

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Moses Gonzalez, Major General Murray High School  
Arleth Flores Aparicio, Rancho Buena Vista High School

**Item 1. Open Session/Regular Meeting** Call to Order-Roll at 6:03PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 2. Approval of Agenda** Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Smithfield. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson and Smithfield) unanimously approved. Member Vargas absent.

**Item 3. Public Hearing**

A. Appointment of Don LeMay to the Personnel Commission for a three (3) year term.

**Item 4. Discussion/Action Items**

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**Item 5. Board Business/Discussion**

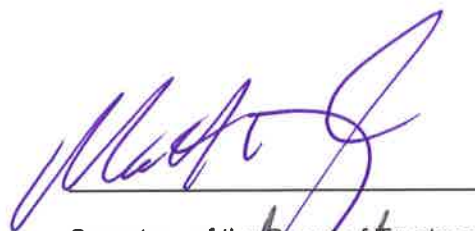
A. Workshop of the Board – ELA Presented by Craig Wiblemo, Director of Measurement and Monitoring.  
Board Member Cipriano Vargas arrived at 7:07pm.

Member Herrera commented that it is difficult for low income families to break out of sub groups based on poverty. Member Alderson asked Student Board Members about the Smarter Balanced Test. Arleth Flores Aparicio said that students do not know how important the test scores are. It reminded her of STAR testing. Member Alderson commented that when we have high expectations for the students, they achieve more. Dr. Doyle stated that it is a baseline for new accountability system. Member Herrera stated that she has seen a drastic change over the years in progress of Principals working closer with teachers. 17 minutes were given for each round. Board Members rotated tables while Principals stayed.

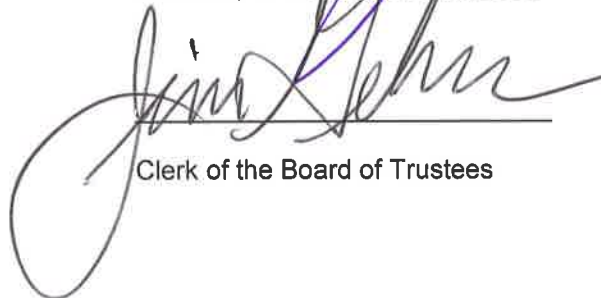
Board Member Reflections from rounds - Member Smithfield stated that she heard that we need help. Member Herrera thanked everyone for being here tonight. So much collaboration. Kids are a part of conversation and reflect on own learning. Member Vargas said that we need to have high expectations for students. We have work to do in Special Education. Member Gibson stated that we need more autonomy at school sites. More freedom to make decisions at school level. Good emphasis on reading but needs improvement. Member Alderson said that as Principal, you have the most important role – your influence with teachers. Dr. Doyle share some successes of the district.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees