

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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 (absent)  
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 Member**

Wade Lippert, MVHS

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. Vodicka.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board **unanimously approved a resignation agreement for employee #04-201402 a permanent certificated employee.**

The Board by **unanimous vote** directed the Superintendent to **serve a notice pursuant to Education Code section 44929.21(b) to the following certificated employees: ID # 06-201402, 07-201402, 08-201402, 9-201402, 10-201402, 11-201402, 12-201402 and 13-201402 effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.**

The Board by **unanimous vote** approved the reassignment of employee ID **#05-201402 to an administrative position in Vista Unified beginning July 1, 2014.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Public Hearings: None**

**7. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments**

- **Security issues with student passwords:** The District will be doing a forced reset and customization of the passwords.
- **Caitlin Foster a student at Mission Vista High School** has been recognized as a finalist in the music category of the PTA Reflections Program. A very high honor.
- **Dr. Vodicka is continuing his school visits and principals are sharing their data reports** from each school.

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- Introduced **Shannon Garcia** new Principal of **Bobier Elementary** and **Susie Johnson** Career Technical Coordinator of Adult Education
- **Vistas Big Give**: Thank you to the community for their support in making wishes come true for three deserving students

### **B. Proclamation Read Across America Day**

Read by Dr. Vodicka. Dr. Vodicka shared the value of reading for our students.

### **C. Superintendents Recognition: Postponed**

### **D. Student Board Member Report: None**

### **E. Annual Golden Apple Awards: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The following employees were recognized:

**Margaret Welch, Vista Academy**, Elementary Teacher of the Year  
**Annette Wilson, Washington Middle**, Middle School Teacher of the Year  
**Sati Aviles, Rancho Minerva Middle**, Special Education Teacher of the Year  
**Mike Abruzzo, Mission Vista**, High School Teacher of the Year  
**Krista Bernsten, Curriculum & Instruction**, Administrator of the Year  
**Lisa Hoffman, Casita Center**, Classified Employee of the Year  
**Alicia Asias, Fiscal Services**, Classified Employee of the Year

5 minute break

### **Item 8.A. VTA Report**

**Todd Critchlow** a member of the **Executive Board** congratulated the Golden Apple winners. Mr. Critchlow shared the value of the arts and music for our students. Noted the grants and scholarships Vista Education Foundation (VEF) has provided to our students. VTA is proud to work with VEF and the great work they do. He shared the value of reading and their participation in the California Reads Program working closely with the California Library Association.

### **Item 8.B. CSEA Report**

**Michelle Bell, President of CSEA** shared the value of the Make a Wish Foundation and her personal experience with the foundation. Vistas Big Give raised \$76,000. It was a wonderful event. Congratulations to the golden apple winners, Shannon Garcia and Susie Johnson. Thanked VEF for all the work that they accomplish.

### **Item 8.C. DELAC Report**

**Sophia Ramos** Vice President of the **DELAC Committee** shared the following information from the January 27 meeting:

#### **DELAC Status of Responsibilities**

**Responsibility #5 & 6:** DELAC members reviewed information on the identification and reclassification process for EL students.

**Responsibility #8:** DELAC members reviewed the EL Master Plan

**Recommendation:** DELAC members recommend that EL students need to receive CELDT test prep and train teachers on the CELDT testing skills.

**Recommendation:** DELAC members recommend that the district provide more information on A-G requirements for English Learners.

#### **Upcoming Items:**

The next DELAC meeting will be held on **March 17, 2014**

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### Item 9.A. Goal Report: Attendance, Suspension & Expulsions: Steve Hargrave, Director Student Support

#### **Student Support Services, Recent Legislation on Discipline**

- **AB 1729 Pupil Rights Suspensions or Expulsion:** Alternatives and other means of correction. Effective 1/1/2013
- Amends Sections 48900 and 48900.5 of the Ed Code relating to pupil rights
- **EC 48900** Superintendent or principal may use his discretion to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion
- **EC 48900.5** suspension shall be imposed after other means of correction fails

#### **Other Means of Correction**

- Conference with school personnel, parent, guardian and pupil
- Referrals to school counselor, psychologist, social worker, child welfare personnel
- Provide Study, guidance, resource panel, or other intervention related teams
- Enrollment in a program for teaching pro-social behavior
- After- school programs that address specific behavioral issues

**Member Herrera** inquired if a student is acting inappropriately in a classroom and they are to remain in the classroom. Is it working? Mr. Hargrave stated it is working and shared the options that teachers have.

**Member Alderson** stated what is the response for instance for a fight? What is the response there? Mr. Hargrave stated the principal can decide to suspend it is up to the principals discretion. **Dr. Vodicka** shared the reason for the change and value statewide.

### Item 9.B. Continuation School Taskforce Update: Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent

#### **Continuation High School Task Force**

- Task Force Purpose
- Meeting details
- Task Force Work to Date

#### **Task Force- Next steps**

- ✓ Analyze student survey results (Feb.26,2014)
- ✓ Analyze parent survey results(March 5,2014)
- ✓ Teams visit current continuation schools with career pathways(April 21, 2014)

### Item 9.C. High School Math/Common Core Update: Cathy Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

#### **High School Math Update**

- 2014-15 VUSD Math Pathway
- 2014-15 VUSD Math Pathway (Vista Magnet Middle School)Curriculum
- What we've done, Professional Development
- What we've done, Curriculum
- What we are going to do, Professional Development

#### **Where we are**

- Integrated 1, 2 Course Proposal Approved by H.S Curriculum Council
- Integrated 1, 2 Course Presented to District Parent Advisory Committee
- Asking for Board Approval in March
- Submitting Courses for UC/CSU Approval

**Cathy Williams** shared information on integration and intervention and choices students have now. Discussions ensued about advanced math classes, common core standards and the alignment of standards.

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### **Item 9.D. Governor's 2014-15 State Budget Proposal Report - Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services**

#### **2014-15 Budget Proposal**

- Themes and Thoughts
- Governor's Overall Budget Proposal
- \$106.8 Billion budget
- \$2.5 billion reserve
- State General Fund Expenditures
- State General Funds Revenues
- COLAs (Cost of Living Adjustments) - *Dr. Vodicka shared information on the COLA and GAP funding.*
- Revisiting LCFF
- 2013-14 LCFF Target vs Budget
- 2014-15 LCFF Targets vs 14-15 Projections
- Supplemental and Concentration Grants
- Adult Education
- CTE/ROP's

#### **Unsolved Issues**

- Transitional Kindergarten for all 4 year olds
- State Teacher Retirement System
- Deferrals
- "Rainy Day" Mechanics
- Adult Education

#### **Next Steps**

- 2nd Interim Report
- May Revise
- Budget assumptions
- Budget adoption/ LCAP Adoption

### **Item 9.E. Blueprint Report Update: Dr. Vodicka**

- Framework for the future
- VUSD Goals and LCAP
- Blueprint Progress
- LCAP Draft Regulations

#### **Matt Doyle, Executive Director shared the following information:**

- New Websites
- Blueprint Twitter Feed: @VistaBlueprint
- Blueprint Progress (District goal to have 5 or 8 strategies)
- Revised Timeline
- Calendar of Events
- REL West Conference
- Next Steps

*All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at [www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf](http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf). Click on February 20, 2014 board meeting*

### **Item 10.A Presentation by Community Members**

**Coach Jacob Griffiths** represents and spoke on behalf of the Vista American Little League. He shared concerns of the fee costs for the VUSD practice fields. Mr. Griffith shared the value of the little league. Please review the policy and what they will be charged.

**Parent Jessica Howard** shared concerns about safety of our schools. Campus supervisors were cut at Breeze Hill. Please reinstate campus supervision hours to keep our children safe.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**RBV parent Karen Montgomery** shared information on the California for Alliance Arts Education. Ms. Montgomery shared the value of the arts to students and their academic success. Vista Unified is being viewed as a model to other districts. Please consider a district Arts Coordinator.

**Parent Vince Gin** stated thank you for your leadership and the arts program. Mr. Gin shared the value of the arts programs and how it motivates children in their academics.

**Student Oscar Soweld a senior at RBV** shared concerns about fees and the value of sports for the community and students. Please reconsider the fees.

**Item 10.A. Consent Calendar**

**MOTION**

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

**A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 16, 2014**

**11. HUMAN RELATIONS**

- A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER
- C. APPROVE REDUCTION OF WORKLOAD AGREEMENT FOR CAROLYN THOM FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

**12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

- A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASE NUMBERED W4-2013/14 THROUGH W6-2013/14

**13. SPECIAL EDUCATION - None**

**14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

- A. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS
- B. APPROVE SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- C. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- D. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

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

- A. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 14-26
- B. APPROVE REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE WARRANT NOS. 12-262384 THROUGH 12-274607
- E. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 23, 2013 THROUGH FEBRUARY 7, 2014
- F. APPROVE AND ACCEPT DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TALLING \$38,732.79
- G. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- H. REJECT CLAIM #1314-29
- I. APPROVE SHORT TERM EXTENSION OF BID# C10110080 FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE/SERVICES FOR CNS EQUIPMENT
- J. AWARD BID #C13140360 FOR TREE REMOVAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS SITES TO SUTTON TREE SERVICE IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$44,900
- K. AWARD RFP #C13140189, ENERGY CONSERVATION CONSULTANTS FOR PROPOSITION 39 PROJECTS
- L. AWARD BID #C13140412 SUPPER VENDED MEAL PROGRAM TO REVOLUTION FOODS
- M. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CARPETING AT DISCOVERY VALLEY BID #C13140370, WITH A & A FLOORING INC., dba A & S FLOORING
- N. ACCEPT THE REPORT OF VAVERICK TRINE DAY, LLP, PRESENTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL & PERFORMANCE AUDIT FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR FOR PROPOSITION O GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

**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***

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (including student board member) **unanimously approved.**

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**B. Approve Entering Into a Contract with San Diego County Regional Communication System Next Gen for Radio System**

Donna Caperton Assistant Superintendent stated the system currently in place is ageing. This is a one-time expenditure. Our system needs to be upgraded.

**MOTION**

Member Jaka moved to approve *entering into a contract with San Diego County Regional Communication System Next Gen for Radio System*, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (including student board member) unanimously approved.

**C. VUSD's Initial Proposals for Reopeners Designated in the Agreement Between the District and CSEA, Chapter 389**

**MOTION**

Member Herrera, moved to approve *VUSD's Initial Proposals for Reopeners Designated in the Agreement Between the District and CSEA, Chapter 389*, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (including student board member) unanimously approved.

**D. Approve The Facility Projects For The 2014-15 Year**

Donna Caperton shared the following information:

**Facilities**

- August 15, 2013- Board received the Needs Assessments from the sites
- November 2013-Business services asked each site to review the needs assessment and identify their top 3 priorities
- December 21, 2013- Business Services received the sites requests
- December 21, 2013- Maintenance, Grounds, and Safety provided list of consideration
- January 2014-Reviewed by Cabinet for finalization
  - Criteria for Selection
  - Funding Source

**Next steps**

- Develop on-going Maintenance plan
- Completion of Education specifications
- Review projects remaining on list and incorporate into facilities master plan
- Finalize Facilities Master plan
- Send out Notifications to Sites
- Prepare Project Specifications
- Send out Bids/RFPs
- Board Award

**Action**

- **Approve the Facilities Project List and authorize the Assistant Superintendent to procure services**

**Questions by the Board ensued:**

- Repurpose of buildings what are we going to do.
- What are our long term plans for overcrowded schools, a center for technology or even the district office? We need to be proactive.
- Is there flexibility to make changes?
- Look at the safety of campuses and related items. Note those items on the list.

Dr. Vodicka added a presentation will be given on student growth projections in April. We are working on a Facility Master Plan and how do we maximize assets that we already have. Projects presented tonight are in some cases urgent needs.

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**MOTION**

Member **Jaka** moved to approve the facility projects for 2014/15, seconded by Member **Herrera**. All in favor (including student board member) unanimously approved.

**E. Approve Proposed/Measurable Goals: Dr. Vodicka**

Measurable Goals

- Responsibilities Related to Setting the Direction for the District
- Setting Direction for the District
- Framework for the Future
- Dr. Vodicka's Ideal Framework
- Alignment with CA State Priorities
- Priorities
- Proposed Goals
- Priorities in Plain English
- Potential Goal Reporting Calendar

**Recommendation**

- **It is respectfully requested that the Board approve the Proposed Goals**

Member **Herrera** inquired are we looking at a K-2 program that better meets the needs of our students. **Dr. Vodicka** stated we are engaged with an external partner. We are working on that very actively. Information will be shared at a future board meeting.

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve the proposed goals, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (including student board member) unanimously approved.

**F. Approve California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election Ballot For 2014**

Member **Jaka** stated on behalf of the Board nominated the following: **Barbara Avalos, Marissa Bejarano, Katie Dexter, Barbara Groth, Adrienne Hakes, Elizabeth Jaka, Dawn Ovrom, Jay Petrek and Richard Smith**

**MOTION**

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

**Board Business/Discussion**

Member **Jaka** stated she attended the Laurel for Leaders on Tuesday which recognizes our ASB Presidents. It was nice to see all of our schools there being represented.

Member **Herrera** shared that she and Member **Jaka** are on a Committee for the Linda Rhoades Recreation Center. They are meeting to discuss the guidelines for the murals that will be placed on that building. There will be lots of student involvement. The dedication will be held in November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, March 13, 2014**.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees