

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 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 (arrived at 7:18 pm)
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
Natalie Guy, Murray High
Autumn Hagstrom, Mission Vista High
Maya Carles, Vista Visions

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chunka.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board in Closed Session **approved the settlement agreement for Employee ID 02-201501 a permanent classified employee. Approved (Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson) 4-0. Member Gibson absent.**

The Board in Closed Session **approved the settlement agreement for Employee ID 03-201501 a permanent certificated employee. Approved (Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson) 4-0. Member Gibson absent.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 5. A. Public Hearing

Renewal of Guajome Park Academy Charter for another Five-Year Term.

In 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Vista Unified School District approved a charter petition submitted by Guajome Park Academy (GPA) for a term of five years, which is now set to expire. In accordance with Education Code 47605b no later than 30 days after receiving a complete petition, the Board must hold a public hearing to consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents. VUSD staff will make a recommendation to the Board to approve or deny the renewal petition at a **future** Board meeting.

Open for Public Comments

Bob Hampton Superintendent of GPA thanked the district for their help in addressing the needs of GPA. Mr. Hampton shared GPA recognitions, successes and their high performing students. They have achieved amazing things over the last five years.

Kathy Hamamoto an employee/teacher and parent shared the successes of GPA. GPA provides a quality education for students.

Myra Marsh is part of the GPA Foundation and served on the Board of Directors. Ms. Marsh spoke in support of the renewal of GPA. Shared the goals they met academically and their successes. Their governance structure and leadership is very strong.

Lindsay Arias an employee of GPA shared the successes of GPA. Ms. Arias shared the value of their school and spoke in support of renewal.

Kevin Humphrey an employee of GPA shared the value of GPA and their successes. Please support GPA renewal a student centered organization.

NO OTHER COMMENTS: PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Item 5.B. Public Hearing

Conveying a Utility Easement to SDG&E for Utility Purposes at Rancho Buena Vista High School.

The District owns property commonly known as Rancho Buena Vista High School, located at 1601 Longhorn Drive, Vista. SDG&E owns a fuse cabinet on or adjacent to the District Property. In order to update SDG&E's utility services in the District, SDG&E has requested that the District grant them an easement for working space on the property at Melrose Drive to access to SDG&E's fuse cabinet. District staff has determined that conveying the easement to SDG&E is in the best interest of the District. A resolution of **intent** was approved by the Board on December 11, 2014.

Open for Public Comments

Teacher Pat Emaus would like to see that they complete the work before or after school hours due to traffic. Keep an eye on traffic.

NO OTHER COMMENTS: PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TONIGHT ITEM 17.E.

6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

Dr. Vodicka shared the following information:

- **On January 16 the District held a districtwide day of Professional Development.** Thanked Curriculum & Instruction Larry White, Human Relations Brett Killeen, and Elaine Alexandres along with other team members. It was a great collaborative effort to organize. Received great feed-back. It was a great day.
- **Congratulations to Jeanie Luckey Deputy Superintendent.** Ms. Luckey will retire at the end of June. Ms. Luckey is a relentless advocate for students.
- Meeting with Jeanie and principals on student achievement data.
- Monday is the **Vista Chamber of Commerce State of the Community Luncheon.** Dr. Vodicka and City of Vista Mayor Judy Ritter will present.

Item 6.B. Superintendent Recognition: Collaboration

Dr. Vodicka formally recognized Dr. Bruce Braciszewski and Gary Knight

Dr. Braciszewski is the Executive Director of the Classroom of the Future Foundation. He is a leader in the world of innovative education. Dr. Braciszewski has been a partner with Vista Unified as the district has worked to develop 21st Century learning environments. He introduced Vista Unified to the Project Red research which was the first large-scale national study to identify and prioritize the factors that make K-12 technology implementations perform dramatically better than others. Introduced “Computers 2 San Diego Kids” to Vista Unified. As a result of this collaboration hundreds of Vista families now have computers in their homes.

Mr. Gary Knight is the Executive Director of the San Diego Futures Foundation. This nonprofit organization was established to improve the lives in San Diego through technology. This organization works to bridge the Digital divide in San Diego and help low income households, people with disabilities and seniors. Mr. Knight introduced the PORPOISE robotics program, donated robotics tool kits and Landsharks which allowed Rancho Minerva Middle School to develop and implement their after-school robotics program. Mr. Knight and the San Diego Futures Foundation have provided low-cost computers and assistance with Cox Communication internet connections for qualifying families needing technology in their home.

Dr. Braciszewski and Gary Knight thanked the Board for their recognition and collaboration. Vista Unified is one of the most innovative.

Item 7.A. Student Board Member Report: Mission Vista High School (MVHS)

Autumn Hagstrom shared a few of the amazing happenings at MVHS.

- This year MVHS had their largest steel drum ensemble and 78 students will be performing at CSU San Marcos, North Coast Church, the Heroes of Vista Gala, and Fox 5 Live at 9 am.
- 11 Speech and Debate students will fly up to UC Berkeley in February to compete in the Cal High School Speech and Debate tournament.
- MVHS Academic Team won a tournament for the first time in MVHS history, outscoring the competitors by over 30 points, and putting MVHS on the academic team map.
- MVHS Robotics team was recently awarded the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award for inventiveness and ingenuity in a robot design.
- In Biomedical Innovations students are working on independent projects such as job shadows, research, and presentations. The class is also working with a research scientist to write a grant for schools in Uganda to obtain clean water.
- MVHS has not only welcomed a new principal, Ms. Miller, but 25 new teachers and over 500 new students.

Item 8.A. VTA Report

Vice President Todd Critchlow shared that JB Barton is retiring at the end of January. Hats off to JB. Mr. Critchlow shared Mr. Barton’s time with the District. Mr. Barton dedicated his career to make VUSD the best. Mr. Critchlow shared the value of other great teachers that make a difference and deserve to be recognized. We Are Teachers Every Day (WATE). Teachers are a generous bunch who help make the world a better place. Treat us with respect and we will go the extra mile

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

Alicia Evilsizer 1st Vice President of CSEA shared how wonderful the professional development day was. So many people worked so hard. We had great collaboration. It energized us and inspired us. **Ms. Evilsizer thanked Elaine Alexandres, Brett Killeen, BethAnn Arko, Michelle Bell and Layla Rosales. Marie Hovel** introduced **Letha McWey CNS Lead 1** from VAPA. Ms. McWey stated the staff development day was amazing. She invited all to visit their school cafeteria. Child Nutrition Services serves quality food. The District is supported by an amazing CNS department.

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No Report

Item 9.A. VUSD A-G Completion: Dr. Matthew Steitz

Teacher Pat Emaus shared a chart of second semester integrated math grades. Mr. Emaus shared his concerns and the need for individual support for students.

Dr. Steitz shared the following information:

- **Charts:** Graduates meeting A/G requirements for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13
- **Percentage of Graduates Meeting Requirements:** San Diego County, California, Vista Unified Vista High, Rancho Buena Vista, Mission Vista
- **Demographic: Longitudinal data**
- **Next Steps**

Discussions ensued. Staff will look at foreign language and math component support.

8:10 p.m. 5 minute break

Item 9.B. High School Transformation Task Force: Deputy Superintendent Jeanie Luckey

- **Purpose: Develop a plan of action to transform our high schools into models of educational excellence and innovation**
- Local Control Accountability Plan
- Met six times: September – January
- Seven additional sessions scheduled
- Setting the Stage – Need for Change
- Historical Context of High Schools in United States
- Five Sessions: Ideal State of Vista Graduate
- Future Sessions

Main points of discussion at meetings are: What are the skills that students truly need. Everyone has their own perspective. Best input received from parents, speaking up and sharing.

Item 9.C. Blended and Online Learning: Dr. Erin English Director of Blended Learning

- **Definition of Blended and Online Learning**
- What Blended Learning Isn't
- Benefits of Blended Learning
- Components of Blended Learning
- Redesigning Teacher Roles
- Next Steps
- Outside Organizations that work with VUSD

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBER

Dr. English stated parent training was provided. We are not using this at the high school level yet. At this time it is a pilot.

Item 9.D. Measurement & Monitoring: Craig Wiblemo, Director

- What is Being Measured?
- Personalized Learning: Competency Based Education
- Superintendent's Monthly Reading/Writing Reports: STAR and myOn
- Regular Meetings with Curriculum & Instruction
- User-Friendly, Real Time Data Monitoring System For All Stakeholders
- K-20 Regional Education Database
- Vista Partnership for Children

Member Herrera shared her thoughts about myOn. We need to look at a comparison report with myOn and STAR every 4 months. It would give us a better statistical analysis. **Dr. Vodicka** shared Mr. Wiblemo will be working on assessments, math and literacy Strategy 6. Shared myOn information in year 2 and it's potential. Discussions continued.

Item 9.E. Recruitment and Hiring Update: Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations

- Why 2013/14 Such a Big Recruitment Year
- Certificated Data
- Classified Data
- Areas of Highest Need to Recruit
- **Strategy 5:** Attract, Hire, Support, & Keep Great people
- What Steps are we taking to fulfill this Goal?
- Additional Steps
- Final Thoughts

Item 9.F. Boundary Adjustment Committee: Elementary Alignment Update: Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent Business Services

- Three meetings held
- Attendees: 1st meeting-49; 2nd meeting-57
- Website: <http://vistausd-ca.schoolloop.com/elementaryboundary>
- Future Agenda Items: 1st Draft review of Boundary alignment: **February 26, 2015, Final Approval: March 12, 2015**
- Timelines

Item 9.G. Blueprint Construction #7: Dr. Vodicka

- Blueprint/LCAP Mid-Year Adjustment
- Purpose
- Timelines: January, February, March
- Community Forums: Purpose, Outcome and Meeting Dates

Item 9.H. Goals Discussion: Dr. Vodicka

Community member Jill Parvin shared serious concerns about the number of students labeled English Language Learners (ELL). What is the district and teachers willing to do? ELL students should advance sooner than the board goal of five years. The previous Board goal of two years should be met.

Goal Discussion/Report

- Interconnections
- Structure of Goals
- Priorities

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBER

- Current Goals
- Priorities in Plain English
- Considerations
- Questions for the Board

Next Steps:

- Incorporate feedback from Board into proposed Goals for 2015-16 and 2016-17
- Bring proposed Goals to February Board meeting as an action item.
- Continue alignment of Goals with Blueprint plans and resource allocations.

Discussions/input by the Board ensued:

- Member **Gibson inquired about the reading target.** Should be the highest priority.
- **Dr. Vodicka stated should we separate ELA and reading.** Member **Jaka and Chunka agreed.** Member **Herrera shared her thoughts about the priority of reading.** Reading, writing and math that should be the top priority for our students.
- **Member Alderson** shared his thoughts about reading, learning and writing. We need to look at the whole aspect. **We want to see reading fluency improve.**
- **Member Jaka added** look at moving STEAM up and Service Learning next.
- **Student Board member Britni Chau** shared the benefits of service learning. It has helped her to integrate into the community, to think globally and systemically. Service learning should not be lowered on our priority list of goals for this school year.
- **Member Chunka stated attendance and expulsion should be a high priority.** If students are not in school they are not learning.

9:40 pm 5 minute break

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 January 22, 2015 board meeting**

Item 11 Consent Calendar

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

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBER

MOTION

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2014

12. HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER
- B. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

14. SPECIAL EDUCATION: None

15. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT BOOKS
- B. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEXT BOOKS
- C. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- D. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

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

- A. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 27, 2014, THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2015
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- E. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$14,730.85
- F. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2014
- G. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-372350 THROUGH 12-381308
- H. AWARD OF BID #C14150300R-CNS TRUCK BID
- I. AWARD OF BID C14150217R-LARGE COOLER/FREEZER COILS AND COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT FOR CNS-CENTRAL KITCHEN
- J. AWARD BID #C14150504 FOR CONTRACTED TRANSPORTATION BUS SERVICES TO GRAND PACIFIC CHARTER AND WESS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 15, 2015 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14, 2018 WITH TWO ONE-YEAR OPTIONS FOR RENEWAL
- K. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 WITH GEM INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC FOR A NEW INTERIOR COOLER AT CNS MAIN KITCHEN (BID #C14150098R) DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$4,751.06 TO \$74,108.94

17. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approval Of The Student Calendar For The 2015-2016(Revision), 2016-2017(Revision) And 2017-2018 School Year

Elaine Alexandres Director of Human Relations stated the Committee met several times this fall. There are no major changes to calendars.

MOTION

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

B. Approve Job Description: Executive Director, Innovation

Brett Killeen stated this is a new job description for Dr. Doyle who has been doing this work. This aligns with his tasks and responsibilities. **Member Gibson** inquired about the salary range. Mr. Killeen will provide the chart with the salary.

MOTION

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

C. Approve Job Description: School Librarian

This is an updated job description.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve job description of school librarian, seconded by Member **Jaka**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved**.

D. Approve and Adopt 2nd Reading of Board Policies for Business and Non-Instructional Operations, 3000

Dr. Vodicka stated this is aligning board policies with changes in statutes.

MOTION

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

E. Approve Resolution #15-30 Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Vista Unified School District Conveying An Easement To San Diego Gas & Electric Company For Utility Purposes

Ms. Caperton stated the district is allowing SDG&E access to district property. Staff will share with SDG&E best times to work on this project due to traffic and school start and end times.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve the easement for SDG&E, seconded by **Member Gibson**. All in favor (Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) **unanimously approved**.

F. Adopt Revised Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Funding Plan

Ms. Caperton shared information on the change what the funding will be used for to effectively use the remaining dollars in the time frame specified. **This falls within the guidelines as required by the state.**

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve the **Common Core** funding, seconded by **Member Herrera**. All in favor

Yes: Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Herrera
Oppose: Gibson

Approved 4-1.

G. Approve Facilities Project Listing for 15-16 and 16-17 as presented: Donna Caperton

Timelines of information received from sites on needs assessment and top three priorities

- November 2014: Request to sites sent out
- December 2014: Business Services received sites request. Maintenance, Grounds, and Safety provided lists for consideration
- January 2015: Reviewed by Cabinet for finalization of list

Criteria for Selection

Funding Source

2015-16 Project List

Next Steps

Action: 2014-15 Facilities Project List to be approved by the Board on January 22, 2015 Board meeting

MOTION

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

H. Approve Governance Handbook

MOTION

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

Dr. Vodicka thanked Sub Committee members Jaka and Herrera for their work.

Board Business

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, February 26, 2015**.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees