

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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**

Emily Garcia, Vista High School  
Isabella Corpora, Rancho Buena Vista High  
Alda Vargas, Alta Vista High  
Victor Delgado, Murray High  
Wade Lippert, Mission Vista High

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jaka.

**CLOSED SESSION**

No announcements

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: Member Chunka moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Herrera. 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**

Students from MVHS, RBV and VHS shared information on **Vista's Big Give** which supports the **Make A Wish Foundation** and the children they serve. The students shared the value of the **Big Give** and the districts support in the past. This is the third Big Give that Vista Unified will support. **February 3 - February 14 is Wish Week in the City of Vista. On February 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. a Big Give check presentation will be held** (location to be determined). Join our hands and hearts for these children. Many hearts one community.

Parent **Suzie Lopez** mother of a kindergarten student at Grapevine Elementary stated she had a petition with 86 signatures. She shared her concerns of the large kindergarten classes and the need for smaller classes. The overlapping schedule needs to be fixed. Students are not receiving the education they deserve. Ms. Lopez shared the value of smaller class sizes. Stick to the standards that have proven to work. Re-evaluate the current standards.

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**Kelly Ferreira** a parent of the school district shared her concerns of the Common Core and the information she researched. Shared many concerns and what students are not receiving currently.

**Member Gibson** requested information from the speaker.

### **6. Public Hearings**

None

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

- The District presented information on implementation of the **Common Core State Standards at the Achievement Gap Task Force** which took place on November 5 presented by the San Diego County Office of Education.
- Dr. Vodicka attended the **ACSA Leadership Summit** held on November 7 and 8 in San Jose. He met a former ASB president of Vista High School, now Mayor Pro Tem in San Jose. At the Leadership Summit a VHS student **Eduardo Arredondo was recognized as one of 19 students at this statewide conference.**
- On November 19 the first **We Are Vista Everyday (WAVE) meeting was held at Foothill-Oak Elementary.** Representatives from classified, teachers, administrators, parents and students attended from each school site. Information about initiatives and efforts toward achieving our vision to be the model of excellence and innovation was shared.
- Introduced **Elizabeth O'Shea West who has been appointed as the interim Adult Education Principal.**
- Introduced **Ellie Navarro the new receptionist for the District.** Ms. Navarro is also a graduate of Rancho Buena Vista.

### **B. Superintendents Recognition: Trust Award - Anne Fennell, Mission Vista High School**

Item tabled to the December 12, 2013 Board meeting.

### **C. Student Board Member Report - Vista High School, Emily Garcia**

Student Board Member **Emily Garcia** shared boys' Water polo, girls Field Hockey, and Cross Country are going to the CIF. Football comes to an end. Drama is putting on a fall play Scipina. The band hosted the Field Tournament on Saturday. They are going to participate in the championships in a couple of weeks. A group of students from VHS visited CSUSM for lab experience. Students held a mock trial and met with attorneys to practice for trial. Tonight there is a movie premier Meet Me in Miami. To support the Big Give Make a Wish ASB is working on dance in February.

## **8. Reports from School Related Organizations (3-5 Minutes)**

### **A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA)**

**VTA President Barbara Franklin** stated middle school and elementary teachers completed their parent conferences for the fall. Teachers are working hard and adapting to upcoming changes. Teachers are spending too much time out of the classroom and this is worrisome to teachers. Work with VTA to work with alternatives for collaboration. Ms. Franklin shared concerns on lack of substitute teachers and the special education changes and the new model. She shared examples of special education student's disruptive behavior to the class and teacher. Rethink the one size fits all. Go back to individualized IEPs. Shared what teachers have taken on and the need for a raise. We need to be more competitive with surrounding districts. Smaller class sizes benefits students.

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**B. California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

**CSEA President Michelle Bell** stated she attended one of the Town Hall meetings held. Ms. Bell was very impressed by what the students had to say. They were thoughtful, respectful and on target. She shared concerns regarding the bidding process of the transportation process. Thanked the district and Board for making that right. Ms. Bell shared the value of the Make a Wish Foundation and the value of the program to her daughter.

**C. District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

DELAC Member **Sophia Ramos from Vista Magnet Middle School** shared the following information:

DELAC Status:

On Monday, October 28 DELAC held their training and informational meeting, to comply with the requirement to train all DELAC members annually, on their responsibilities and tasks. Betsy Jenner, Coordinator of Student Support Services and Larry White, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction provided DELAC members with information on the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan, Title I and Title III funding. Jose Leon, District Resource Teacher presented the DELAC report and training. The Common Core Standards presentation was tabled to a later date.

English Language Development (ELD) Support Teachers and Resource Teachers have all been working diligently to comply with mandated elections of the English Learners Advisory Committee (ELAC) members at their school sites. Copies of their election process and reports are being sent or emailed to the Learning Center.

**Up Coming Agenda Items:**

**DELAC Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013**  
**The first official DELAC meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2013.**

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1 de noviembre del 2013

Estatus Actual de DELAC:

El pasado 28 de octubre se llevó a cabo la junta informativa y capacitación de DELAC, para cumplir con el requisito anual de capacitar a todo miembro de DELAC, en sus responsabilidades y tareas. Betsy Jenner, Coordinadora de Servicios de Apoyo al Estudiante y Larry White, Director Ejecutivo de Currículo e Instrucción compartieron información a miembros de DELAC sobre el plan de la Agencia de Educación Local (LEA) e información de fondos del Título I y Título III. José León, Maestro de Recursos Académicos del Distrito, dio la presentación y capacitación de DELAC. La presentación de los estándares académicos estatales se aplazó para otra fecha.

Los maestros del Desarrollo de Lenguaje en Inglés (ELD) junto con los maestros de recursos, han estado trabajando laboriosamente para cumplir con las elecciones bajo mandato para los miembros del Comité de Padres para Estudiantes Aprendiendo Inglés (ELAC) en cada escuela. Copias y reportes del proceso de elección de cada escuela se están mandando al Centro de Aprendizaje.

**Acontecimientos:**

Junta de la mesa Directiva esta programada para el lunes, 4 de Noviembre.  
La primera junta oficial de DELAC está programada para el 18 de noviembre de 2013.

**9. A. Campus Safety & Security Review Update - Donna Caperton, Assistant Supt. Business Services & Jeff Geyer, Safety, Environmental Manager**

**Jeff Geyer shared the following information:**

- Goals
- Guiding Idea – Balance – provide a safe and secure campus while maintaining a warm and inviting atmosphere for student learning

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- Elements of Review
- Top Five Improvements needed as identified Spring 2013
- Top Five Statuses
  - ✓ Oceanside Police Department – School Resource Officer
  - ✓ Master Facilities Plan (fencing 7 cameras)
  - ✓ Visitor Management
  - ✓ Safety and Security Protocols
  - ✓ Communication protocols
- Great California Shakeout - Great success 100% participation

Discussion ensued by the Board on security of schools. **Dr. Vodicka** stated we have the administration regulations to guide us. The team is going through the process of signage and a system for frequent visitors. The Executive Team is prioritizing key projects. A Facilities Report will be presented in January or February at the latest. **Member Herrera** added do we have Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in all our schools? Mr. Geyer stated we are establishing protocols and processes. **Member Gibson** inquired about closed circuit video for district campuses. Mr. Geyer stated this is another item that needs to be prioritized in the master plan. **Ms. Donna Caperton** added we are working on prioritizing the needs for the district. This is one of the items included. We have a huge list of needs. The team will look at funding between January and February. Implementation day after school is out. **Member Gibson** would like to address this in January. **Member Alderson** shared he visited a school district that had an automated system visitors use to check in and check out. This might be something we can look at.

### **B. Technology Report - Larry White, Executive Director Curriculum & Instruction & Dewayne Cossey, Director of Information Technology**

**Dewayne Cossey and Larry White shared the following information:**

- Technology Plan
- Technology Plan Development
  - ✓ Spring 2013
  - ✓ Fall 2013
  - ✓ Development timeline
- Technology Implemented 2013-14
- Digital Retreat

#### **Next Steps**

- Develop VUSD Technology Plan for July 2014 through June 2017
- Present the plan at the April 2014 Board meeting
- Implement the plan.

**Member Jaka** stated she attended a digital retreat. It was wonderful to see the excitement and learning that was taking place.

### **C. Goal Report - Visual and Performing Arts - Anne Green, Director of Curriculum & Instruction**

**Anne Green shared the following update:**

- Recent Successes
- Next Steps: Equity of Access
- Plan to Measure proficiency

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### **D. Continuation School Taskforce Update - Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent**

**Ms. Luckey shared the initial Start Up Report:**

**Purpose:**

To recommend a continuum of delivery options for VUSD continuation high schools to increase the percentage of students on a productive path for the future, as measured primarily through high school graduation rates, attendance, and an increase in the percentage of students who have made substantial progress on a college or career pathway.

- Task Force Members
- Task Force Meeting Dates & Location

**Member Jaka** shared both of our continuation high schools were recognized as model schools. **Member Herrera** added we were commended for seeing our continuation schools as one of our four high schools. This is an alternative for our students. **Dr. Vodicka** shared his thoughts on the future of our continuation schools and how to improve them.

### **E. Special Education Update - Dr. Matt Doyle, Executive Director, Special Education**

**Dr. Doyle and Principal Chris Altona presented the following information:**

- Special Education program update
- Strategic Plan Implementation Status
- Instructional Assistants
- Fiscal Impact – Staffing of Instructional Assistants and Transportation
- Self-Review Process – District, Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Co Teaching Pilot
- Vertical Professional Learning Communities Leadership Team
- Parent Involvement
- Positive Behavior Support Team Services Delivered Fall 2013
- Adult Transition Program
- Strategic Plan Next Steps

Discussion/questions by the Board ensued. **Dr. Doyle** shared the SESR process at Washington Middle, Bobier Elementary, and Vista High School all showed significant improvement in compliance of IEPs based on state and federal criteria. Specifically, Washington Middle School went from 0% compliant to 86% compliant. Bobier Elementary School went from 27% compliant to 99% compliant; Vista High School went from 18% compliant to 81% compliant.

### **F. Vista Unified Blueprint Update - Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent**

- Blueprint process
- Current Context
- Framework for the Future
- Goals and LCAP
- Priority Areas: Board input
- Blueprint Process
- Blueprint Timeline
- Informational Presentation
- Online Forums
- Online Feedback
- Town Hall meetings
- Sample of Town Hall Input
- Student Feedback
- LCAP Developments

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- LCP Draft Regulations
- Next Phase: Task and Timelines
- Next Steps

(Detailed reports can be viewed on-line at [www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf](http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf).  
Click on November 14, 2013 board meeting)

**Item 10.A. Consent Calendar**

**MOTION**

**Member Herrera moved to approve the consent calendar as amended, seconded by Member Chunka.** All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously passed.**

**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

**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 TOTALLING \$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

**19. Discussion/Action Items**

***Item 12.B. Approve First Reading Of Board Policy 5142-Safety***

Dr. Vodicka shared this policy was prepared in response to safety concerns reported on the 2012-13 campus safety & security review.

- A. Approve A Salary Increase Of .84% In Lieu Of The Employee Paid 7% Contribution To The Public Employees Retirement System For The Confidential And Supervisory Employee Groups, Effective January 1, 2014***

**Assistant Superintendent Brett Killeen** shared information as stated in the Board item. Dr. Vodicka clarified further information and pension reform.

**MOTION**

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

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**B. Approve A One-Time Payment Of .83% For The Confidential, Supervisory And Management Employee Groups**

**MOTION**

Member Herrera moved to approve a one-time payment of .83% for the confidential, supervisory and management employee groups, seconded by Member Chunka. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

**C. Approve Substitute Teacher Rate Schedule**

Mr. Killeen shared information on the new rate as presented in the schedule. The last raise substitute teachers received in 2006.

**MOTION**

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

**D. Approve Fee Increase For AM-PM Summer Program For Fiscal Year 2014-15**

Donna Caperton Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shared information on this item and the reason for the fee increase.

**MOTION**

**Member Alderson moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera.**

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

**Oppose: Gibson**

**Motion approved (4 in favor, 1 oppose)**

**E. Adopt Resolution No. 14-21, To Approve The Elimination Of Three (3) Vending Operations Specialists Positions**

Mr. Killeen shared information on reason for elimination of positions. The positions will be eliminated and the employees will be reassigned to other areas.

**MOTION**

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

**F. Approve The New Names For Sierra Vista High School (Vista Adult Transition Center) And Washington Middle School (Vista Innovation & Design Academy**

**Ms. Caperton shared information/report on the process:**

- Issue
- Process for SVHS/ **New Name: Vista Adult Transition Center**
- Process for WMS/ **New Name: Vista Innovation and Design Academy**

**MOTION**

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

**G. Dissolve The Budget Advisory Committee And Rescind The Motion For The Creation Of The Superintendent's Local Control Funding Formula Advisory Committee**

Dr. Vodicka shared information on rescinding the creation of the Superintendent's Local Control Funding Formula Committee. The Superintendent's committee does not need to be approved by the Board.

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This board item will also approve dissolution of the Budget Advisory Committee established by the Board in 2009.

**MOTION**

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

**Board Comments**

**Member Alderson** commented on the wonderful work of the Vocational Education group & their efforts to promote the various programs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2013.**

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees