

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015
CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
VISTA, CA 92084

Board Members Present

Angela D. Chunka, President
Carol Weise Herrera, Vice President
Rich Alderson, Clerk
Jim Gibson, Member
R. Elizabeth Jaka, Member

Staff Members Present

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

Student Board Members

Britni Chau, Vista High
Yanet Ibarra, Rancho Buena Vista
Autumn Hagstrom, Mission Vista High
Karina Hinojosa, Vista Visions
Natalie Guy, Murray High

**OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL
CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Chunka.

CLOSED SESSION

The parents of a special education student filed a due process complaint with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) due to a dispute regarding a student's special education program. By **unanimous vote** (Gibson, Herrera, Jaka, Chunka, Alderson) **the Governing Board approved a settlement agreement reached by the parties in OAH case No. 20501038 resolving all issues in dispute.**

The Board in Closed Session by **unanimous vote** (Gibson, Herrera, Jaka, Chunka, Alderson) **approved a resignation agreement for employee ID #11-201503 a classified employee effective June 30, 2015.**

The Board in Closed Session by **unanimous vote** (Gibson, Herrera, Jaka, Chunka, Alderson) **directed the Superintendent to serve notice pursuant to Education code 44929.21B certificated employee 10-201503 effective at the end of the 2014/15 school year.**

The Board in Closed Session by **unanimous vote** (Gibson, Herrera, Jaka, Chunka, Alderson) **approved the request for re-assignment to a teaching position for the following certificated employees beginning July 1, 2015 pursuant to Education Code 44951 and 44897: 06-201502, 07-201502, 08-201502 and 09-201502.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (including student Board members) **YES:** (Gibson, Jaka, Herrera, Alderson, Chunka) **unanimously approved.**

Item 5. A. Public Hearing

None

6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

Dr. Vodicka shared the following information:

- **Read Across America week was held last week.** Fantastic event. We had the highest level of community involvement this year. **Lake Elementary had 21 guest readers during the week.** Principal at Bobier kissed a cow and was hit in the face with a pie to motivate students to read. CSEA and VTA were very involved as well.
- **Administrator Susie Johnson was recognized as the California Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year**
- The Achievement Gap Task Force Forum was held on Monday by SDCOE. Five sessions were held. **Vista Unified presented two sessions one by VIDA for design thinking and another by Dr. Vodicka and three other Superintendents on Future Ready school initiatives**
- Last night the **STEM fest was incredible.** The student energy and enthusiasm was amazing.
- **Dr. Vodicka will be leaving tonight to Washington D.C. for Digital Learning Day.** Vista is 1 of 4 districts invited to attend.

Item 6.B. Superintendents Recognition: Respect

Child Nutrition Services (CNS), Brock Smith, Director of CNS and Solutions for Change, Chris Megison, President & CEO

The CNS and Solutions Partnership exemplifies the value of respect--treating all with dignity. The Child Nutrition Department partners with Solutions for Change in order to bring the best quality produce to our students and staff. Solutions for Change are providing opportunities for families to obtain marketable skills to re-enter the workforce. Solutions for Change produces high quality produce utilizing Aquaponic farming; therefore the produce is organic and is free from pesticides.

This unique partnership between Solutions and CNS intertwines sustainable earth farming, great nutrition, and educational enrichment in order to support our local community.

Chris Megison thanked the Board and district for their partnership to help solve family homelessness. **Director Brock Smith** shared the value to the district and students. It's been a win win situation.

Item 7.A. Student Board Member Report: Murray High

Natalie Guy shared the following information:

- **28 students have graduated. Between 60-70 students will graduate with high school diplomas again this year.**
- MGM will hold an annual **Career Day, next Friday, March 20.** They will host over 30 different career experts.
- Participated in the **mock trial competition.** Students received a great learning experience and this allowed them to use their communication skills, public speaking skills and collaboration skills.
- **Implemented an Honor Roll program** this year to encourage students to strive to be the best that they can be
- **Teamed with Vista Community Clinic to bring Step Up mentoring to Murray High.**

Item 8.A. VTA Report

President Barbara Dawson thanked Chris Megison for his valuable program. Spring break will be here soon to refresh and rejuvenate for students and staff. Ms. Dawson shared schools will not be held accountable yet for the Common Core test. She shared further information from CDE. Ms. Dawson spoke about the old system, assessments and its value. Spoke about teacher salaries. How is the district going to compete with surrounding school districts and retain teachers hired? We need to hire and retain the best and brightest. Ms. Dawson shared the value of the teachers in the classroom.

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

Marie Hoveln President of CSEA shared we are the backbone of the district. Shared what CSEA members provide on a daily basis. We have a lot to contribute. We are a busy and diverse group. Ms. Hoveln shared information on the job classification study taking place. **CSEA week is May 18-22. The theme is Engaging Learners, Inspiring Leaders.** Tonight we will hear about Library Media Technicians and their value. **Library Media Technician Lisa Hoffman** shared the functions of the library media technician at the high school, middle school and elementary levels. Shared the many duties they perform on a daily basis in and outside of school time. They are willing to grow and learn.

Item 8.C. DELAC

No report

Item 9.A. English Language Arts (ELA) Review

Wendy O'Connor, Coordinator, C & I Early Literacy shared the following:

- Elementary ELA
- Transitional Kindergarten through 5th Grade
- STAR Early Literacy: September, February, February Scores, Number and Percent at/Above, Number and Percent
 - ✓ District Averages
 - ✓ Kindergarten Scale Score
 - ✓ 1st Grade Scale Score
- STAR Reading-Elementary

Next Steps for Elementary

- Continue collaborating with Shannon Coulter
- Refine 3-5 year K-2 Early Literacy Plan
- Revise Scholastic K-5 ELA Units of Study and corresponding performance tasks
- Continue K-2 balanced Literacy professional development sessions

Discussions ensued by the Board on levels of growth, reading proficiency, progress and plans in place for those students who are falling behind. **Dr. Vodicka** shared information on reading comprehension and growth we need to see. Interventions will be shared in April. **Member Jaka** added we have to know where we are to see where we are going. **Member Chunka** inquired what are we doing now. **Ms. O'Connor** stated every school has a Response to Intervention (Rti) at each school site. **Member Herrera** stated has an assessment been built in common or individual? **Ms. O'Connor** stated an assessment is built in and shared how. **Dr. Vodicka** stated we will send you information on Rti and assessments we received so far. **Member Gibson** stated we have to teach students to read at a reasonable level. **Member Alderson** shared we need to look at a successful school and if we have a program that works we need to use district wide.

Secondary ELA: Dr. Matthew Steitz

- STAR Reading-Secondary (9-12)

Next Steps for Secondary

- Middle school cohort teachers piloted performance tasks and are in the process of grading and analyzing
- High school performance tasks are scheduled to be piloted by the cohort later this spring

Discussions about reading, assessments and interventions continued. Student's patterns of testing and the need for reading teachers at the secondary level. **Member Herrera** shared her passion for reading. Students need to learn to read. She shared her thoughts. **Member Gibson** stated thank you for the accuracy of the presentation. **Member Jaka** shared the same thoughts.

8:00 p.m. 5 minute break

Item 9.B. Mathematics: Dr. Matt Steitz, Director Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Steitz shared the following information:

- STAR math grade level data
- Math Intervention
- **Goal 2: We want our students to have expertise in mathematics**
- VUSD Secondary Mathematics
- VUSD Common Core/Integrated 1 Pathway

Discussions of pilots being planned for 2015-16. **Dr. Vodicka** shared further information on pilots and its success for students and staff. Making it more consistent. **Member Chunka stated Calculus BC AP we need to provide that at Rancho Buena and Vista High School. As of next year we need to provide it.** Dr. Steitz will take that information to the schools.

Item 9.C. Summer Student Programs: Shari Fernandez, Director, C & I, K-5

Shari Fernandez shared the following information:

- Elementary: What, When, Who, Where, Why
- Middle School
- High School
- Supporting Migrant Ed
- Math for America

Member Chunka inquired do we have anything for Bobier and Foothill-Oak? **Ms. Fernandez** stated we need to see if we have any teachers and the cost. They will look at that.

8:26 pm 5 minute break

Item 9.D. Blueprint Construction Mid-Year Status Report #9: Dr. Matt Doyle

Dr. Matt Doyle shared the following (pdf posted on line):

- Framework for the Future
- House of Learning
- Status Report Components
- Timeline Report
- Status Report Components
- Mid-Year Budget Comparison
- Mid-Year Adjusted Budget
- Next Steps for March and April

- Finalize proposed revisions to blueprint actions and services for 2015-16
- LCFF Budget Advisory Committee to review alignment of revised actions and services to draft funding allocation for Blueprint
- Begin development of LCAP revision for 2015-16
- Get final feedback from DPAC, DELAC, VTA and CSEA

Member Herrera shared her thoughts about use of funding for improving instruction either in reading, math or writing during the summer. Focus on good teachers for the summer for small group instruction. Interventions for students. **Member Alderson** shared his thoughts on use of funding during the summer. Dr. Doyle has met with 80% of school site councils. They are very eager to come up with plans. **Member Jaka** shared the same thoughts. **Member Chunka** added there are parameters built in. **Member Herrera** added it seems the most opportune time to make a difference is in a small group instructional setting during the summer.

9:12pm 5 minute break

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Item 10.A. Presentation by Community Members

None

All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on March 12, 2015 board meeting

Item 11 Consent Calendar

President Chunka stated we have amended Items 12.C-12.F. Copies have been provided.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve with revised items 12.C-12.F, seconded by **Member Alderson**. All in favor (including Student Board members) (Yes: Jaka, Herrera, Chunka, Alderson, Gibson) **unanimously approved**.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2015

12. HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. APPROVE THE CERTIFICATED HUMAN RELATIONS PERSONNEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER
- C. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR CAROLYN THOM FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
- D. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR SANDRA PIPERATO FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
- E. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR JEAN RYDER FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR
- F. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR JUDY CANDY MUNSON FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

14. SPECIAL EDUCATION: NONE

15. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- C. SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- D. SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN - AMENDMENTS

16. BUSINESS SERVICES (FISCAL SERVICES, ACCOUNTING, CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES, PURCHASING AND FACILITIES)

- A. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-390263 THROUGH 12-393386
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- C. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 15-33 THROUGH 15-41
- D. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY 2015
- E. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2015, THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2015
- F. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000

G. AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP #C1516007) FOR CELLULAR SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD FROM 7/1/2015 THROUGH 6/30/2018 WITH VERIZON WIRELESS
H. AWARD RFP #C14150336, GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO JOSTENS INC., FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018 WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS FOR RENEWAL

17. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Measurable Goals

Craig Wiblemo, Director of Measurement & Monitoring shared the following:

- Responsibilities Related to Setting the Direction for the District
- Setting Direction for the District
- Framework for the Future
- Interconnections
- Structure of Goals
- Feedback from January
- Priorities
- Proposed Goals
- Priorities in Plain English
- Alignment with CA State Priorities

Next Steps

- Request approval of proposed goals
- Continue alignment of goals with Blueprint plans and resource allocations

Member Herrera stated goals 2-8 we are making phenomenal progress. It is measurable we can see it. We need to work with our highest priority.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to accept the proposed goals, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

B. Approve Renewal Of Guajome Park Academy Charter Petition For A Five-Year Term Beginning July 1, 2015 Expiring On June 30, 2020

Dr. Doyle shared it has been great working with Mr. Hampton on the charter monitoring process. Great work is being done at GPA. The district has monitored the fiscal part of GPA. This is the first year monitoring from a content perspective. **Dr. Doyle** stated both processes were very lengthy. The process took two months. Thanked staff members who helped in the process. **The District recommends for acceptance and approval renewal of GPA charter for another five-year term.**

Superintendent of GPA Bob Hampton shared Vista Unified is one of the oldest granting agencies in the state of California. Mr. Hampton stated their achievement outcome and data shows what we have accomplished. It is a team support of parents, Board members and families.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved approval of this item, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

C. Approve The Superintendent's Recommendation for the Elementary Boundary Re-Alignment

Ms. Caperton shared information:

- Elementary Boundary Alignment Recommendation
- Focus
- Committee
- Meetings held (5)
- General information
- Action items

1354 students will be affected by the change. **Over 50 people on the Committee approved Plan C for recommendation.** Effective for the 2015-16 school year.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to accept the superintendents recommended boundary changes, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

D. Approve Second Interim Financial Report For The Period Ended January 31, 2015 And Mid-Year Budget Adjustment For The Blueprint

Ms. Caperton shared the following:

- Projected financial picture as of 1/31/15. We are declining in enrollment
- LCFF
- Multi-Year projection (2014-15)
- LCFF Target
- ADA %
- Per ADA
- VUSD \$
- 2014-15 Assumptions
- 2015-16 assumptions
- Multi Year projections:2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17
- Ending Fund Balance
- **Positive Certification** for its 2nd Interim Financial Report

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve the second interim financial report and the mid-year allocation adjustment, seconded by Member **Herrera**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

E. Approve Finance Agreement with Dell Financial Services, LLC for a Four Year Term and the Purchase of New Computer Systems, Hardware, and Software

Ms. Caperton shared every four years computers will be replaced. Staff has been working with Dell on the terms of what the district will be purchasing.

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve Item 17.E., seconded by Member **Gibson**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

F. Award Bid #C15160006 Wireless Network Equipment to Datel Systems Inc. in the Amount Of \$341,290.00

Member Gibson shared his thoughts and stated I don't believe that Ruckus does not have intrusion prevention, intrusion detection systems and does not communicate with routers and switches. **Dewayne Cossey Director of Information Technology** shared information. IT is moving away from Cisco. **Member Gibson** shared the value of Cisco compared to Ruckus. This is something to be invested in wisely to work well. He would like to see copy of the

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RFP and RFQ. Cisco gives a 90% discount. Mr. Cossey shared the value of Ruckus being a major brand.

Member Gibson shared his concerns and stated he will not vote in favor of this tonight. Discussions continued on Ruckus and Cisco. **Member Alderson and Herrera** asked various questions. **Mr. Cossey** shared further information. **Member Chunka** would like information provided in a Friday report.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve, seconded by **Member Alderson**. All in favor

Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Herrera

Oppose: Gibson

Motion passed 4-1.

G. Approve Resolution #15-42, Entitled "Authorizing the Execution of a Site Lease, Sublease and Construction Services Agreement for the Construction of the Vista High School Bleacher Project"

Ms. Caperton shared information on this item. Staff has been working with the architects for DSA approval.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve Resolution 15-42 seconded by **Member Herrera**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

H. Approve Resolution No 15-43, Approving Entering Into Amendment No 1 of the Lease Lease Back Contract with Erickson-Hall Construction Co in the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$208,934

Ms. Caperton stated another grant was received for the Linda Rhoades Community Center. Ms. Caperton shared the work that will be completed.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve Resolution 15-43 seconded by **Member Alderson**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

I. Approve Lot Line Adjustments for Darwin Mitigation Property

Ms. Caperton shared information on this property.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve lot line adjustments for Darwin mitigation property seconded by **Member Jaka**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

J. Approve Job Description: Coordinator, Student Support Services

Assistant Superintendent Brett Killeen stated this is a revision of a job description that has been updated.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve changes to the **Coordinator of Student Support Services**, seconded by **Member Alderson**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

K. Approve Resolution 15-32 the Elimination of Specific Classified Position: Instructional Assistant I

Mr. Killeen stated 1 instructional assistant 1 position at Vista Vision Academy is no longer needed due to lack of work.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve Resolution 15-32 seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

- L. Approve Appointment of Board of Directors of VUSD Improvement Corporation
- 18. Close Board Meeting/Adjourn to VUSD Improvement Corporation
- 19. VUSD Improvement Corporation Meeting
 - A. Notice of Annual Meeting Of The Board Of Directors Of VUSD Improvement Corporation
 - B. Annual Meeting Of Vista Unified School District Improvement Corporation, Call To Order Election Of Officers Of Board Of Directors, Open Elections Of Officers Of Board Of Directors For The Vista Unified School District Improvement Corporation

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to accept the current officers of the VUSD Board of Trustee as the officers of this Corporation seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

- C. Approve Amendment to the By-Laws of the Vista Unified School District Improvement Corporation

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to make the Chief Financial Officer Donna Caperton seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve amendment to the By-Laws seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

- D. Adjournment of VUSD Improvement Corporation Meeting/Reconvene to Regular Meeting of the VUSD Board of Trustees

Board Business

Member Herrera stated we have scheduled a May 7 Special meeting. GPA is celebrating their 20 year anniversary for stakeholders. I will be attending. **If we need to hold a Special Board meeting we can do that on Tuesday, May 5.** Board members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, April 16, 2015.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees