

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

Thursday, January 19, 2017
CITY OF VISTA
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
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. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Elaine Alexandres, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Matt Doyle, Assistant Superintendent, Innovation
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

Student Board Members Present

Adriana Gonzalez, Alta Vista High
Fernando Suarez, Major General Murray High
Meghan Stashak, Mission Vista High
Alyssa Maloney, Rancho Buena Vista High
Kelly Cannataro, Vista High
Rose Loock, Vista Visions Academy

Item 1 Closed Session 6:00 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION ON CASE NUMBER W3-2016/17
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957): 2 CASES
- D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957)

Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting Call to Order-Roll at 7:03PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session – The Board took action on three items.

- 1. Approved the settlement agreement for employee ID#17-11, a Certificated employee.
- 2. Approved the settlement agreement to resolve PERB case number LA-CE-6115-E and the grievance in AAA case number 01-16-0000-8504.
- 3. Approved the MOU between the District and VTA effective January 19, 2017.

Item 4. Approval of Agenda Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

Item 5. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS: PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

A. Public Comments - Items Not On The Agenda/Items For Future Discussion

District employee and parent, Alicia Mercado spoke about behavioral issues. She created a performance education plan. She displayed information in the back of room for public to review. Fourth grade teacher, Valerie Holseth, spoke about concerns in students reading levels. Community member, Nikki Deets, mentioned Safe Schools Resolution 17-09. Thanked administration and Board. She requested that we add it to the next meeting agenda for discussion. Community member, Mary Jo Pool, thanked Board for Resolution 17-09. Reach out to community. Jim Gibson commented that the police presence around the schools is for traffic. They are issuing tickets to speeders around schools. Teacher, Pat Emaus, addressed concerns about intra-district transfers. Community member, Arcela Nunez-Alvarez, appreciates action that was taken to support immigrant families with Resolution 17-09.

Item 6. District Announcements

A. DR. VODICKA DISTRICT COMMENTS:

Good start to the new year. School visits have been great. Visited Bobier, Monte Vista, and Empresa last week. Midyear Cabinet "retreat" to review progress and set goals for second half of the year; big push will be to complete Blueprint by March. January Governor's Budget update not as positive as we might have hoped. Ms. Caperton will give more comprehensive update in February. Districtwide Professional Development Day on Friday was excellent. Classified at Vista High School, Elementary NGSS, and Secondary Collaboration. XQ planning and equal opportunity report - great work by the Vista High School team and Dr. Doyle. Looking forward to State of Community event and visit from COW colleagues next week.

B. Read Across America Proclamation – Read by Rich Alderson – Thursday, March 2, 2017. Jim Gibson mentioned that Vista Teachers Association shows up with "Cat in the Hat" hat. Highlight of year.

C. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION: Career Technical Education (CTE) Team. Invited team up for recognition.

Item 7. Reports from School Related Organizations

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Tod Critchlow spoke about the importance of reading in our district. You will have the support of the teachers.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Marie Hovel presented. January CSEA is "Be kind to food server's month". New executive board members. She will remain as President. Thanked Human Relations for the fantastic staff development day. Over 700 Classified employees attended. CSEA provided lunch for employees. Thanked Human Relations for working with SDCOE and OCOE for the Classified Employee Teaching Grant. Thank you to Dr. Erin English for arranging for Instructional Assistants to received paid online training.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – No Report.

Item 8. Staff Committee Reports to the Board

A. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT: MISSION VISTA HIGH SCHOOL by Meghan Stachek

B. STAFF REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION – Presented by Alaina Jankly. Merit System History, Merit System Principles, Personnel Commission Members, Personnel Commission and Board of Trustees Responsibilities, Recruitment History, 160 Recruitments Conducted, Sample Recruitment Timeline, Recruitment Statistics – Rich Alderson asked who develops the tests. Alaina said that the tests are developed by our department. Alaina mentioned that we collaborate with other districts and associations. Trends in Employment. Member Gibson asked why gap in gender. Goals for 2016-17, Conclusion. President Alderson asked if there is a pathway for employees to grow. Alaina said that we have a leadership training program. Member Vargas asked about diversity percentage and what are we doing. Alaina mentioned that they are reaching out to our local community. Member Herrera suggested outreach program for men. Alaina mentioned that we have many long term employees. Member Vargas asked for requirements for Instructional Assistant.

Break – 7:59pm-8:13pm

C. STAFF REPORT: CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PARTICIPATION UPDATE. Kelly McKinney presented. Board Goals, Participation, Growth, Growth in a-g courses, Grants... Expand, Enhance, and Maintain CTE programs. February is CTE Month. Vista Unified Career Day. Our students will be college and career ready. Member Smithfield asked if they are all a-g. Ms. McKinney said that they are not yet. We are working towards it. Dr. Vodicka added that we want these to be and/or for college and career. Not just prepare for one or the other. Open access to these courses for all. Student Board member, Alyssa Maloney, Rancho Buena Vista High School asked how current computer science class would be different. Ms. McKinney said that they will be trained in Java. Member Herrera is in favor of a-g classes. The problem she has is that students who are struggling and are put into a-g rigor classes, they are going to fail. Ms. McKinney said that our classes help them, not hurt them. Member Herrera would like to see data on why/how do we have students doing poorly in reading and math, putting them in a-g. President Alderson asked if we can compare old and new (a-g). He asked if we offer dual credit for students to receive high school credit or a-g credit? What classes could realistically be offered at Alta Vista and Murray High Schools. Can we allocate facilities money to one or both of those sites? Member Vargas asked if there is an opportunity to bridge the gap with middle schools. Ms. McKinney said at the end of February we will hold parent nights to introduce CTE at middle schools. Ms. McKinney said that funding is for grades 9-12 but she is open to the idea. Dr. Vodicka mentioned Service Learning and Talent Cities in Elementary and Middle. We are building awareness at an earlier age.

D. STAFF REPORT: ELA/MATH UPDATE – Dr. Sharmila Kraft presented Elementary English Language Arts Report. Curriculum and Instruction Focus for Elementary – C&I and Instructional Design. Cohort Growth Performance on CAASPP Math 2015 & 2016 Test Data. Member Smithfield asked about chart, where did we improve? Dr. Kraft said that it shows the meets and exceeds. Member Smithfield wanted to know baseline, where did we start? Dr. Vodicka clarified. Elementary ELA/ELD Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017, how will we monitor growth? STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading. Dr. Vodicka commented that we show rapid growth of students meeting standards. STAR Reading Cohort Performance Data 2016-2017 Grades 6, 7 & 8 presented by Dr. Matt Steitz. How will we monitor growth secondary? Secondary ELA Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017, STAR Reading. Dr. Vodicka commented that one in five students is above standards. Member Smithfield asked if the Elementary Achievement Growth Plan is what we are using for professional development. Dr. Kraft mentioned that every teacher is getting systematic professional development. Member Smithfield commented about 2nd grade test change. Have we looked at STAR data? What do we offer teachers for differentiated instruction? Dr. Steitz will discuss with CRT's and get back with information. Teachers move resources around as needed. Member Smithfield mentioned STAR test in 2nd grade and up. Have we ever pulled up STAR results to see where needs are for students? Dr. Vodicka added that we will look at how we can improve reporting. Member Herrera said that it would help if we identified the student level on slides and number pages. Look at formative assessment. Dr. Kraft said that teachers get to choose what they would like to see. She said that principals work with grade levels to decide what data to look at. Some are non-negotiable. Formative is discretionary. Member Herrera said that they need to do some formative assessment. For cohorts, what is our target audience? Dr. Kraft said that our target is all kids. Member Herrera feels that our lower level students need a prescriptive program. We need a master plan for the different level students. President Alderson commented that he is much less inclined to believe that the teacher is the magic. They are going to make the difference. We should provide as many resources as possible.

Teacher, Pat Emaus, asked why are we comparing our growth to other schools? Consider how stats are presented. He mentioned assessments. Teachers coming together with ideas but need resources.

Elementary Mathematics Report – Presented by Sharmila Kraft. Elementary Math/ELD Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017, How will we monitor growth? Cohort Growth Performance on CAASPP Math 2015 & 2016 Test Data, STAR Math 3rd Grade, STAR Math 4th Grade, STAR Math 5th Grade. Dr. Vodicka commented on difference in data from test to test. iReady Math Fall Diagnostic Assessment, iReady Math Fall Diagnostic Assessment. Matt Steitz presented STAR Math Cohort Performance Data 2016-2017 Grades 6, 7, & 8. STAR Math, iReady Math Fall Diagnostic Assessment, Secondary Math Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017, Questions? Member Smithfield asked with CPM is – college prep mathematics. Member Herrera asked if there is enough correlation between program and textbook. Similar to Lexia. Dr.

Vodicka said that we are in the early stages. We have some early adopters though. Teachers have received training but not in intervention yet. They have access to it but have not received PD for it yet. Member Smithfield commented that we should see scores go up because elementary have something to follow. She did not feel like they received enough on iReady. What are they measuring? Need to look at iReady. If English second language student is good in Math but not in English, they are not going to read problems correctly. President Alderson asked about grade levels K-2 and 7-9, do we have people to pilot? Has rigor with new CPM, put teachers in position where their math background is a disadvantage? Do they need more professional development? Dr. Steitz said that middle school level have math credentialed teachers. Teacher helped direct us and we have done a great deal of CPM training. Dr. Vodicka added that shifting to 3-5 grades have multi subject, may need more. President Alderson asked if this is the first time we have done articulation. Member Herrera commented that we have come a long ways in the last five years. She thanked the team.

Break – 9:33pm – 9:38pm

E. STAFF REPORT: P3 UPDATE – Presented by Dr. Matt Doyle. Prenatal to Grade Three – P3 Continuum, Blueprint Strategy 1, Baseline Report, Early Childhood Development is a Smart Investment P3SD, Mismatch Between ROI and San Diego Investment in Early Education, Percentage of Students Considered Chronically Absent by Grade Level, English Learner and Fluent English Proficient, Current Preschool Enrollment in Vista Region, Vista Unified P3 Continuum Design, Building a Talent Profile for Each Student, Innovation Depends on Partnerships. Member Herrera asked what is the funding source for pre-school. Dr. Doyle said that it is state funded except for Head Start which is federally funded. SDCOE offers funding for professional development. Transitional kindergarten is as necessary as pre-school. Dr. Vodicka commented that there has been a lot of conversation on how to adequately fund early education. There is talk at state level that these systems are not working together. A portion of the governor's budget proposal addresses this. Member Vargas asked how many are half day or have wait lists? Dr. Doyle said that 9 of 11 are half day. Some have wait list and some don't. Demand for full day programs is very high. Lack of funding at this time. Member Smithfield asked if we are recruiting for these. Dr. Doyle said that we are using our community liaisons to help spread this information.

F. STAFF REPORT: BLUEPRINT UPDATE - STRATEGY 5 Teacher Pat Emaus thank you for work that was put into Strategy 5, Action Plan 1. Need to hire high quality staff so please work with VTA and teams. He supports BTSA in Action Plan 2.

Presented by Matt Doyle. Framework for the Future, House of Learning. Elaine Alexandres presented LCAP Budget Alignment to Board Goals, Strategy 5 – Action Plans. Kyle Ruggles presented AP1 – High Quality Staff. Michelle Gosnell presented AP2. Alaina Jankly presented AP2 Staff Retention. Elaine Alexandres presented Human Relations for the 2016-17 school year, Retention Rate.

10:30pm Member Herrera moved to extend meeting 30 minutes, seconded by Member Vargas.

Elaine Alexandres presented Challenges and Next Steps. Member Smithfield asked about two year commitment that was mentioned earlier. Dr. Vodicka said that is for Teach for America, not our regular teachers. Matt Doyle presented Blueprint Update Timeline, State Board Accountability System Timeline, LCFF Rubric State Performance Categories, LCFF Rubric Status & Change, LCFF Rubric Charter and ASAM, LCFF Rubric Graduation Indicator, LCFF Rubric Status vs. Change, Overview of the California Model, LCFF Rubric – Graduation, LCFF Rubric – Suspension, LCFF Rubric – English Language Learner, Accountability Rubric Update, Questions?

G. STAFF REPORT: DRAFT REVISED VUSD GOALS 2016-17 presented by Dr. Vodicka. Responsibilities related to setting the direction for the district. Framework for the future, Blueprint, Interconnections, Priorities, VUSD Goals for 2016-17, Priorities in Plain English, Alignment with CA State Priorities, Considerations, Questions for the Board. Member Vargas mentioned Pre-K indicator. Member Herrera sees them as assumed practices instead of priorities.

Item 9. Consent Calendar. The Superintendent and staff recommend APPROVAL OF ALL Consent Calendar items EXCEPT 14K. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Item 10. Human Relations

A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

B. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

Item 11. Student Support Services

A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION ON CASE NUMBER W3-2016/17

Item 12. Special Education - None

Item 13. Curriculum & Instruction

A. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

Item 14. Business Services (Fiscal Services, Accounting, Child Nutrition Services, Purchasing and Facilities)

A. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500 DECREASING THE CONTRACT WITH HARBOR BAY, INC FOR HYDRATION STATIONS AT VARIOUS SITES

B. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT

C. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

D. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

E. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 1489970 THROUGH 14203769

F. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

G. RATIFY AND APPROVE CHILD NUTRITION PURCHASE ORDERS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

H. AWARD BID PW16170491, FIRE ALARM CERTIFICATION TO LOW VOLTAGE INTEGRATED SYSTEMS IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$42,726

I. APPROVE SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS FUNDRAISING ON BEHALF OF THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 2016-17

J. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-16

Teacher, Pat Emaus thanked the Board for 14K. He would like for the Board to consider opening up school grounds on weekends and afternoons for our students.

Member Herrera moved to approve 14K, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

K. APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF VISTA FOR PARK AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LINDA RHOADES RECREATION CENTER

L. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-20

M. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$44,154.11

N. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 21, 2016, THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2017

O. APPROVE SHORT TERM EXTENSION OF BID# C13140413 FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE/SERVICES FOR CNS EQUIPMENT

P. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-21

Q. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

R. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-10 DESIGNATING DISTRICT AGENT

S. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT

15. Board Business

16. Discussion/Action Items

A. FIRST READING: PROPOSED BOARD POLICY 3470, DEBT ISSUANCE AND MANAGEMENT. Donna Caperton presented. No Action.

B. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2ND READING BOARD POLICY NO. 6146.1: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

Motion to extend meeting another 10 minutes. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved. Motion to approve Board Policy 6146.1. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

Item 17. Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments – None

Item 18. Public Hearing

A. ANNUAL MEETING OF VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, CALL TO ORDER ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OPEN ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION. Meeting Opened at 11:02pm.

B. ADJOURNMENT OF VUSD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEETING/RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING OF THE VUSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Meeting adjourned at 11:03pm.

C. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VUSD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION Motion to hold same positions as Vista Unified School District Board Members. Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

D. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VUSD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Item 19. Board Business/Discussion

A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business

B. Board Members Reports or Comments

C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting

D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM, CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees