

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017  
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD ROOM  
1234 ARCADIA AVENUE  
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  
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence  
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

**Item 1. Closed Session** Call to Order at 4:01pm by President Alderson. Tod Critchlow, President, Vista Teachers Association, apologized for communication error. Explained bargaining team process. Handed Board Members VTA Bargaining Highlights. Daily class size at Vista High School is important. Teacher, Pat Emaus, spoke about Vista High School class sizes. Mentioned Community School Facilities Financing Committee Update that will be presented at November 14, 2017 Board Meeting.  
4:08pm – Board adjourned to Closed Session.

A. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S):  
ELAINE ALEXANDRES

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957)

C. THE COSCA GROUP - APPLICANT DISCUSSION/SELECTION

**Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting** Call to Order-Roll at 6:32PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance. Nothing was reported out of Closed Session.

**Item 3. Approval of Agenda** Member Vargas moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 4. Board Business/Discussion**

A Workshop of the Board – MATH. Presented by Craig Wiblemo, Director of Measurement and Monitoring. Member Gibson asked in discussion with local colleges, what does remedial math look like? Mr. Wiblemo stated that Smarter Balanced is used as placement. Member Herrera said that the problem with math is that students can't read so they are unable to answer the question. Critical thinking and comprehension is required. Sherry Opacic presented. Member Gibson asked if students can test out of one of our math classes. Answer was no.

Board Members and Principals broke off into three workshop groups as directed by Dr. Opacic.

Comments and Reflections by Board Members. Member Herrera commented that we are math and SBAC reading driven. Difficulty with SBAC. Why aren't students improving in math? VMMS is consistently high on test scores. Collaboration as grade level. Bring teachers together. Member Vargas stated that the elementary level is the foundation. Need teacher training and collaboration. Do we need math impact teachers? Member Smithfield stated that she had the same comments as Member Vargas. Member Gibson stated that he needs to learn more about math in the district. We need to have programs that

support students, teachers and principals. President Alderson stated that these workshops are the most valuable evenings of the year. As a Board, we all think highly of you.

B. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 2017, CITY OF VISTA

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39PM.



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