

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014
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
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

Student Board Members

Wade Lippert, MVHS
Isabella Corpora, RBV
Alda Vargas, AVHS

**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 by **unanimous vote took action to issue a notice of unprofessional conduct and unsatisfactory performance to certificated employee ID #14-201403.**

The Board by **unanimous vote took action to suspend a classified employee for three (3) days ID #15-201403.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Public Hearing:

Vista Unified School District's/CSEA contract (effective to June 30, 2016) includes language to reopen negotiations on specific articles on a yearly basis. The initial proposal from CSEA to VUSD is being sunshined as required.

Public Hearing opened for comments from the Public

No Comments

Public Hearing closed for comments.

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7. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

- Joined **Bret Schazebach CEO of the Vista Chamber to Temecula to observe their student of the month program**. Presenter was the Assistant Principal of Chaparral High who was also a graduate of RBV and her sister is a teacher at Roosevelt Middle School. **We are Vista everywhere!**
- **Principals continue to share their student achievement data** for their schools. There is a lot of work ahead and a lot has been accomplished.
- Tomorrow is the deadline for our magnet school admissions. **The Vista Innovation & Design Academy (VIDA) received 272 applications**. There are 200 openings in 6th grade.
- **Thanked teachers Trish Marapoti and Kelly Fleming who organized the first STEM Festival**. There was a tremendous amount of student participation and community involvement.

Superintendents Recognition: Trust

Content Support Resource Teachers (CSRT's)

Dr. Vodicka shared their value and support of our classrooms and schools.

*CSRT's travel from site to site collaborating with teachers not only to provide professional development and support but to bring back patterns and issues observed at multiple sites. They work flexibly making themselves available for early meetings as well as nights. They plan and respond quickly to any request or need that arise. **They truly embrace: We Are Vista Everyday!** Their dedication and ability to devote their collective energies enable them to make decisions to develop the capacities of our parents and staff to better serve our student's is to be commended.*

Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Alda Vargas a senior at Alta Vista shared about their school. There is a student of the month recognition using the Characters Counts theme. They also have an Education Leadership Program building on the Character Counts Program. Students also participated in Vistas Big Give. Shared what they have accomplished in date and community events they participated in. They held a blood drive in January and will hold another one in April. This is the first year AVHS had a Rugby Team and it was a great success. Alda shared other accomplishments in sports. **Alta has been named a model continuation school**. Dr. Vodicka also added that **Murray High has also been named as a model continuation high school in the state**.

Item 8.A. VTA Report

President Barbara Franklin of VTA thanked all the Content Resource Teachers and making STEM Fest a success. It was a great event. Hope it grows and becomes a strong yearly festival. Ms. Franklin shared the value of our teachers who give of their time and energy to students. Shared the value of smaller class sizes and some of the conditions in which our students learn. Shared further concerns of large kindergarten classes and the need for smaller classes. Teachers have not received a pay raise in over 7 years. They would like a reasonable salary increase. Vista can afford it and it is well deserved. Shared possible use of reserves and the supplemental class funds. We look forward to working with the district on LCAP. We can help Vista be a true pioneer of public education.

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Item 8.B. CSEA Report

Michelle Bell, President of CSEA stated CSEA is happy to come to the table to negotiate. Thank you for nominating Lisa Hoffman as the SDCOE Classified Employee of the Year. The STEM Fest was amazing. Thank you for all the hard work. Enjoy spring break.

Item 8.C. DELAC Report

No report. No meeting held in February.

Item 9.A. English Language Arts (ELA) Update/Report: Anne Green, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Goal 4a: to ensure that all students are making sufficient progress, we will monitor achievement based on Common Core measures in ELA and math.

Progress to Date (9/2013, 12/2013 and 3/2014)

- Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) Early Literacy
- STAR Reading
- Early Acceptance Program (EAP)
- California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- Read 180

Next Steps

- K-5 Early literacy consultant
- 6-12: i3 grant project with CSUSM/WRITE Institute: two years of professional development and support
- District wide reading assessment: achieve 3000
- Pilots: K-5: fast Forward; Imagine learning; 6-12; No Red Ink
- Google: Equal opportunity Schools: Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Equity and Excellence Project
- Three day Literacy Academy (6-12) in June: Literacy Standards across the curriculum

Student Board member Isabella Corpora inquired is there a better way to access the EAP results before graduation. Ms. Greene will speak to the Honors coordinator.

Member Herrera stated it is gratifying to see we are taking advantage of opportunities for staff development. We need it. We do not have extremely proficient readers. Good to see we are doing something and we are finding out ways to bring in consultants as to why and what we need to do. Continue looking at good programs that will help us in reading.

Item 9.B. Mathematics Update: Cathy Williams, K-12 Director of Mathematics

Updates

- Existing measures Predictive of Smarter Balanced Assessment Program (SBAC) and College Career Readiness
- High School Math Common Core

Next Steps

- Request for approval for adoption of Integrated 1 and 2 on board agenda tonight
- Implement effective K-12 RtI in mathematics
- Expand the ST Math Pilot to all 4th and 5th grade math students
- Establish strong Professional Learning Community practices through utilizing the Content Resource Teachers in assisting in data review and instructional practices to increase achievement

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- Continue developing Common Core sequencing and resource identification for middle and high school

Member Jaka inquired has all middle school teachers taken the 5 day professional development. Ms. Williams stated yes.

Ms. Williams added we have seen a lot of results with **Math 180**. **Dr. Vodicka** added we are pleased to see these results. Discussion on the Math 180 program ensued and the value to students. We have seen positive results.

Member Chunka stated parents are concerned for instance an incoming freshmen B, C algebra student and an A geo trig student how would the teacher differentiate the instruction. What is the effect of integrated math? Ms. Williams shared what students would need. We have to put out the right strategies.

Discussions continued. **Member Herrera** stated how are teachers accepting this. Ms. Williams stated middle school teachers are excited and energized. A little bit more concern from high school teachers being out of class. **Member Herrera** added we need to make sure students are getting what they need to be successful.

5 minute break

Item 9.C. Blueprint Update: Dr. Devin Vodicka

- Blueprint Progress
- Framework for the Future
- Revised Goals
- Goals Alignment to LCAP
- Blueprint Process
- Vista Unified Beliefs-Draft #2
- Vista Unified Strategic Parameters-Draft #2

Next Steps: Action Team Design Work/Strategy Development

- Draft Strategy Topics
- Strategy Topic Facilitators
- LCAP Timeline
- Innovative Strategic Planning Software
- Blueprint Calendar of Events.
- Ongoing Communications
- Revised timeline
- Next Steps

All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on March 13, 2014 board meeting

Item 10.A Presentation by Community Members

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments Member Gibson would like to see the notice of public comments at the beginning of the agenda.

Parent Rena Morocco addressed teacher salaries. Teachers are our first line of defense and first responders. They need more respect in the negotiations process.

VHS teacher Pat Emaus shared his concerns about the district saving money. Budget that money for students. He shared further concerns and the value of educating students. Mr. Emaus wants actions and results.

Parent Kimberley Ferreirae stated teachers deserve a raise and lower class sizes. She shared her concerns about Chrome books for students.

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Teacher JB Barton talked about the short timeframe for LCAP. We need to support STEM and STEAM. Teachers need to be trained. What about equipment. Start thinking about broad terms. He shared the value of highly qualified staff.

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Special Meeting Thursday, February 6 and Regular Board Meeting February 20, 2014

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. Approve the Human Relations Certificated Personnel Register
- B. Approve Human Relations Classified Board Register

12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Staff's Recommendation for Expulsion of Cases Numbered W7-2013/14 through W9-2013/14

13. Special Education - None

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement Amendment – Vista Academy of Visual & Performing Arts
- B. Approve High School Core Textbooks: American's History – AP Edition and Private Pilot Manual
- C. Approve High School Supplemental Textbooks: 1984 and The Bean Trees
- D. Approve New High School Courses for 2014-2015
- E. Approve the Out of District Travel Register
- F. Approve the Field Trip Overnight Register

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

- A. Approve First One-Year Renewal Of Contract #268000b For Office Supplies, Percentage Off Catalog Pricing To Office Depot, Inc.
- B. Ratify and Approve Grants Received For the Period from February 8, 2014 through February 28, 2014
- C. Board Approval and Acceptance of Donations to Vista Unified School District Totalling \$16,798.89
- D. Ratify and Approve Child Nutrition Purchase Orders for December 2013
- E. Approve the Child Nutrition Cash Expenditures for December 2013
- F. Approve the Child Nutrition Cash Expenditures for January 2014
- G. Ratify and Approve Child Nutrition Purchase Orders for January 2014
- H. Ratify and Approve Purchase Orders
- I. Award Bid #C13140413, Preventative Maintenance for Child Nutrition Services Equipment to Greg Provencal Services for the Period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2017
- J. Authorize Superintendent to Award Erate Contracts for 2014-15 School Year
- K. Board Approval of Revolving Cash Fund Payment
- L. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-276021 THROUGH 12-283279
- M. AUTHORIZE THE DESTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR FISCAL PERIOD PRIOR TO 2009/2010; AND DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AS SPECIFIED IN CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, SECTION 16027
- N. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 14-29 THROUGH 14-36
- O. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT
- P. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000

Member Gibson thanked the Board for approving the IT item. Likes the direction we are moving in. It's fantastic.

16. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreements Between the Vista Unified School District and the California School Employee Association #389 Effective July 1, 2013 To June 30, 2016 Resolution No 14.23

Acacia Thede Director of Human Relations shared information on this item.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

B. Approve The 2013-14 Local Educational Agency Plan (LEAP)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Markey teacher at Vista Vision shared information about Assembly Bill 86 and how that has been addressed in the LCAP implementation when plans will be rolled out. Ms. Markey is anxious to hear about it and the implementation of STEAM.

Teacher JB Barton shared concerns about the committee membership on the LCFF Committee. There is a limited amount of input. Teachers don't seem to be mentioned in the plan those that will be implementing the plan. There should be more teachers on the committee to look at the data we collect.

REPORT: Jeanie Luckey shared the following information on LEAP:

- Report Overview of the LEAP (**This report is not about the LCAP**)
- Intent and Purpose of the Local Educational Agency Plan
- The LEAP as it relates to the Local Control Accountability Plan

Major Goals of the LEAP

- ✓ Goal 1 and Goal 2
- ✓ Goal 3 Highly Qualified Teachers
- ✓ Goal 5A Increase Graduation Rates
- ✓ Goal 5B Decrease Dropout Rates

Monitoring of the LEAP

- ✓ Comprehensive data analysis
- ✓ Communication with all stakeholders on plan elements
- ✓ Use of California Accountability and Improvement System enables ongoing, active management and monitoring of plan

Dr. Vodicka shared the differences between the LEAP Plan and the LCAP. LEAP is federal compliance and LCAP is state compliance.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the LEA Plan, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

C. Approve Adoption Of The Integrated 1 And 2 High School Mathematics Courses

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent Wendy Rowland shared her concerns. There are no provisions for Honor classes. One size does not fit all. She shared further concerns.

Parent Kelly Ferreirae shared her concerns about integrated math and the results for her children. She shared further concerns.

Member Jaka inquired what are our options. Ms. Williams stated to adopt the common core state standards. Discussion by the Board ensued on pathways

MOTION TO TABLE

Member Gibson moved to table this item for more information. He would like more facts.

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Dr. Vodicka shared the approval process and the implications if tabled. President Chunka asked for a second.

MOTION FAILED

No second the motion fails for lack of a second.

Further discussions continued.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve adoption of the Integrated 1 and 2 high school Mathematics courses, seconded by Member Alderson.

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson (including student Board members)

Oppose: Gibson

Motion approved 4 yes to 1 oppose.

D. Award RFP C13140292, Safety & ID System to Jolly Technologies for a Three Year Contract

Donna Caperton shared the value of safety of visitors and volunteers. This will be a phase in model. Funding for this will come from our Safety Funds. This is a three-year contract. Jeff Geyer Safety and Environmental Manager shared a brief overview of the system bar code and magnetic check.

MOTION

Member Gibson moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor unanimously approved.

E. Award Bid #C13140421 For Wireless Network Equipment To Datel Systems In The Bid Amount Of \$164,016; And Award Bid #C13140420 For Networking Equipment To Gigakom In The Bid Amount Of \$1,006,626.03

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Ross a representative of Nexus IS requested the Board to delay approval due to pricing and low bid. Mr. Ross shared his concerns about the CISCO equipment. He shared the part number in question and stated four reasons why this should not be approved. Delay awarding of this bid.

Ms. Caperton shared information on the bid process and Amendment 1.

Member Gibson would like to table for further information.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to table this item and the Board set a Special board meeting, seconded by Member Jaka.

All in favor: Chunka, Jaka, Gibson, Herrera

Oppose: Alderson

Motion approved 4 yes and 1 oppose.

F. Approval of the Second Interim Financial Report for the Period Ended January 31, 2014

Donna Caperton shared information:

- 2nd Interim Financial Report
- District's projected financial picture as of 1/31/14
- District is using Local Control Funding Formula funding model from LCFF
- Multi-Year Projection (MYP) includes 13-14; 14-15; 15-16

Charts of:

- LCFF Target
- ADA%
- Per ADA
- VUSD funds
- 2014-15 Assumptions
- 2015-16 Assumptions

Multi-Year Projections 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16

- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Other Financial Sources/Uses
- Net Increase/Decrease
- Beginning Fund Balance

Ending Fund Balance

- 2013-14 - \$41,612,217.
- 2014-15 - \$36,143,918.
- 2015-16 - \$26,767,645.

Components-Ending Fund Balance

- Deficit reduction
- Assigned
- Carryovers
- EU @ 5%
- RC/Stores

The ending fund balance summary shows that the District will have a positive fund balance for the current year and the next two years; therefore, the District has a Positive Certification for its 2nd Interim Financial Report

Board questions and discussions ensued.

Ms. Caperton shared nine (9) districts are cutting salaries and one (1) district is filing a possible negative report and two (2) or three (3) districts are filing qualified. **Dr. Vodicka** shared information the districts receives from the San Diego County Office of Education. There are a number of checks and balances in the budget process.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve the second interim financial report, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor unanimously approved.

Board Business/Discussion

Special meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at Murray High at 6 p.m.

Member Gibson shared the value of technology in our schools. That is the way young people learn today and they can learn at their own pace. He also stated his daughter-in-law made #1 in Amazon books in young adults. He is very proud of her.

Member Jaka enjoyed the STEM Fest. It was great to see students engaged and excited in learning.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, April 17, 2014.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees