CASE
- C. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S): ELAINE ALEXANDRES
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code 54957)
- E. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION

Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting Call to Order-Roll at 7:05PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session The Board voted to approve a settlement agreement regarding student number 0145004170 in a special education dispute, resolving all issues in dispute by unanimous vote 5-0.

Item 4. Approval of Agenda Request to move agenda items 9A and 9B (Student Board Reports) up on the agenda between agenda items 6 and 7. Request to table items 1, 2 and 4 on the Out of District Travel Register (14D). 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**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA / ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

Jonathan Salt from Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost – Presentation of student scholarships. Jose Garcia, President of ELAC for Roosevelt Middle School spoke about student reclassification and resource teachers. Maydelid, parent from Casita Center, expressed concerns about ELAC and resource teachers.

Adriana Delgado, Vice President of DELAC, concerns about cuts in schools, resource teachers and student reclassification. Jason Tinling gave his hold card to Eric Weirather, Band Director at Rancho Buena Vista High School. Reviewed history of music program at school. Band uniforms are 16 years old. Cost to replace is \$500 each. Thanked Board for support. First grade teacher at Mission Meadows, Pamela Swauger, requesting an assistant principal at Mission Meadows. Valerie Siulua, teacher and parent, spoke about safety of child at school. Evangelina Montoya, parent of Olive Elementary School student, spoke about reclassification concerns. Erika Flores, Maryland Elementary parent, has concerns about ELD teacher cuts and student reclassification decline. Students from Vista Academy Performing Arts, Brianna Robles, Kimberly Rendon and Mireyli Reyes presented report on drinking water. Sarai Schulthess, drum major at VHS, requested that we purchase new uniforms. Melisa Marquez, Mission Meadows ELAC representative expressed concerns about cuts of ELD resource teachers. Daniel Thomas, band president at Rancho Buena Vista High School, shared concerns about the need for new band uniforms. Teresa Anderson and Alicia, tuba players at Rancho Buena Vista, brought instruments to share condition with Board members. Thanked Board for funding for new tuba last year. Jason Tinling, RBVHS band president and parent, requested new uniforms. Sean Damon and Kira Broilini, RBVHS band members, requested more support for the band. Tihuna Lomax, drum major, shared concerns about band uniforms and instruments. A.J. Maloney, Student Board Member and theater student at RBVHS, requested more funding for music and arts. Reace Pudvah, RBVHS band member, requesting funding for new uniforms. Lori Anderson spoke in support of the arts and band programs.

Break 7:56pm-8:09pm

Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board (Moved up at the request of Board)

A. STUDENT BOARD REPORT - MAJOR GENERAL MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL – FERNANDO SUAREZ

B. STUDENT BOARD REPORT - VISTA VISIONS – ROSE LOOCK

Item 6. Public Hearing

A. 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 submitted to establish the National University Academy. Presentation by Kimberleigh Kopp, Executive Director.

Student, Sarah Phonce, spoke in support of home school. Parent spoke in support of dual language, student in support of dual language, Carol Jeffries, parent of home school student spoke in support of charter. Candice Palman, parent spoke in support of dual language. Erin Clancy, parent, spoke in support of dual language. Yesenia, parent, spoke in support of dual language. Parent spoke in support of dual language. Student spoke in support of charter. Antonio Gonzalez, employee, spoke in support of dual language. Elizabeth Durr, parent, spoke in support of charter. Parent spoke in support of dual language, Son spoke in support of charter. Brian Jensen, Vice Chancellor of National University, spoke in support of charter. Board Member Vargas asked if National University sponsored any other charters. Ms. Kopp explained their structure. Member Alderson asked if the same eight board members will have oversee all charters. Ms. Kopp stated that they only have one at this time. In the future, all charters will have their own boards and budgets. They will be separate schools.

Break 9:16pm-9:25pm

Item 7. District Announcements

A. DR. DOYLE DISTRICT COMMENTS:

Heroes of Vista Awardees - April 21, 2017

S.T.E.A.M. Teach of the Year: Roger Royster, Vista Magnet Middle School
S.T.E.A.M. Teach of the Year: Ramiro Santana, Temple Heights Elementary
S.T.E.A.M. Teach of the Year: Andrew Driffill, Hannalei Elementary
Educational Administrator of the Year: Laura Smith, Casita Center
Classified Employee of the Year: Velia Huerta, Alta Vista High School
Ann Fennell was named National Teacher of Year Magnet Schools

International Center for Educational Research and Practice Sneak Preview - May 2, 2017, New Gear-Up Program at VIDA and RMMS in partnership with Palomar College, Encuentros STEM Academy at Palomar College - Robert Rivas and Juaquine Aganza, Honoring Our Own Celebration - May 5, 2017, High School Administrator of the Year - Anthony Barela , Elementary School Administrator of the Year - Charlene Smith. Vista choir performance at Moonlight Theater. Thank you to Student Board Members.

B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION: A Very Special Prom. Vista High School and Rancho Minerva Middle School. Kaitlyn Duncan was recognized. Recap video of event was played.

Item 8. Reports from School Related Organizations

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Presented by Tod Critchlow. Teacher appreciation week is going on now and next week.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Presented by Marie Hovel. Classified School Employees Week – Everyday Heroes May 13-20, 2017. Many special events scheduled to celebrate employees. Welcome Dr. Doyle as Interim Superintendent. Thank you to Elaine Alexandres and the Human Relations team for honoring our retirees.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – No Report.

Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board

C. PRESENTATION: INTERVIEWS OF POTENTIAL SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH – CONSULTANTS/FIRMS

John Rouch from David Long & Associates presented.

Joe Farley and Suzette Lovely from Hazard, Young & Attea presented.

Rich Thome and Peggy Lynch from Leadership Associates presented.

George Bloch and Jennifer Walters from The Cosca Group presented.

D. STAFF REPORT: GRADUATION AND A-G COMPLETION – No Report Presented.

E. STAFF REPORT: SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE presented by Mayra Helguera. 2016-17 District-Wide Professional Development for Certificated Staff, Professional Development 2016-17 District-Wide Certificated Staff, 2016-17 District-Wide Professional Development for Certificated Staff to Support Inclusion, 2016-17 Site Specific Professional Development for Certificated Staff to Support Inclusion, Study Skills, State Performance Indicator Plan Highlights, 2017 North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) SEPLA Award Winners, Other Special Recognitions, Summer Projects, Next Steps.

Item 10. Consent Calendar - Member Vargas moved to approve with changes to 14.D, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

10:27pm – Request to extend meeting to 11:00pm. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas), NO (Gibson)

Item 11. Human Relations

A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

12. Student Support Services

13. Special Education

14. Curriculum & Instruction

A. APPROVE NEW AND REVISED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR 2017-2018

B. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTBOOKS

C. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

D. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER – Tabled Items 1, 2 and 4.

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

A. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AWARD BIDS/CONTRACTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM May 5, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 21, 2017.

B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

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

D. AWARD BID #C16170017B, NEW LUNCH SHELTER AT EMPRESA TO BENOLD CONSTRUCTION IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$84,500.00

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

F. AWARD BID #C16170021B, ENTRY MODIFICATION AT MISSION MEADOWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SD REMODELING INC. IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$136,000.00

G. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 2017

H. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14241336 THROUGH 14248658

I. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 27, 2017, THROUGH APRIL 26, 2017

J. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$51,604.91

K. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

16. Board Business

17. Discussion/Action Items

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 17-25 TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE RENEWAL PETITION FOR NORTH COUNTY TRADE TECH HIGH SCHOOL – Presented by Jeremy Walden. Member Herrera asked how long does ASAM application process take. Moving them to ASAM status, how does it modify what they do for students? She recommends that we really work at making sure that these students can read and write. We cannot compromise what we offer these students. Member Gibson said that students learn differently. Two of his employees went to Trade Tech and they could think mechanically. Has always been impressed with Trade Tech. Member Alderson said that ASAM model will take away rigid standard. Member Smithfield said that she was impressed during tour and with progress. Parent Diane Studinka, husband Richard and son Jonathon addressed Board. Mrs. Studinka shared Jonathon's story as a student at Trade Tech. They spoke in support of the school. Member Gibson said that you can't push kids into a mold and they learn differently. Member Vargas said that there is a place in our district for Trade Tech and asked Dr. Doyle about accountability and charter school visits. Michelle Anderson from the California Charter Schools Association spoke against charter.

Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

10:57pm – Request to extend meeting to 11:30pm. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Smithfield. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas)

B. APPROVE NEW ELA ADOPTION MATERIALS FOR LEARNING TO READ FOR 2017-2018

Presented by Sharmila Kraft. Thanked the teachers for their participation. Member Smithfield provided overview of how it was rolled out in K2. Guided Reading instead of whole program. The pilot was carried out carelessly. Lack of teachers so it never should have happened. Can't judge National Geographic by pulling one piece when it is written as a program. It was mentioned to you by teachers. American Reading Company is not on the list of adopted reading materials. We have never paid for a pilot in this district. We have many approved programs that we could have used. We already have guiding reading in classroom. How about we spend the money to train the teachers how to use them. This program does not give the students the foundation they need. Member Alderson asked that if teacher has a guided reading program in classroom, is there anything keeping them from using it. We didn't have enough books to meet the needs. Member Alderson asked if we purchased these books two years ago to meet a certain need, why didn't we purchase enough. Anyone who wanted to pilot the new program was able to do so. Small number of teachers to pilot. Member Herrera recommended that the teachers who piloted be given the option to purchase.

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson and Vargas) NO (Smithfield) Approved 4-1.

C. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH MATT DOYLE FOR SERVING AS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

18. Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments (if necessary)
19. Board Business/Discussion

A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business – Agreed to add Special Board Meeting on May 30th Closed Session at 6:00pm, Open Session at 7:00pm

B. Board Members Reports or Comments

C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting

D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - JUNE 29, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 11:36PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees