

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

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**  
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  
R. Elizabeth Jaka, Clerk  
Jim Gibson, Member  
Angela Chunka, 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

**Item 1 CLOSED SESSION 6:30 P.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel: Potential/Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54957): 1 Case
- C. Labor Negotiations Update (Government Code 54957.6) Labor Negotiator(s): Elaine Alexandres/Kyle Ruggles
- D. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Non-Reelection/Reassignment (Government Code 54957)

**Item 2 Open Session/Regular Meeting – ON/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Alderson.

**Item 3 Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session** Board took action by unanimous vote to approve the resignation and release agreement for employee 17-06, a Classified employee.

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

**Item 5 Public Comments**

Public Comments: Member Gibson requested that we break after one hour so that the students can be dismissed. Pat Emaus, Teacher at Rancho Buena Vista High School, introduced his daughter Amelia. Recommended offering a dual immersion Spanish program. As a teacher, he is concerned about graduation rates at RBVHS. Asked for compliance with Article 1210. Article from Time Magazine. Parent and Community Member, Mark Solomon, spoke about child abduction. Member Gibson told audience that the Board is unable to comment unless the item is on the agenda.

**Item 6 District Announcements**

- A. DR. VODICKA DISTRICT COMMENTS – Has had the opportunity to be out at many of our schools and we are off to a good start this year. Was able to attend a retirement recognition celebration at Mission Meadows Elementary School for Custodian, Lynn Rainsberger. He has provided 44 years of service at school. Many successful Back to School events. Tomorrow morning will be the first Rising Star Breakfast with the Vista Chamber of Commerce. On September 22, 2016, a group of approximately 40 Superintendents will be visiting to attend an AASA conference. We will be hosting school site visits for personal learning. On October 5, 2016 we have our 100 Year Celebration followed by a Regional #GoOpen Summit on October 7, 2016. On October 15, 2016, we will have the Annual VUSD Festival of Arts.
- B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION: GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE – Will be moved to October.

**Item 7 Reports from School Related Organizations**

- A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) - Tod Critchlow presented. Election time. Spoke in support of Proposition 55.
- B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Marie Hovel presented – First Chapter Meeting in August. They passed new contract agreement by 98%. She featured the Transportation Department: Bus Drivers transport over 2800 students each day.
- C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – No Report.

**Item 8 Staff Committee Reports to the Board**

A. STAFF REPORT: ELA AND MATH UPDATE – Sharmila Kraft presented Curriculum and Instruction Focus for Elementary – Curriculum & Instruction and Instructional Design. STAR Early Literacy – Literary Classification for Kindergarten Students and Literary Classifications for First Grade Students. Member Gibson asked what standard for probably reader is. STAR Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, College and Career Ready Lexile Bands. Member Gibson questioned 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade score changes. Member Herrera agreed with Member Gibson. Dr. Vodicka explained the different testing at the different grade levels. Member Alderson used sports analogy to explain. CAASPP Performance Growth 2015 to 2016 – English-Language Arts/Literacy Results 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Member Gibson mentioned that he is happy to see progress but would like to see more. English-Language Arts/Literacy Results 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Member Herrera asked what is considered significant in these test scores. English-Language Arts/Literacy Results 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Elementary ELA/ELD Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017. Member Herrera asked about scoring categories. Dr. Vodicka explained the standards. Member Herrera asked how we should be looking at it. Dr. Vodicka suggested doing a workshop for the Board. Member Herrera asked what students are considered “approaching”.

Meeting disrupted at 7:50pm by Mr. and Mrs. Solomon. Police were called. Meeting resumed at 8:09pm.

Matt Steitz presented. CAASPP English Language Arts Performance Growth Grades 6, 7, 8, 11. 2015 to 2016. Secondary ELA Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017. Member Chunka asked what we are going to be doing for 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. Matt Steitz said Performance Task Work. Member Chunka asked that we include all of the school scores in future agendas that include ELA/Math reports. Member Herrera said that we need to look at the kids that are not meeting the standard. Stop coaching teachers and focus on assisting students who are below standards. Member Jaka mentioned that taking a small group of kids worked. Member Gibson said that he is happy that we see improvement but would like to see more. Sharmila Kraft explained that the CRT's are doing shoulder to shoulder coaching with teachers. We have data driven decision making. Mr. Alderson mentioned shift in assessment. Looking for faster pace of improvement. Matt Steitz explained the performance task work.

Sharmila Kraft presented Elementary Mathematics Report. STAR Math 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, CAASPP Math 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Performance Growth 2015-2016, CAASPP Math 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance Growth 2015 to 2016, CAASPP Math 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance Growth 2015 to 2016, Elementary Math/ELD Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017, How will we monitor growth? Member Herrera asked if the amount of reading

contributes to the results. Member Alderson mentioned that students are starting to think and learn differently. Matt Steitz presented CAASPP Mathematics Growth Performance Grades 6, 7, 8, 11 2015 to 2016. Secondary Math Achievement Growth Plan 2016-2017. How will we monitor growth? Secondary ELA and Mathematics Initiatives. Member Gibson asked if we teach financial math to balance checkbook, etc. Member Steitz mentioned advanced financial algebra class that was approved two years ago.

B. STAFF REPORT: MISSION AND VALUES – Presented by Crag Wiblemo. Respect Trust Collaboration. A report on our District's Values 2013-2014 through 2015-16. District Goals for 2016-2017. Focus on Goal 7. Partnership with UCSD. Survey Methodology. Data Collection. Response Rates 2015-2016 School Year. Individual Statement Rating Scale. Sub-Scale Development. Sample Statements. Survey Results. Chart Interpretation. Teachers' Perceptions. Students' Perceptions. Site Classified Staff Members' Perceptions. Parents' Perception. District and Site Leaders' and Managers' Perceptions. District Classified Staff Member Perceptions. Member Alderson asked what students and parents were surveyed. Concerned about school safety. Although it is going up, it's still low. We need to look at it. Member Chunka agreed with Member Alderson. She asked if the students and parents are receiving the same questions. Dr. Vodicka mentioned that we have open ended forums. We often receive themes that are aligned with the survey. As we implement the Blueprint, you will see progress. Member Jaka asked if the schools receive more detailed results, they will be able to pinpoint problems.

C. STAFF REPORT: BLUEPRINT UPDATE - STRATEGY 3 – Presented by Matt Doyle. Framework for the Future. House of Learning. LCAP Budget Alignment to Board Goals. Donna Caperton presented Strategy 2 – Action Plans. Brock Smith presented Learning Environments, Maker Lab at Olive Elementary, Thinkabit Lab at VIDA, Vista High School Innovative Space and Facilities. DeWayne Cossey presented Technology. Member Gibson asked about training for our IT staff. Asked about refreshing network. Mr. Cossey said that we participate in eRate program. Member Jaka commented that we have received many items donated. Member Gibson asked if we have a policy for decommissioning sensitive data on devices. Jeff Geyer presented Safe Environments. Member Jaka mentioned that Fallbrook had a plan last year, is ours similar to it? Board Members asked if we will have drills and training. Mr. Geyer said that we will have various training over the next two years. Donna Caperton presented Challenges and Next Steps. Matt Doyle presented Blueprint Update Timeline, LCFF Evaluation Rubric, Inside the Evaluation Rubric State and Local Indicators.

**Item 9 Consent Calendar** Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Chunka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 18, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Item 10 Human Relations**

A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

B. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

**Item 11 Student Support Services**

A. APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENT WHO HAS APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**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. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C1617007B NEW RUNNING TRACK AT ALAMOSA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

B. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL SEWER PROJECT, BUILDING D

C. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 10, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2016
- E. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- F. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 WITH LIGHTENING FENCE, INC. DECREASING THE CONTRACT FOR FENCING BY \$23,000, PW1617021-1
- G. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14146910 THROUGH 14155229
- H. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID# C1617044 FOR SEWER REPLACEMENT AT ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HARBOR BAY INC.
- I. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 10, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2016
- J. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$48,613.65
- K. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #PW1617037 FOR CONCRETE & ASPHALT REPAIRS AT MULTIPLE SITES
- L. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID# C16170050 FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING AT MULTIPLE SITES TO SIGNATURE PAINTING
- M. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR VMMS LUNCH SHELTER WITH GEM INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC, INC DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$7,841

**Item 15 Board Business**

**Item 16 Discussion/Action Items**

- A. DECLARING SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS OR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR EACH PUPIL FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR Presented by Sherry Opacic. Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.
- B. APPROVE RESOLUTION #17-05 THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER #389 (CSEA) DATED MAY 31, 2016 Kyle Ruggles Presented. Member Chunka moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.
- C. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 6163.2: ANIMALS AT SCHOOL Donna Caperton Presented. Member Jaka moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

**Item 17 Continuation Item 10.A. Presentation by Community Members/Public Comments (if necessary)** - None

**Item 18 Public Hearing** – None

**Item 19 Board Business/Discussion**

- A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business – Member Herrera brought up Vista and homelessness. Can we communicate better? Mentioned Teen Outreach.
- B. Board Members Reports or Comments
- C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting
- D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Meeting Adjourned at 10:06pm.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees