

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

Thursday, April 20, 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. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Elaine Alexandres, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Matt Doyle, Assistant Superintendent, Innovation
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

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 5:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code 54957)
- C. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S): ELAINE ALEXANDRES
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957): 5 CASES
- E. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code section 54957) Title: Interim Superintendent

Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting Call to Order-Roll at 7:11PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session President Alderson stated that the Board voted to approve settlement agreements for the following special education disputes: 157003822, 384001432 and 371008838. President Alderson announced that the Board took action to appoint an Interim Superintendent. Unanimous vote to appoint Dr. Matt Doyle, effective May 1, 2017.

Item 4. Approval of Agenda President Alderson asked that we reschedule the agenda. Move 17A to just under Item 5. Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with change, 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**

Nicole Troussel, Vista Visions Academy PTA President, spoke against the changes with Vista Visions Academy. Erika Hugh, Vista Visions Academy (VVA) parent, spoke about her son and his success at the school. Amanda Stewart-Lahey, VVA parent, spoke about her past experience with Vista schools. Rylee Troussel, 8th grade student at VVA, spoke in support of VVA and concerns about having to go to a traditional school. Erin Charnow, parent and teacher, spoke about concerns with iReady and the Ready Math Program. Casey Peterson, RBVHS Baseball, spoke about lack of funds and facility concerns. Pat Emaus, teacher, expressed concerns about Superintendent's performance and leadership. Keri Avila, Resource Teacher, expressed concerns about cuts in K-5 resource teachers. Leila Lahey, student at VVA, spoke about how much she likes the school and doesn't want change. Marci Seither, parent, requested to reinstate random drug testing for athletes.

Item 17. Discussion/Action Items (Moved up on the agenda at the request of the Board)

Michelle Anderson, Regional Manager, California Charter School Association (CCSA) spoke in support of VSCS. Tanya Rogers, Chief Business Official for Springs Charter, addressed accounting/financial concerns that Vista Unified expressed. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent, Springs Charter School Network, addressed legality and spoke in support of Vista Springs. Alejandra Sanchez expressed concerns about charter schools. They need to comply with district standards. Raymundo Rangel, parent of LaFuenta school student, spoke in support of the bilingual program. Michelle Lopez, attorney for Vista Springs, stated that the petition meets all legal requirements.

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NUMBER 17-21 TO DENY THE PETITION FOR VISTA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL. Presented by Dr. Matt Doyle, Donna Caperton and Dr. Devin Vodicka. Member Herrera commented that curriculum doesn't exist. Need more than strategies. Member Smithfield asked how many Vista schools attend this school – 30-40 students from Vista attend existing program. Member Herrera asked where these numbers came from. Dr. Doyle said that they have 120 total students. Member Gibson mentioned that not all students learn the same way. He appreciated the choices he had for his children. He feels that the parents are the best decision makers for their students education. He does not support the rejection. President Alderson asked if LaFuenta has their own Board. Yes. Appointed by the sole statutory member. Member Vargas sees asset for the dual immersion. Need to visit campus site. President Alderson clarified that this vote will not close school tomorrow. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas). NO (Gibson). Approved 4-1.

Item 6. Public Hearing

A. NORTH COUNTY TRADE TECH CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL PETITION – Presented by Phil Lutgen and Doreen Quinn. Member Gibson said that two of their students became paid interns for him. They were excellent. Parent, Alejandro Sanchez, stated that he is honored to have his students at this school. Former student, Tasha Adpologis, spoke in support of Trade Tech. Parent, Elizabeth Tran, spoke in support of Trade Tech. Renee Ree, teacher and parent, spoke in support of Trade Tech. Michelle Anderson, Regional Manager for the California Charter School Association, recommended non-renewal of this charter. Allison Kenda, Manager of Achievement from the California Charter School Association, recommended non-renewal of this charter. Brad Ree, parent and engineering VP at cyber security company, spoke in support of Trade Tech. VHS teacher, Mackenzie Campbell, spoke in support of Trade Tech. Amus Amier, student, spoke in support of Trade Tech. Member Herrera commented that we educate the whole child. She supports this program. Member Gibson said that if he was a high school kid, this is where he would be. President Alderson said that this is a unique school offering unique classes.

Item 7. District Announcements

A. DR. VODICKA DISTRICT COMMENTS: This will be my last chance to share district comments and I want to be sure to extend my gratitude and thanks to each of you that have provided partnership and support over the past five years. In particular, I would like to thank the Board for trusting me with this important responsibility and for modeling a student-centered approach to leadership. Special thanks also

to Michelle Bell who has been a perfect complement for me. She models servant leadership every day and she inspires me to be a better leader. Thanks also to the Cabinet and congratulations to Dr. Doyle on his appointment as Interim Superintendent. I know that the district is in good hands and I am confident that the strong leadership team will sustain our current momentum. There are too many others to name specifically - all of the staff members at the district office and at our school sites, the family and community partners, local/state/national/international partnerships, higher education institutions, preschools ... the list would go on and on. Everyone has made a difference. I would like to extend a special thanks to my wife Nicole and to my two children, Alexandria and Coltrane, for their unwavering support and encouragement. I am a very lucky husband and father. Usually at this time I run through celebrations such as the recent Gold Ribbon Awards at Rancho Buena Vista and Mission Vista. Those recognitions validate the hard work of our team and I am proud to see our success honored through these well-deserved accolades. Even though I am proud of those achievements, the work that we do must continue be driven by what is best for our kids. I am inspired by our students who are taking on challenges, collaborating, engaging in critical thinking, and solving real-world problems through their learning. I have said many times that our kids have big dreams and that it is our privilege to help make them come true. I have some big dreams as well. I believe that we can change the world through education and make it a better place for all of us. I hope that my leap of faith to take on a new and ambitious challenge inspires confidence in our kids to embrace opportunities for impact. Vista Unified is well on the path to becoming the model of educational excellence and innovation. So long as the community continues to embrace our values of respect, trust, and collaboration, I truly believe that anything is possible. President Rich Alderson stated that the district has moved forward. Great relationships that we have developed through Dr. Vodicka's model of leadership. Presented plaque from the Board to Dr. Vodicka.

B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION – DELAC – Dr. Vodicka presented plaque as thank you for their feedback. Yolonda Mezquite, Co-President of DELAC, accepted.

C. PROCLAMATION - DAY OF THE TEACHER – Read by President Alderson.

D. PROCLAMATION - CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WEEK – Read by Carol Herrera

E. PROCLAMATION - SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE – Read by Rosemary Smithfield

F. SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RECOGNITION – Elaine Alexandres introduced Kyle Ruggles. Dr. Ruggles recognized Classified Substitute, Denise Williams, who is a Library Media Tech Substitute and Certificated Substitute Cherlynn Warner from Hannalei Elementary.

Item 8. Reports from School Related Organizations

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Presented by Tod Critchlow. Good Evening everyone.

Tonight is bittersweet. I would like to offer my congratulations to our superintendent, Devin Vodicka. It seems like just yesterday that he showed up at the end of a long day of bargaining and helped us reach an agreement. If I can be allowed some poetic license, he showed up like a knight in shining armor and saved the day. By the end of the evening we had a tentative agreement and started down a road to a better Vista. So Devin. Congratulations. I will miss our talks. While we didn't solve all the problems associated with public education, I think we did discuss most of them. I know you will bring the same positive outlook to Alt School. And I wish you all the best. I know our loss is their gain. But as we all know school districts keep going on. Congratulations to Roger Royster, Ramiro Santana and Andrew Driffill and thank you to the Vista Education Foundation for recognizing these outstanding teachers. While I wish I could attend, I have family commitments, VTA is sending two members to represent. I hope those of you that are going enjoy the Heroes of Vista Event. With the approval of the District's retirement incentive, we will have a record number of retirements this year. Another big change that is going to ripple through our community. I hope to see you all at the retirement reception next month. I would like to remind everyone that last Dec, the VUSD school board approved a proclamation safeguarding our students. The VUSD school board is to be commended for this and the audience should know that VUSD was one of the first districts in CA to do so. We acted as the model of educational excellence. I bring this up now to draw your attention to May 1. On May 1, VTA is joining all of CTA in a day of action. A day to show our support for public education. And among other things I will be encouraging VTA members (and I ask you) to join us at a rally on May 1, 4pm Wildwood Park.

VUSD and VTA have just started our negotiations. The two bargaining teams have met twice and are off to a positive start. Speaking for the VTA team I can say that they appreciate the professionalism and sincerity of the VUSD team. Even if we made them do an icebreaker. I am hopeful that the two teams will continue to move forward and find common ground as we continue forward. Lastly, I will offer a simple reminder. Last month I offered a survey asking teachers what the best thing about teaching is. The vast majority of responses made reference to our students. It was made very clear to me that VTA members clearly value the impact they make on their students. So I ask you, the board to remember that the Teachers of Vista care. The Teachers of Vista are invested in the success of their students. The Teachers of Vista love the "Ah! Ha!" moment students share with us when they discover or master something new. I ask you to remember this as bargaining continues. Student Board Member, Alyssa Maloney (AJ) from Rancho Buena Vista High won the Rotary 4 Way Speech Contest today in San Diego. B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Presented by Marie Hovel. May 13-19, 2017 will be CSEA Week. Each department, site and classification will be recognized. Ms. Hovel presented Dr. Vodicka with honorary lifetime membership to Vista 389 CSEA.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – Presented by Yolonda Mezquite. Translated by Sophia Ramos. On Monday, March 20, 2017, DELAC held their monthly session. They had two district presentations and one presentation from an outside agency. Jaime Phillips, Director of CNS, addressed concerns expressed by DELAC members at their prior meeting. Mario Santiago presented WAVEPACT and other college related information. A representative from the Mexican Consulate gave recommendations for immigration status and what services the Mexican Consulate can provide. The DELAC board has no recommendations at this time but would like to request a presentation on the Districts early pick up policy and how that affects attendance. The next DELAC meeting will be on May 22, 2017. Community member, Alejandro Sanchez, thanked Board for recognizing the DELAC Committee.

D. Del Norte Council PTA – Kim Hilder said that they voted to change the name to Vista Unified Council PTA. This will take place over the summer. Celebrating 60 years as a chartered PTA. A 9th district PTA representative presented pins to the Board to celebrate the 9th districts 100 years.

Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board

A. STUDENT BOARD REPORT - MAJOR GENERAL MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL – Moved to May meeting due to late hour. Student Board Member had to leave at 9:00pm.

B. STAFF REPORT: STEM – Introduced by Sherry Opacic. Sue Richie presented Engineering in Our Classrooms, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), NGSS Shifts, NGSS Early Implementation Initiative, Teacher Leaders Lead, Elementary NGSS Academy, A Lighthouse for Others, Accolades, NGSS. Dr. Vodicka thanked Ms. Richie for her hard work. Member Smithfield said that this is one of the best things that we have in the district. You will be missed. Member Herrera wanted to know if teachers have guidelines. Sue Richie explained the process. President Alderson said that there is so much in science that is consumable. How are we doing there? Ms. Richie said that we are aware and considering. Member Herrera said that in the blueprint, we have \$30,000 for science supplies. President Alderson shared his experience with supplies. Kellie Fleming presented Computer Science, Robotics and Engineering, New STEM Course Offerings, High School STEM Pathways, 4th Annual STEM Fest, NASA Partnership and Accolades. Member Gibson asked where needed money is coming from. Mentioned AFSEA offering funding. Member Vargas mentioned girls in the NASA project.

C. STAFF REPORT: VAPA – Larry White introduced Shari Fernandez. Elementary Music – Member Smithfield asked what next year will look like. Next year the teachers will have a full day at sites. Carolyn Thom presented Middle School Arts Enrollment, High School Arts Enrollment, Curriculum and Instruction, New and Revised Courses, Middle School Awards and Recognitions, High School Awards and Recognition.

10:38pm Extend meeting to 11:00pm. Moved by Member Herrera, seconded by Vargas.

Community Member Heather Williams said that Carolyn Thoms position needs to be filled when she retires. Explained what students are learning with clay. Member Herrera thanked them for their hard work for our students.

D. STAFF REPORT: BLUEPRINT UPDATE - STRATEGY 7 AND 8 – Presented by Matt Doyle, Victoria Curtis, Michelle Snyder, Kim Morton, Catina Hancock, Laura Smith, Eric Chagala, Anthony Barela, and Anne Green. House of Learning, LCAP Budget Alignment to Board Goals, Strategy 7 – Action Plans, Strategy 7 – Status, Strategy 7 – Challenges and Next Steps, Strategy 8 – Action Plans, VUSD: Personal Learning Pathway, Strategy 8 – Personal Learning Impact, Strategy 8 Challenges and Next Steps, Blueprint Update Timeline, Questions.

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

Item 11. Human Relations

A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

B. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

Item 12. Student Support Services

A. INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2016-2021 SCHOOL YEARS

Item 13. Special Education

Item 14. Curriculum & Instruction

A. APPROVE THE COLLEGE READINESS BLOCK GRANT PLAN 2016-2017

B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

C. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

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

A. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING MARCH 31, 2017, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT

B. APPROVE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATION FUNDRAISING ON BEHALF OF THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2016-17

C. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

D. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

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

F. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

G. AWARD BID #PW16170500B, SITE IMPROVEMENT AT THE VISTA INNOVATION CENTER ON BEHALF OF EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT, INC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO SD REMODELING, INC. IN THE BASE BID AMOUNT OF \$133,600.00

H. APPROVE FIRST OPTION YEAR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT #C15160829, ANNUAL CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES TO WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY

I. ADOPTION AND SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 1113 DISTRICT AND SCHOOL WEB SITES

J. AWARD OF BID #C17180011, MILK, DAIRY, FRUIT JUICES & ICE CREAM PRODUCTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$955,402.23.

K. APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-19 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CMAS CONTRACTS 3-16-70-3316A AND 3-16-70-3316B, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GOODS AND SERVICES

L. APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-20 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PEPPM CONTRACT 527080-133, TECHNOLOGY AND CLASSROOM FURNITURE

M. ANNUAL MUNICIPAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

N. APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF VISTA

O. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT

P. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-19

Q. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID# C16170096 FOR CNS HYDRATION STATIONS AT MULTIPLE SITES TO HARBOR BAY, INC.

- R. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14227602 THROUGH 14240760
- S. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 17-22, 17-23, 17-24 DESIGNATING DISTRICT AGENTS

Item 16. Board Business

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

Item 19. Continuation Item 1 Closed Session

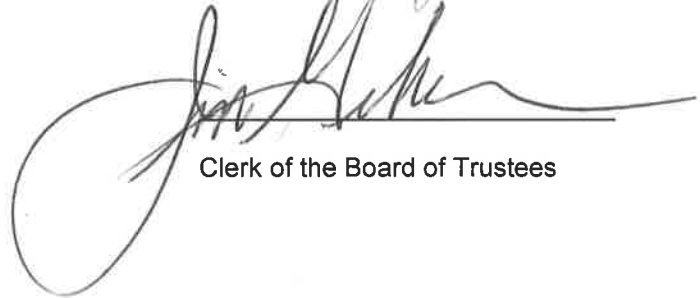
Item 20. Board Business/Discussion

- A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business
- B. Board Members Reports or Comments
- C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting
- D. Next Regular Board Meeting - May 4, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 11:16PM.



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