

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013
CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER
COMMUNITY ROOM
400 Civic Center Drive
Vista, CA 92084

Board Members Present

R. Elizabeth Jaka, President
Angela D. Chunka, Vice President
Carol Weise Herrera, Clerk
Rich Alderson, Member
Jim Gibson, Member (absent)

Staff Members Present

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent
Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

Student Board Members Present

Alex Sacco, Rancho Buena Vista High
Santiago Herrera, Alta Vista High
Alex Chambers, Mission Vista High

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Superintendent Vodicka.

CLOSED SESSION

The board **unanimously (4-0) considered and accepted the resignation and retirement agreement for certificated employee #05-201302.**

The board **unanimously approved (4-0) to authorize proceeding with the written statement of charges and notice of intent to immediately suspend and dismiss certificated employee #03-201302.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Jaka stated **Item 19.E. regarding Transportation will be changed to an informational item only and not as an action item.**

MOTION

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

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Item 5.A. Items Not on the Agenda/Items for Future Discussion

Alicia Evilsizer a classified employee of the District shared her concerns of a statement made by a board member calling an administrator a bum at the January 24 Work-study session. That does not go along with our mission that we show respect.

Marina Vance a student from Rancho Buena Vista stated she is bringing public awareness and concerns to Washington Middle School disadvantages and inequality of resources and support. Thank you for the new improvements. Consider what is in the best interest of students and staff.

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Jill Parvin community member of the District shared her concerns of the agenda-on line internet system the District has changed to for their board meetings. Many families of the Hispanic community do not have access to the internet and will not have access to the information.

Public Hearings

None

District Announcements – Dr. Vodicka

Congratulations to ***Dr. Eric Chagala the new principal at Washington Middle School and Heather Golly the new assistant principal at Rancho Buena Vista High.***

Dr. Vodicka shared he has been meeting with each principal to hear their data achievement report for their school site. They have been rich and informative conversations. Thanked the principals.

Congratulations to ***Steve Hargrave, Director of Student Support Services recognized by ACSA Region 18 as Administrator of the Year.***

The **new** Vista Unified website is live!

Congratulations to ***Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources who is retiring at the end of June.*** Ms. Vallely has worked for the District for 37 years. Fifteen years in her current position.

Proclamations

Read Across America Day, March 1 – Read by RBV Student Board Member Alexander Sacco

Week of the School Administrator, March 4-8 – Read by AVHS Student Board Member Santiago Herrera

2013 Golden Apple Awards

Elementary Teacher of the Year

Erik Korporaal, Temple Heights Elementary

Middle School Teacher of the Year

Theresa Lucero, Vista Magnet Middle School

High School Teacher of the Year

Brian Carnett, Alta Vista High School

Pupil Services/Special Education

Steffanie Rupp, Madison Middle School

Administrator of the Year

Dr. Eric Chagala, Vista High School

Classified Employee of the Year

Mary Lou Brown, Washington Middle School

10 minute break (7:51 p.m.)

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Item 8.A. VTA Report

Regan Duncan a teacher of the District read their Proclamation of Read Across America. She invited the community to read at our school sites. Come and read the kids are so excited. VTA President Barbara Franklin shared the passing of Bernice King a long time teacher of the District.

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

CSEA President Michelle Bell stated thank you for tabling Item 19.E and allowing this item to be tabled as information. You do support transparency. She shared concerns of past voting by the Board without input or a chance to offer solutions by staff or employees. Shared further concerns and the affect to students. Transporting students is an extension of the classroom.

Item 8.C. DELAC.

The following information was shared by **Anne Green, Coordinator of Curriculum & Instruction:**

Responsibility #1 & 8: Gilberto Barrios reviewed the English Learner (EL) Master Plan with DELAC members through an activity that provided members an overview of the Master Plan.

Recommendation: DELAC members would like the EL Master Plan to be updated along with all the forms and documents that accompany the plan.

Recommendation: After reviewing the EL Master Plan and given the high percentage of English Learners whose primary language is Spanish, the DELAC members suggest that the district consider implementing a bilingual program. Members also recommend that the district look at other districts that have successful bilingual programs such as Encinitas, Sweetwater and Escondido.

Responsibility #1: Betsy Jenner, Coordinator of Student Support Services reviewed the Consolidated Application for Categorical Programs.

Recommendations: The DELAC members recommend that the Encuentros and Hermanitas programs be expanded to at least two more school sites by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

The next DELAC meeting will be held on **Monday, February 25, 2013.**

Dr. Vodicka will review the recommendations shared by DELAC last month.

Item 9.A. Staff/Committee Reports

Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent of the District presented a PowerPoint presentation on a-g:

- A-G background
- VUSD Graduation vs. UC/CSU A-G
- Data Collection Process for past 3 years
- Students Completing A-G
- Current Reality 2011-2012
- Challenges for those not completing A-G Requirements
- Other Factors Correlating (or not) With A-G Completion

Next Steps

- ✓ Build K-12 awareness of a-g requirement
- ✓ Establish counseling strategies for creation of 6 year plans for every student

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- ✓ Create interventions for students earning D grade
- Analyze and expand world languages offerings
- Create series of math interventions K-12
- Create partnerships with CSUSM

Board discussions ensued regarding a-g courses, access for students, the value of a-g classes and the process.

Student Board Member Alexander Sacco stated the partnership of CSUSM will help students to see they can further their education in college.

Item 9.B. Governors State Budget Proposal 2013-14

Donna Caperton Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shared the following information:

On January 10, 2013 the Governor presented his 2013-14 budget proposals which included a Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Ms. Caperton shared a brief overview of LCFF what it entails and the formula.

- ✓ LCFF will require the District to annually complete an accountability report similar to a Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
- ✓ How Does It Work
- ✓ Categorical Programs Included in LCFF
- ✓ Items Highlighted
- ✓ What Vista Unified has to do?
 - Prepare the 2nd Interim Report based on current law
 - Assumes a 1.65% COLA for 2013-14
 - Assumes a 2.20% COLA for 2014-15
 - Shared multi-year projection draft for 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and the ending fund balances

Next Steps

- ✓ The District has projected structural deficits of \$14.3 million for 2013-14
- ✓ District will follow guidelines established by San Diego County Office of Education for 2nd Interim and Budget adoption
- ✓ District will have a second plan if the LCFF proposal is approved by the State Legislature
- ✓ District will update all financial data based upon the May revise
- ✓ District will submit a budget plan at the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 27, 2013

Consent Calendar

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by **Member Alderson**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

ITEM 11 BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Approve Meeting Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2013
Approve Meeting Minutes from the Work-study Meeting, Thursday, January 24, 2013

ITEM 12 HUMAN RESOURCES/CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED

- A. Approve and Ratify Human Resources Register/Classified
- B. Approve and Ratify Human Resources Register/Certificated

ITEM 13 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Staff's Recommendation for Expulsion of Cases Numbered W11-2012/13 through W14-2012/13
- B. Interdistrict Attendance Agreement for the 2012-13 School Year

ITEM 14 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Splash into Pre-K Curriculum for California Avenue School
- B. Approve overnight field trip to Indian Hills Camp for fifth grade students at Temple Heights Elementary School from May 9-10, 2013 (Thursday & Friday). Students will depart at 1:30pm and return at 3:00pm the following day.

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- C. Approve Overnight travel for Erin English, Eileen Ehlers, Mary Estrada, Laura Guyse, Leann Olsen, Erin McIlroy Robert Crowell, Dayna Shanahan to attend the Computer Using Educators (CUE) 2013 conference in Palm Springs, California on Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16, 2013.
- D. Approve out of country travel for Vista Magnet Middle School Principal to attend the International Baccalaureate (IB) Asia Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from Tuesday, March 19 through Tuesday, March 26, 2013.
- E. Approve trip for Teresa Gerent, Mission Vista High School teacher, to attend California Council for the Social Studies Conference in San Francisco, CA, Thursday, March 7 through Saturday, March 9, 2013.
- F. Approve trip for Mission Vista High School Thespian Student 2013 State Festival Friday, March 22 through Sunday, March 24, 2013 in Upland, CA.
- G. Approve the single plan for Student Achievement Plan amendments.
- H. Approve overnight travel for Julie Prater, Larry White, Anne Green and Gilberto Barrios from Curriculum and Instruction to attend the Aeries User Conference in Ontario, CA on Monday, March 11 through Tuesday, March 12, 2013.
- I. Approve overnight travel for Julie Prater, Cathy Williams, Shari Fernandez and Krista Berntsen from Curriculum and Instruction to attend the Computers Using Educators (CUE) Conference in Palm Springs, CA on Thursday, March 14 through Saturday, March 16, 2013.
- J. Approve out-of-state travel for Cathy Williams to attend the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conferences in Denver, CO on Monday, April 15 through Saturday, April 20, 2013.
- K. Approve overnight travel for Vista High School (VHS) teacher James Isbell to attend the IB Math Studies Conference, Tuesday, June 25 to Friday, June 28, 2013 in St. Peter Beach, Florida.
- L. Approve overnight travel for Vista High School (VHS) teachers Victoria Curtis and Kim Camplisson to attend the IB Language A Literature Conference to be held Saturday, June 22, to Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in St. Peter Beach, Florida, revised from previously approved location in Houston, TX, February 24-28 2013, as Conference was sold out.
- M. Approve overnight travel for VHS teacher Cyrus Ortiz-Luis to attend the International Baccalaureate (IB) Environmental Systems and Societies Conference, Monday, June 24, to Friday, June 28, 2013, in Montezuma, NM.
- N. Approve overnight travel for VHS teacher Michael Pink to attend the IB Business and Management Conference, Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26, 2013 in Montezuma, NM.
- O. Approve overnight travel for VHS teacher Kim Plunkett to attend the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) Spotlight Series Pastry and Chocolate Conference, Monday, June 16 to Friday, June 21, 2013 in Miami, FL.
- P. Approve overnight travel for Vista High School teachers Traves O'Neill and Cyrus Ortiz-Luis, and the Vista High School Outdoor Club for overnight camping trip Friday, March 23 to Monday, March 25, 2013 in Big Sur, CA.
- Q. Approve overnight travel for Vista High School teacher Kim Camplisson and 21st Century After School Leadership students to attend Leadership Camp, Friday, March 1 to Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Lake Dixon, Escondido, CA.
- R. Approve overnight travel for students of Rancho Buena Vista High after School Program to San Diego Leads camping trip at Perris Lake on Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3, 2013.

ITEM 15 BUSINESS SERVICES

- A. Ratify and approve Grants received for the period from December 22, 2012 through January 30, 2013.
- B. Approve award of 2012-2013 Community College Grant.
- C. Acceptance of the Report of Vaverick Trine Day, LLP, presenting the District's Financial & Performance Audit for the 2011-12 School Year for Proposition O General Obligation Bond Program for the period ending June 30, 2012.
- D. Authorize Superintendent to award Erate Contracts for 2013-2014 School year.
- E. Approve overnight travel for Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Donna Caperton to attend the California Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA from April 3 through April 6, 2013.
- F. Board approval and acceptance of donations to Vista Unified School District totaling \$31,969.91.
- G. Ratify and approve contract exceeding \$5,000.

ITEM 16 FISCAL SERVICES / ACCOUNTING / CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

- A. Ratification and approval of Warrant Nos. 12-129761 through 12-140179.
- B. Approval of the Child Nutrition Cash Expenditures for December 2012.
- C. Ratify and approve Child Nutrition Purchase Orders for January 2013.
- D. Board approval of Revolving Cash Fund Payment.
- E. Approve out-of-town travel for members of the Fiscal Services team to attend the CASBO Conference in Long Beach, CA April 4 through April 6, 2013.
- F. Approve out-of-town travel for members of Fiscal Services Staff to attend Eagle Software's Annual Spring Users' Conference, March 11-12, 2013.
- G. Approval of Resolution Number 13-48 designating additional District agent to sign School orders.

ITEM 17 FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE

- A. Accept work and filing of Notice of Completion for VHS Mechanical Roofing repair with JP Witherow Roofing, Bid #C12130137.
- B. Award of contract for the installation of a shade shelter at Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts to Perpetual Parks, Inc. in the amount of \$28,200. Bid #C12130293.
- C. Accept work and filing of Notice of Completion for installation of playground equipment at Grapevine Elementary with Perpetual Parks & Playgrounds, Inc., Bid #C12130178.

ITEM 18 PURCHASING

- A. Approve surplus equipment/material for disposal/sale.
- B. Ratify award for trash and recycling services, Bid # 258000B.
- C. Ratify and approve purchase orders, January 9 – February 3, 2013.

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19. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. *Second reading of new Board Policy 4121; Temporary/Substitute Personnel*

MOTION

Member **Herrera moved to approve Board Policy 4121, seconded by Member Chunka.** All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously passed.**

- B. *Third reading of the new Board Policies; numbers 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21, Professional Standards*

Member Jaka stated we need a comma after weapon for all three board policies.

MOTION

Member **Chunka moved to approve the third reading of board policies 4119.21, 4219.21, 4319.21, professional standards with a comma after weapon for all three policies, seconded by Rich Alderson.** All in favor, (including student board members) **unanimously passed.**

- C. *Approve the revisions to Board Policy 5141, Health Care and Emergencies*

Donna Caperton stated this is basically a technical clarification. There was a recent change in the health care and guidelines.

MOTION

Member **Alderson moved to approve, seconded by Member Chunka.** All in favor, (including student board members) **unanimously passed.**

- D. *Approve Resolution 13-49 to reduce and/or eliminate certain certificated programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year.*

Myrna Vallely stated this reflects the uncertainty due to the uncertainty of the state budget and funding. Due to the timeline we must notice them now.

MOTION

Member **Herrera moved to approve Resolution 13-49 to reduce and/or eliminate certain certificated programs and services for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Member Chunka.** All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously passed.**

- E. *Approve 2013-14 Level of Support for Transportation Services (this item changed to an informational item)*

Dr. Devin Vodicka shared the following information on transportation:

- Transportation
- Background
- Current Reality
- Composition of Bus Fleet
- Necessary Investments
- Annual revenue and Expenses
- Routes –Mandated and Optional

Next Steps

- Define target savings
- Refine proposed level of services to reach savings
- Recommend action item for Board on March 14

Discussions took place on mandated routes, providing transportation for special education services only, how many drivers and staff will be affected. Out of 22,000 students we have about 2,400 students that actually use the bus. Dr. Vodicka will meet with the Transportation department to share this information and provide staff an opportunity to ask questions.

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- F. ~~Approve the contract for Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.~~

Due to the retirement of Myrna Vallely in June her name has been removed from this item.

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve item 19.F, seconded by Member **Chunka**. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously passed**.

- G. Approve California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election Ballot for 2013.

Nominated: Twila Godley, Elizabeth Jaka, Sharon Jones, Kelli Moors, Janet Mulder, Barbara Ryan and Priscilla Schreiber

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve **Twila Godley, Elizabeth Jaka, Sharon Jones, Kelli Moors, Janet Mulder, Barbara Ryan and Priscilla Schreiber**, seconded by Member **Chunka**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

21. BOARD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Board Goals

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Jenny Gin a parent of the District shared the importance of emphasizing the arts in education. She shared the value of the arts, the benefits to students in their success and career choices.

Vincent Gin a parent of the District works in the technical field. Mr. Gin stated we do value the arts. We are unable to innovate if we do not have creativity. Continue funding the arts program.

Caryn Montgomery shared the importance of arts to students and its value. Two students are in Fresno at a statewide competition. It is quite an honor for the District. Explore the leadership program in band.

Dr. Devin Vodicka shared the following information:

- Board
- Responsibilities
- Framework for the future/Dr. Vodicka ideal framework
- Alignment
- Theory of Action
- Impact of measurements
- Structure of Goals
- Alignment with Framework
- Current /Proposed Goals
- Key Strategies
- Framework: Next Steps

Discussion by the Board ensued on current goals, proposed goals and the value of the arts to students. The arts should be included in the common core measure.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve the proposed goals with the addition of the visual and performing arts proficiency measure under item 4 of the proposed goals, seconded by Member **Chunka**. *All in favor Jaka, Herrera, Chunka, (including student board members) Member Alderson oppose. Approved 3-1.*

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BOARD MEMBER REQUEST

Member **Herrera** requested information on next steps at the District level moving from the California State Standards Tests to the Common Core. What is happening with staff development and what are we beginning to do. A 5 minute report a brief overview. Jeanie Luckey stated a brief report will be brought to the March board meeting.

A work-study session will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013** for a mid- year review of the Superintendent. The session will start at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the District office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, March 14, 2013**.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees