

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

Wednesday, August 30, 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
Rosemary Smithfield, Member
Cipriano Vargas, Member

Board Members Not Present

Jim Gibson, Clerk

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 5:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

B. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE (GOVERNMENT CODE 54957.6 LABOR NEGOTIATOR(S):
ELAINE ALEXANDRES

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL: POTENTIAL/ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT
CODE 54957): 3 CASES

D. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code 54957)

Item 2. Open Session/Regular Meeting Call to Order-Roll at 6:12PM by President Alderson. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Public Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session President Alderson reported that the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement for employee ID#18-08, a Classified employee, effective August 30, 2017 by unanimous vote. The Board also took action to approve a settlement agreement in a special education dispute regarding OAH Case No. 2017080035, resolving all issues in dispute by unanimous vote.

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

Item 5. Presentation by Community Members

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA / ITEMS FOR FUTURE

Pam Swauger, first grade teacher at Mission Meadows Elementary, expressed concerns about the ARC program, adopted materials and training. Encouraged Board Members to view training webinar. Please look at the program that was approved.

Item 6. Public Hearing – None

Item 7. District Announcements**A. DR. DOYLE DISTRICT COMMENTS**

Smooth start to the 2017-18 school year with over 21,000 students returning. I personally have visited every school over the past few weeks. During these visits, I have been impressed with the immediate focus on learning with particular attention to language, literacy, and numeracy. The Human Relations Department provided a series of new employee orientations for over 200 new staff to support a successful school year start-up. 77% of principals reported that they felt very prepared for the start of the school year. With over 30 new administrators district wide. We now have over 700 students accessing preschool classes, an increase of over 100 students from last year. We are still under our projection for enrollment in elementary schools (184), however, we exceeded our projections in middle and high schools (66). Many schools have already moved forward with family engagement events including kindergarten teas and Back-to-School nights. There are also a number of schools scheduled to hold their Back to School Nights this week. We have received many compliments on the facilities upgrades made over the summer months with particular attention to the painting and carpeting upgrades to classrooms. It is inspiring to see teachers and staff so energized about working with students from preschool to high school. We have already received our first official regional and national recognition for Excellence and Innovation. Mission Vista High School received National Certification as a Magnet school from the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership. In fact, Mission Vista's program was so strong that it was named a Certified Demonstration School. There are only 10 schools in the nation that have received this status and the only one in California. Susan Moynihan from Madison Middle School is our District Teacher of the Year to be honored at the 27th Annual "Cox Presents: A Salute to Teachers" event on September 16, 2017 in San Diego. Finally, Elaine Alexandres and the HR team have done a marvelous job recruiting, filling and on-boarding hundreds of new employees. Tonight we would like to recognize the newest administrators to the district. Lori Higley, Leticia Cimino, David Rio, Thomas Donovan, David Sosa, Amy Rockwell, Christine Corrao, David Noble

B. SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION – RESPECT Presented by Donna Caperton. Honored WATCH D.O.G.S. from Monte Vista Elementary School. Presented Certificates.

Item 8. Reports from School Related Organizations

A. Vista Teachers Association (VTA) – Presented by Tod Critchlow. Acknowledged Sue Butler and her passing. asked for a moment of silence in honor of her, as well as our other VUSD family members that are no longer with us. Record number of retirees last year which means we get to welcome a new cohort of teachers. On Aug 11, Mr. Critchlow was able to be a part of the welcoming committee for the certificated orientation. Over one hundred new certificated employees were in attendance and the excitement and enthusiasm was obvious. Welcomed all the new teachers to VUSD on behalf of VTA. In addition we have over one hundred teachers returning for their third year. That means they have gained permanent status. Encouraging as it means that we are hiring candidates that are qualified and dedicated. Extended an invitation to members of the school board to attend The School Board Brunch sponsored by CTA. On Sat, Sept 23, 2017 from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse. We would like you to join us to meet other school board members from around the county. We hope to provide you with information on the contributions that VTA, CTA and the NEA make to public education. Acknowledged Elaine Alexandres, Asst Sup of HR and her department. Suffice it to say that much of what AB 119 requires us to do was already common practice in VUSD. In addition, this MOU is an example of our values demonstrating mutual Respect, Trust and Collaboration. School has started again and we are back to doing what we do best, Teaching Kids.

B. California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Donna Caperton read statement provided by Marie Hovel. CSEA was unable to attend due to chapter meeting held same night.

C. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) - First report will be in September.

Item 9. Staff Committee Reports to the Board

A. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE - THE COSCA GROUP – Presented by George Bloch, Jennifer Walters and Ken Noonan. School Community Input Concerning Selection of a New Superintendent. Online Community Survey Results. Member Vargas thanked the community for input. Under Education section, the requirement lists California experience. Is this recommended or required? Mr. Bloch said can we put desirable, not required. Member Herrera commented about the Greatest Needs section. Why use the word “continue” so much? Prefer to see words like implement, expand, or further develop. Mr. Bloch stated that wordsmithing is not a problem but any major changes will push the deadline back. Member Herrera stated that reading and math are number one and two so that needs to be reflected. Member Smithfield said that she is okay with the word continue because that was the feedback they received from input meetings. Member Alderson clarified that this input came from the stakeholder and community input meetings.

B. STAFF REPORT: TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UPDATE – Lonna Leghart, parent of Mission Vista High School student, spoke about safe transportation to schools and introduced VUSDneedsbuses.org. Asked that district add shuttle to serve families in south Vista. Ava Winchester, student at Lake, asked Board to consider adding busses at all schools. Karie Winchester, parent at Lake, expressed concerns about transportation. Lois Ochrym, parent of VIDA and MVHS students, would like a safe way for children to get to school. Marianne Swift, parent of VIDA and MVHS students, spoke in support of adding transportation. Karlean Harp, parent of MVHS and VIDA students, spoke in support of adding transportation. The lack of transportation has negative impact on high school student.

Presented by Donna Caperton. Current Status, Fiscal Impact, District Challenges, Other Districts. Member Vargas said that every student should have access to a community school in their neighborhood. Due to the lottery process, students who live in magnet school areas but can't get in to the school and need to drive to other schools. Rancho Minerva walking, resources. San Marcos and Oceanside do not have magnet schools so students are not being displaced. Money is the biggest issue. McKinney Vento Act. Ms. Caperton explained definition McKinney Vento Act. Roosevelt area only has nine students that qualify. Michelle Walsh said that nine have applied from Roosevelt and have received bus passes. Approximately 60 students who qualify at Roosevelt. Member Alderson suggested that we do more outreach to find. We need to go to them instead of waiting for them to contact us. Member Alderson asked if there was a federal law. Member Smithfield said that we need to look at issues around magnet schools. Maryland sidewalks. Mission Vista High School area traffic. Jeffries Ranch residents going to do an environmental study. We are here for the students. We need to build the budget around students, getting them to and from school safely. Member Herrera said that the parents make a personal choice as to where they want to send students. We have displaced students. Complex problem with our students and transportation. If they make a choice to send students to another school, we need to take responsibility for their safety but should parents take some responsibility who make personal choices. We cannot reduce administration. We have legal obligation. We can't own the entire situation. We need to work together. Member Alderson said that he worked in Fallbrook and Julian. Bussing was essential. No increase in state budget since 2008 for cost of living adjustments for transportation. State made a decision to get out of building schools. The next reduction was transportation. Member Alderson shared his transportation experience as a principal in 1999 at Rancho Buena Vista High School. Local transportation moved bus stop in front of school. We need to work with North County Transit. Agrees with Member Herrera regarding parents' choice to attend magnet schools. Member Alderson recommended that we put together a community group. Ms. Caperton suggested that we invite City, County and North County Transit District to participate. Member Herrera commended those who responded to the survey. We do listen and respect. Member Smithfield mentioned that Casita and Grapevine are also affected by transportation. Parents must walk with the students. It's not just about magnet schools. Member Herrera said that a good committee will be able to look at all of the schools. Member Vargas said that MVHS has two shuttle stops. How many students are we servicing from stops? Approximately 90 students use the shuttle. About 45 on each bus. Member Smithfield said that parents want a bus to create more diversity at the magnet schools. Students being left out due to not being able to access school.

C. STAFF REPORT: 2017-18 BUDGET REVISIONS FROM ADOPTED BUDGET – Tod Critchlow, VTA President said that VTA would like to see a category of items where we can see where money needs to be spent that we could not fit into budget. So when we have the money, we can reference it.

Presented by Donna Caperton. Adjustments to 2017-18 Budget, Future Items.

D. STAFF REPORT: GOAL 4, GOAL 6 AND GOAL 9 – Tod Critchlow, VTA President, commented that we are going to see a lot of data tonight. Looking at 7 year expulsion trend. We hear about classroom management and discipline. Do the lower numbers have a correlation to our classroom discipline problems. Update on Board Goal Four and Nine presented by Craig Wiblemo, Kelly McKinney and Robert Crowell. Goal 4: Our students will solve real-world problems through service learning, career-technical education, and civic engagement. Goal 9: Our reputation for excellence and innovation will attract and retain students. Kyle Ruggles, Executive Director, Student Support Services expanded on the data for interdistrict transfers. Member Vargas asked if we are tracking data on all students as to why they are leaving the district. Member Herrera mentioned that Lake Elementary was impacted. Over 300 students come from other school boundaries as intradistrict. Member Alderson said that we need to look into it. Goal 6: Our students will attend school more often and improve in their behavior. Presented by Craig Wiblemo, Kyle Ruggles, Michelle Walsh and Betsy Jenner. Seven-year Suspension Trend, Suspension Rates by Ethnicity, Suspension Days of Instruction Lost, Student Dropout Rates. Member Alderson would like to see how many students have received multiple suspensions. Member Smithfield said that she is concerned that we are seeing since our suspension rates look good but reality is not a good environment. Member Herrera said making better use of the resources like counselors to assist with students. Member Smithfield said if principals are told to reduce suspensions, the information would not be on this report because they were not actually suspended. Kyle Ruggles, Executive Director, Student Support Services, stated that physical aggression is the top reason for suspensions. 74% of students had only one suspension. There is an uptick in use of controlled substances. Member Herrera said that it is a great report. She said that it is absolutely vital that we use the resources that we have at our schools (counselors, AP's, community liaisons and psychologists). She asked if we have a systematic process in place so that we can monitor students. Member Vargas asked when a student gets suspended, what is the current process. Mr. Ruggles said that we do not have any standard in place. We prefer to have intervention at school so that students are not at home on suspension. Member Vargas commented that high schools have conflict resolution and character leader programs. Suggested that we start earlier in the middle schools. Is a mentorship program being implemented? If not, can we look into creating a program? Dr. Doyle added that we have expanded the Gear Up program. We will be reporting on the San Diego Workforce program that we will be reporting on in a few months regarding their mentoring services. Member Smithfield feels that if we start earlier at the elementary level, our middle and high school students will have fewer challenges. Dr. Doyle said that we are in the initial stages of creating a General Education Behavior Team. Member Smithfield does see improvements now that we have the community liaisons. Member Alderson commented that the suspension process may not be the best but we are seeing a behavior change from the students who have been suspended once. He agrees that the younger the students are when we connect with them, the better. Member Herrera said that the more successful the students are, the better they will be.

E. STAFF REPORT: PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK – VTA President, Tod Critchlow, commented on communication plan. It references getting teachers involved. It is a great idea but it is our hope that they will request feedback from the VTA as to who the teachers will be and not just picking from the top. We would like the feedback to reflect what is really going on at the schools. Presented by Craig Wiblemo. Purpose of a Performance Framework, Sample Performance Framework Structure, Performance Framework Design Team, Performance Framework Design Process, Communication Plan During Development, Sample Competency, Expectation, Measure, Questions.

Member Smithfield agrees that teachers need to do this and likes that we are going to roll this out slowly. Member Herrera said to keep it simple. Dr. Doyle expanded on process and intent.

Item 10. Consent Calendar - Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MAY 4, 2017, JUNE 29, 2017 AND JULY 20, 2017

Item 11. Human Relations

A. APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND VISTA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSEMBLY BILL 119.

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

C. CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

Item 12. Student Support Services

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

Item 13. Special Education

A. REQUEST TO APPROVE OAH CASE 2017080035

Item 14. Curriculum & Instruction

A. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

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

A. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-14

B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

C. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1617-38

D. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE 2017

E. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR 07/01/17 - 08/10/17

F. APPROVE RESOLUTION #18-06 TO PIGGYBACK ON THE CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BID FOR MODULAR BUILDINGS, BID #14/15-03

G. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DEDUCTING \$16, 690 FROM CONTRACT #C16170284, PHASE 2-VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

H. AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ADDENDUM WITH THE SAN DIEGO COALITION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PURSUE REMEDIES FOR ELECTRICAL RATE SHOCK

I. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$861.00) FOR BID #PW17180039, CONCRETE AND ASPHALT AT MULTIPLE SITES

J. APPROVE AWARD CNS FARM TO SCHOOL PRODUCE PROPOSAL# C17180016

K. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,322.73 AND CHANGE ORDER #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,201.55 FOR PW16170500B, EDUCATION ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT VIC

L. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALING \$22,113.38

M. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD JULY 13, 2017, THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2017

N. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 14284364 THROUGH 14290795

O. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS

P. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT

Item 16. Board Business - None

Item 17. Discussion/Action Items

A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-07 TO DENY THE PETITION FOR VISTA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, with Springs Charter Schools, spoke in support of Vista Springs Charter School. Revised document includes 230 additional pages. We have thoroughly responded to all of the findings. Michelle Lopez, attorney representing Vista Springs, spoke in support of Vista Springs Charter School. Presented by Dr. Matt Doyle, Jeremy Walden, Donna Caperton and Leslie Reed Lacher. Member Smithfield asked for clarification on sole statutory governance. Member Vargas asked if we have any charters that have sole statutory governance. Member Herrera asked if they have many in CA. Oversight from a distance is a precarious position to be in. Member Alderson asked if any Board Members are from Vista. Member Vargas moved to approve, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

B. APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY RATE SCHEDULE – Presented by Elaine Alexandres. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved. Member Smithfield thanked them for doing this. Member Vargas also thanked them. He served as a substitute teacher for our district and appreciates training.

C. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERT SALARY SCHEDULE – Presented by Donna Caperton. Member Smithfield asked what a Professional Expert is. Member Herrera asked if a music teacher was hired by school. They are hired by Human Relations. We have contracts on each Professional Expert. Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Vargas. All in favor. YES (Alderson, Herrera, Smithfield and Vargas) unanimously approved.

Item 18. Continuation Item 5.A. Presentation By Community Members/Public Comments**Item 19. Board Business/Discussion**

A. Request for Future Board Agenda Items or Other Business

B. Board Members Reports or Comments – Member Smithfield stated that the beginning of the school year with such enthusiasm. Pat Emas invited Board Members in to see what they are doing. Empresa has their own impact teacher. Member Herrera experienced same thing with impact teacher. Dr. Doyle said that it is a great way to move down the road of personal learning. Discussion to change time of next Board Meeting to 5:00pm Closed Session and 6:00pm Open Session.

C. Board Members Reflection on Board meeting

D. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15PM.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees