

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

Thursday, July 20, 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. Matt Doyle, Interim Superintendent  
Elaine Alexandres, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations  
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence  
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

**Item 1. Closed Session 6:00 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

**Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting** Call to Order-Roll at 6:59PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session** – No Action Taken.

**Item 4. Approval of Agenda** Request that Item 12.A be removed from the agenda. Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda with change, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 5. Presentation by Community Members**

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA / ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. Alicia Mercado spoke about her Performance Improvement Plan. She held up her cell phone facing Board Members saying she was live streaming on Facebook.

**Item 6. Public Hearing**

A. Public Hearing on Vista Springs Charter School Petition. A public hearing will be held pursuant to Education Code section 47605(b) for the Board of Trustees to consider the level of support of teachers employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents for the charter petition submitted to establish the Vista Springs Charter School. Presented by Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer. VSCS Charter Petition Update, SBE Meeting Statements, Petition Detail Added: Enrollment, Curriculum, ELD Schedule, Budget, Governance, Program Video, Springs Charter Schools Network. Member Herrera asked how many of their students are Special Education. They have 15 students who are Special Education. Member Alderson asked if English/Spanish speaking is 50/50. They clarified that 50% learning time is English and 50% Spanish. Makeup of program varies based on enrollment. They cannot dictate. Member Herrera asked about SELT. They do not have the data with them but they will send it to us. Member Alderson asked if they are still using a homeschool model when parents can select materials. They do have approved textbooks/materials that parents can purchase. Other items like science kits. Member

Alderson asked who elects Board Members. The Board Members are appointed by Springs Incorporated. Harbor Springs approves all hiring and firing. Originally self-appointed Board Members. Since being established, no longer self-appointment of Board Members. Member Smithfield asked about Board appointment to clarify. She asked if the Board picks the curriculum. Yes. Sole statutory can replace or remove Board Member whenever they choose.

### **Item 7. District Announcements**

#### **A. DR. DOYLE DISTRICT COMMENTS.**

\* Dr. Doyle introduced Robin Layton and David Fuhrman from Educational Enrichment Systems.

Thanked them for nine years of pre-school partnership.

\* Classified HR: Since 07/01/17 through today, we have completed 21 recruitments, which has required the review and processing of 790 applications. Since the end of the 2016-17 school year through 07/14/17, we have hired 91 classified employees, and all of those have required final interviews.

\* Certificated HR: For the 2017-17 school year, 2,072 certificated applicants have applied to VUSD. As of this morning we have hired 121 employees.

\* CNS: This summer, WaveCrest Café has served 37,223 meals so far at 21 sites. We will continue serving meals through August 11th and anticipate serving another 11,000 meals.

\* ESY - was extremely successful. Cal Ave - 70 students, VAVPA (Elementary) - 187, VATC (middle through adult transition) - 102 students

\* Summer Programs held at 15 school sites.

**B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION - NEW ADMINISTRATORS.** Presented by Elaine Alexandres. In November, 2012 our District's Framework for the Future was developed and a set of expectations and priorities were created to help guide our district and create a more efficient organization. Within the Framework for the Future, one of our District's core values is trust with the belief and confidence that every decision which is made focuses on the best interests of all students. Tonight it is my pleasure to introduce to you some of our new site administrators. We have hired outstanding educators who are committed to providing our students an outstanding education and who are also committed to our important value of "trust."

Our principal at Madison Middle School is Steven Bailey.

Leading as the principal at Rancho Minerva Middle School is Juan Ayala.

Heather Golly is the principal at Roosevelt Middle School.

The principal at Vista Magnet Middle School is Steve Post.

And our new elementary principal at Beaumont Elementary School is Sochie Schmitz.

Tonight I'd also like to introduce two of our new assistant principals:

Amy Zilk is going to be an assistant principal at Mission Vista High School.

And Rancho Buena Vista High School will be welcoming Daniel Smuts as one of their new assistant principals.

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

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Presented by Pat Emaus. Focus on trust in negotiations and bargaining. The teachers have the students at their best interest. Trust that we are making the right decisions.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – No Report

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

Break 7:45pm-7:53pm

**Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board**

A. STAFF REPORT: P-3 UPDATE Presented by Matt Doyle and Laura Kohn. P-3 Continuum, Transformational Change, VUSD's P-3 Journey, Big Picture VUSD P-3 Framework Components, Strategies, Implementation Priorities 2017-18, What Will Change? Performance Framework. Member Smithfield asked if we are doing anything to notify parents of changes. Robin Layton and David Fuhrman from Educational Enrichment Systems presented. More families will qualify based on governor's budget being signed. Member Smithfield is very excited that we will have this program. Member Vargas also supports this program. EL Reclassification is important but let's look at dual language opportunities as well. Dr. Doyle said that this year we will have Vanguard schools. Grapevine's PL will focus on dual language. Foothill Oak, Grapevine and Olive are Vanguard schools. Member Herrera would like emphasis on instructional pedagogy which is very important in early childhood education. Member Alderson commented that we should look at English learner students as they have language strength, it might just not be English. Member Smithfield commented that when a preschool was implemented at Grapevine, it made a huge difference as a kindergarten teacher.

**Item 10. Consent Calendar** 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: APRIL 20, 2017, MAY 30, 2017 AND JUNE 22, 2017

**Item 11. Human Relations**

A. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

**Item 12. Student Support Services**

A. APPROVE SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY 5141.52 SUICIDE PREVENTION (Item pulled from agenda at the beginning of the meeting) Sherry Opacic presented. Member Gibson stated that the policy is vague. Ms. Opacic suggested that we do an Administrative Regulation with more information. Member Gibson agreed and motioned to table this agenda item. Member Herrera seconded. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Gibson, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

**Item 13. Special Education****Item 14. Curriculum & Instruction**

A. APPROVE SECOND READING/ADOPTION: BOARD POLICY 6154 - HOMEWORK/MAKEUP WORK

B. APPROVE SECOND READING/ADOPTION: BOARD POLICY 6164.2 - GUIDANCE/COUNSELING SERVICES

C. APPROVE SECOND READING/ADOPTION: BOARD POLICY 6173 - EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

D. APPROVE SECOND READING/ADOPTION: BOARD POLICY 6173.1 - EDUCATION FOR FOSTER YOUTH

E. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

F. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

**Item 15. Business Services (Fiscal Services, Accounting, Child Nutrition Services, Purchasing and Facilities)**

A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 18-01, 18-02, 18-03, 18-04 DESIGNATING DISTRICT AGENTS

B. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT

C. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14267275 THROUGH 14283618

D. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$2,945.00

E. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

F. RATIFY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY CONCERNING RELEASE OF REMAINING CONTRACT BALANCE PROCEEDS FOR TEMPLE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

- G. APPROVE DONATING SURPLUS FROM CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES PROGRAM TO SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK
- H. APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ECO-SITE, INC FOR A CELL TOWER LOCATED AT VAPA
- I. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-05 ESTABLISH TEMPORARY INTERFUND TRANSFERS OF SPECIAL OR RESTRICTED FUND MONIES
- J. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- K. REJECT PW PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR CNS EQUIPMENT BID# PW17180013R
- L. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 16, 2017, THROUGH JULY 12, 2017
- M. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS
- N. RATIFY AND APPROVE CHILD NUTRITION PURCHASE ORDERS FOR JUNE 2017

**Item 16. Board Business**

**Item 17. Discussion/Action Items** - None

**Item 18. Continuation Item 5.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments (if necessary)**

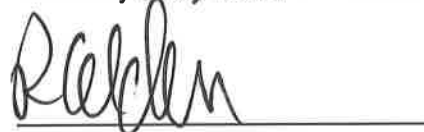
**Item 19. Board Business/Discussion**

- A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business – Member Gibson has asked the district to consider cyber bullying and suicide prevention. Some children do not realize that what they do now can affect the rest of their lives. They make friends on social media with people they do not know. The program that he has recommended is from an organization who are experts in their field. Member Alderson added that in the past, we needed to focus on technology. Most students who come to us are now knowledgeable of technology. Member Gibson feels that we need to educate our students to be careful on the internet. Dr. Doyle said that the Board will be receiving a Friday letter with more information. We have two Tech TOSA's who will be working with IT to support our students and teachers.
- B. Board Members Reports or Comments
- C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting
- D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 30, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees