

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013
CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 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

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

Isabella Corpora, Rancho Buena Vista High
Alda Vargas, Alta Vista High
Victor Delgado, Murray High

**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 settlement and release agreement regarding a confidential special education student.**

The Board **unanimously approved the resignation agreement for employee #03-201312 a permanent certificated employee.**

Organizational Meeting of the Board to Nominate President, Vice President and Clerk of the Board

Dr. Vodicka opened nominations for **President of the Board**

Member Jaka moved to nominate Angela Chunka for President (no other nominations, nominations closed) **seconded by Member Herrera.**

All in favor: Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Gibson, Herrera. **Unanimously approved.**

President Chunka opened nominations for Vice President of the Board

Member Alderson moved to nominate Carol Herrera for Vice President (no other nominations, nominations closed) **seconded by Member Jaka.**

All in favor: Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Gibson, Herrera. **Unanimously approved.**

President Chunka opened nominations for Clerk of the Board

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Member Alderson nominated Jim Gibson. Member Gibson declined and moved to nominate Rich Alderson (no other nominations, nominations closed) seconded by Member Jaka.

All in favor: Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Gibson, Herrera. **Unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Jaka moved to approve the agenda without Item 17.B. Adopt Resolution No. 14-23 Approval of the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Vista Unified School District and the California School Employees Association Chapter #389, **seconded by Member Herrera.** All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

Public Hearings: None

7. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

- A thank you plaque was presented to Member Jaka for her service as Board President.
- Congratulated Deputy Superintendent Jeanie Luckey, Director Cathy Williams, the entire C & I Team and teachers for their Innovation Math Co-hort. The district received a California School Board Association (CSBA) Golden Bell award as an exemplary program across the state.
- Thanked student board members Isabella Corpora and Victor Delgado for attending the CSBA conference held last week.
- Congratulated MVHS for winning a \$25,000. award for participating in a national competition put on by State Farm for safe teen driving
- Attended a VHS kick off awareness assembly on VUSD's 2017 Guaranteed Admissions to CSUSM for students.
- Introduced new MVHS Assistant Principal Brianna Weatherford and new Executive Director of Special Education Dawn Dully.

B. Superintendents Recognition: Trust Award

Recognized **Mission Vista High School Teacher, Anne Fennell**

Anyone who knows Anne will agree that she has been "instrumental" in bringing to life the arts in Vista Unified School District. A long-time district teacher and leader, Anne is perhaps best known for her innovation and perseverance in organizing for our community the annual Vista Unified School District Festival of the Arts, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. A founding faculty member of both Vista Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts and Mission Vista High School, Anne has forged profound relationships with the local arts community and afforded many hundreds of children the opportunity to explore the world of music.

This altruistic individual was an early adopter of our district-wide Resolving Conflicts Creatively Program, and most recently has initiated a program in which she will bring the gift of music to our Severely Handicapped students, with a new drumming class. She lives up to her own dream: "I'd like to teach the world to sing, in perfect harmony."

Ms. Fennel thanked Dr. Vodicka and the Board and added I love the arts.

C. RBV Student Board Member Report

Isabella Corpora shared exciting events happening at RBV. All fall sports made the CIF playoffs this year. Their football team made it to the semifinal round against Mission Bay High School. Rancho was very proud. Water Polo made it to the quarter final of CIF. The Volleyball team won the CIF Division 1 final game against Poway High School. Many of RBV's seniors participated in the Amnesty International Walk at the Oceanside Pier on November 17. This was a valuable experience for students. RBV will soon be installing an aquaponics system for eco-friendly gardening. All food grown will be donated to the cafeteria for healthy lunches. A group of students have started a shoe drive to send shoes to Africa. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Item 8.A. VTA Report

President Barbara Franklin congratulated Anne Fennell on her award. Ms. Franklin shared what teachers have taken on for the past 7 years and stated they have not had a raise in several years. There has been an increase in student enrollment and now it is appropriate to ask for and receive a substantial raise. We need to be competitive to attract teachers to our district and appeal to new teachers. The district added 5 new district level employees and teacher pay has not increased. Use our resources were it matters the most closes to the classroom. Ms. Franklin shared the value of smaller class sizes and the benefit to students. She is hoping for a positive bargaining outcome for teachers, students and staff.

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

Michelle Bell, President of CSEA stated elections for the president of CSEA will take place next week. Ms. Bell shared the value of the CSEA president and classified employees to the district. Congratulated Dawn Dully, Executive Director of Special Education. Thanked Dr. Vodicka for the mission and values. Thank you all for your support. Happy holidays to all.

Item 8.C. DELAC Report

Sophia Ramos Vice President of the DELAC Committee shared the following information:

Responsibility #1: DELAC elections were conducted to elect the new DELAC Executive Committee on November 18, 2013. The following are the results of the elections:

- Mauricio Suarez - Beaumont - DELAC President
- Sophia Ramos – Vista Magnet Middle - Vice-President #1
- Adela Chocano - Mission Vista – Vice President #2
- Patricia Reyes - Casita - Secretary
- Salomon De la Cruz - Vista Academy – Parliamentarian

Responsibility #2: Elections of DELAC representatives on the Superintendents' Local Area Control Funding Committee (SLACFC) and the Middle School Attendance Area Committee.

- SLACFC: David Correa (Lake)
- Middle School Attendance Area Committee: Silvia Barcenas (Hannalei)

Recommendation: DELAC members recommend that the district provide hard copies of flyers for those parents that do not have access to a computer to access to PeachJar for information on workshops/presentations. A different option of communication should be considered to inform parents of upcoming workshops.

Recommendation: DELAC representatives recommend that a workshop on information about charter schools be given to parents of EL students in order to be better informed on what the difference is between a charter school and a non-charter school to best determine if this is something their child be involved in.

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Other Recommendations:

DELAC representatives also recommend that there be more preparation offered to students before heading to college and further information be given on tutoring.

Upcoming Items:

The next DELAC meeting will be held on January 27, 2014.

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mr. Alejandro Sanchez stated I am pleased with the recent election of DELAC members. He spoke about the new charter school and shared his concerns. They do not represent our community and there is no diversity.

Item 9.A. Goal Report – English Language Arts (ELA) Update

Anne Green, Director of Curriculum and Instruction shared the following information:

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

- Update on ELA Assessments – What has been completed to date and what is still in process

Shared charts on the following information:

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

New Developments and Next Steps

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Program (SBAC) field test in the spring: ELA and math together: all students in grades 3-8; small samples in 9-11
- Early assessment program in ELA for all 11th grade students
- District-wide reading assessments for all students
- Analysis and refinement of site-based assessments
- Selection of district-wide Formative assessment
- Piloting of new programs in writing and reading

Discussion/questions by the board ensued. **Dr. Vodicka added next time we can add the number of students exiting.** **Member Herrera** stated we need to look at having reading teachers. Teachers who have a strong background in reading. **Member Alderson** agreed with Dr. Vodicka that the actual number of students is valuable information.

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Alejandro Sanchez shared his concerns about student testing and reading of English learners. We want solutions for our English learners and the reclassification program.

Item 9.B. Mathematics Report Update

Cathy Williams Director of Math K-12 Curriculum & Instruction shared the following information:

- Updates
- Existing Measures Predictive of SBAC and College Career Readiness
- Current HS Grade Report 12 week period College Prep, Non-Honors
- High School Math Common Core

Next Steps

- Find a more efficient system for tracking student performance data
- Implement effective 9-12 Rtl in mathematics
- Identify and adopt new graduation requirements

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- Establish strong Professional Learning Community practices for reviewing SBAC and other data as it arrives and adjusting instruction accordingly
- Continue developing Common Core sequencing and resource identification for middle and high school

Discussions ensued on math interventions. **Dr. Vodicka** stated this is the first year we have had a structured intervention. We will start to see the benefits and will see some gains over time. **Member Alderson** added we need to have qualified effective math teachers. **Student board member Emily Garcia** stated can we increase the number of years or raise the level to an Algebra II.

Item 9.C. Blended Learning

Larry White Executive Director of Educational Technology, Curriculum & Instruction and Dwayne Cossey Director of Information Technology shared the following information:

- Framework for the future
- What is blended learning
- Overview
- Pilot Programs
- Math 180 testimonial
- Student testimonials

Next Steps

- Continue digital learning retreat work on blended learning
- Continue to expand access to technology
- Provide focused professional development on blended learning
- Support sites as they embrace blended learning environments
- Monitor changes and outcomes

Member Jaka added are we tracking students who have blended learning and those that do not. We need to look at that data. **Mr. White** stated we are asking principals how they are monitoring growth. **Member Gibson** shared I am glad we are doing this. This is the way the world is going. This is how a lot of people are learning today.

10 minute break

Item 9.E. Vista Unified Blueprint Update - Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent

- Current Context
- Framework for the Future
- Goals Chart and LCAP
- **Priority Areas: Board Input** - **Member Gibson** stated he would like a discussion on the time it takes to reclassify our students.
- Blueprint Process
- Blueprint Timeline – November 2013
- Informational Presentation
- Online Forms – Online Feedback – December 4, 2013
- Student Input
- Leadership Input
- LCAP developments
- LCAP Draft Regulations
- SDCOE LCAP/LCFF Workshop
- Task and Timelines
- The Next level
- Process (Visualized)
- Revised timeline (January 2014-June 2014)

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- Next Steps

Member Jaka shared at a workshop she attended last week the speaker inquired to the group have you talked about the LCAP and Blueprint. Most of those in attendance did not respond that they had. It was satisfying to know Vista is working on it. We are trying to do something.

All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on December 12, 2013 board meeting

Item 10.A Presentation by Community Members

A parent of Grapevine **Ryan O'Connor** shared concerns regarding the use of Peachjar, parent participation and schools with low use. Maybe they could be provided printed flyers. Mr. O'Connor shared about kindergarten field trips being cancelled and the value of trips to students and parents who can attend. He spoke about class sizes and would like to see a solution this year. Request lower classes and extended day.

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 Meeting Minutes from Special Board Meeting - October 10 and October 15, 2013 and Regular Board Meeting - October 17, 2013

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

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

12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Comprehensive School Safety Plans
- B. Approve First Reading of Board Policy 5142-Safety

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve the Field Trip Overnight Register
- B. Approve the Out of District Travel Register
- C. Approve Supplemental Text for International Baccalaureate World Literature Course at Vista High School

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

- A. Ratify and Approve Grants Received For the Period from October 5, 2013 through October 31, 2013
- B. Board Approval and Acceptance of Donations to Vista Unified School District Totaling \$49,040.88
- C. Accept Work and Filing Of Notice Of Completion for Cabling at Multiple Sites, Bid #C13140037 with Harbor Bay, Inc.
- D. Approve Change Order 2 Decreasing the Contract by \$2,016.26 with Ohno Construction Company for the Installation of Synthetic Turf at Rancho Buena Vista High School, Bid #C13140016
- E. Ratify and Approve Purchase Orders
- F. Authorize Disposal of Obsolete and/or Worn-Out Textbooks and Instructional Materials
- G. Approve the Child Nutrition Cash Expenditures for September 2013
- H. Board Approval of Revolving Cash Fund Payment
- I. Ratify and Approve Warrant Nos. 12-231502 through 12-240782
- J. Ratify and Approve Contracts Exceeding \$5,000

17. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve Resolution #14-22, Approval of the Student Calendars for 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 School Year

Shari Fernandez Director of C & I stated they worked with the Calendar Committee and made adjustments to the calendar. *They added two staff development days for 2014/15 and 2016/17. This will be a one-time occurrence for both years due to the use of one-time Common Core funding.*

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MOTION

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

~~*B. Adopt Resolution #14-23, Approval Of The Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The Vista Unified School District And The California School Employees Association Chapter #389 - pulled from the agenda.*~~

C. Approve All District Executive Directors Paid at Salary Range 31

Brett Killeen Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations stated this is due to an internal alignment. The Executive Directors will now be on one Range 31 with 225 work days.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the realignment to Salary Range 31, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

D. Approval of the First Interim Financial Report for the Period Ended October 31, 2013

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

- State Economy
- Local Control Funding Formula
- Funding Per Average Daily Attendance – Actual vs. Prior Statutory Level
- LCFF Grade Span Grants per ADA
- 2013-14 Growth Toward Target
- Differential Risks – An Example
- High LCFF Districts are particularly vulnerable
- To Act Differently We Must Think Differently
- LCFF Accountability
- Multi-Year Projections – 2013 through 2016
- Ending Fund Balance
- State Funding Before
- LCFF vs. Revenue Limit
- State Funding Now
- 2013-14 Projected Expenditures
- State Board Education Actions and Timeline
- Budget Calendar
- VUSD Budget Calendar

Discussion/questions by the Board ensued.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the first Interim Financial Report for the period ended October 31, 2013, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

E. Acceptance of the Report of Vaverick Trine & Day, Presenting The District's Audit for the 2012-2013 School Year

The auditor shared the results of the audit and the audit opinion. There are good controls in place. Programs audited came out as a clean report. Shared a slight concern of the ASES program and stated that is a common finding.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to accept report for the district audit for 2012/13 school year, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (including student Board members). **Unanimously approved.**

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F. Approve Entering Into A Lease Agreement with San Diego County Office of Education for the use of the Vista Focus Academy Facilities for a Five-Year Term

Donna Caperton shared the previous use of the facilities and the County request to rent the facility. The revenue generated from this will be used for safety purposes.

MOTION

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

G. Award Of Request for Proposal C13140338 for Evaluation Of Instructional Pilot Programs

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to award the request, seconded by Member Alderson.

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

Oppose: Gibson

Motion approved 4 to 1.

H. Approve Second Reading of Board Policy 5142-Safety

Ms. Caperton stated this policy was a collaborative effort between Steve Hargrave Director of Student Support Services and Safety Manager Jeff Geyer.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve second reading of Board Policy 5142 Safety, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

I. First Reading of Board Policy 1330, Use of School Facilities

This is to align our policies with the CSBA policies. **The second reading will be presented for approval at the January 16, 2014 Board meeting.**

J. Approve 2014 Board Meeting Dates

January 16, February 6 (Workshop), February 20, March 6 (if necessary), March 13, April 17, May 15, June 12 (Workshop), June 26, July 24, August 21, September 11, September 25 (Workshop), October 9, October 16 (Workshop), November 20 and December 11

All meetings are held at the Morris Vance Community Room located at 200 Civic Center Drive in Vista unless otherwise noted and start at 7 p.m.

MOTION

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

K. Approve Nomination of Board Member Elizabeth Jaka for Election to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly for a Two-Year Term Beginning April 1, 2014 Through March 31, 2016

MOTION

Member Gibson moved to approve and added she will represent us wisely, with integrity and professionalism, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

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- L. **Approve Amendment With Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Amending The Plan For Employer Contributions Effective January 1, 2014**

Ms. Caperton stated this is a retirement system for part-time, hourly, subs and those that do not work full-time. We had to modify this agreement. This is an alternative retirement system.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve amendment with the (PARS) amending the plan for employer contributions effective January 1, 2014, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

Board Business/Discussion

Member Gibson shared his thought on the reason of reading certain portions of the agenda over and over again at each board meeting. What is the purpose of reading it over and over again? Perhaps we could streamline our meetings a little more by not reading those over and over at each meeting.

Member Jaka stated last time we did not read it and someone came up because they did not understand it. Discussions by the Board ensued.

Member Gibson stated maybe try it differently at the next meeting to see what happens. **Member Herrera** shared her thoughts and stated the Board has the responsibility to educate the public.

Member Gibson suggested why don't we put up on the screen:

If you wish to speak tonight to an item on the agenda you must pull a hold card now before the meeting starts at 7p.m. You will have three minutes to speak.

People can then read that they need to pull a hold card now. The Board will try that at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2014.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees