

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ROOM
1234 ARCADIA AVENUE
VISTA, CA 92084

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rich Alderson, President
Carol Weise Herrera, Vice President
Rosemary Smithfield, Member
Cipriano Vargas, Member

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Gibson, Clerk

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

Item 1 Closed Session

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RESIGNATION (Government Code section 54957) Title: Superintendent

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT (Government Code section 54957) Title: Interim Superintendent

Item 2 Open Session/Special Meeting – ON/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by President Alderson.

President Alderson reported that in Closed Session, the Board took action to accept the resignation of Dr. Devin Vodicka effective May 1, 2017. He thanked Dr. Vodicka for his service on behalf of the Board.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda There was no motion to approve the agenda.

Item 4. Discussion/Action Items

Gail Cantrell, Teacher, spoke about ELA/Math teacher prep and materials. Pat Emaus, Teacher, expressed concerns about the ELA/Math Staff Report that will be presented.

A. BOARD WORKSHOP: MATH, ELA, UCSD REPORT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION Dr. Sherry Opacic introduced workshop. Matthew Steitz, Sharmila Kraft presented Math. Member Smithfield thanked Dr. Steitz for getting middle and high school math teachers together for professional development. She asked if STAR and iReady Math tests correlate? Dr. Kraft said that we will be providing information that can compare them but it will not assess. Dr. Steitz said that he focused on STAR and that iReady was predictability. Dr. Vodicka said that we will have a rich data set this summer to see if iReady or STAR will be better at indicating CAASP scores. Dr. Kraft said that they will be able to make better decisions once we receive results. Ideally, we would like only one indicator. Member Smithfield asked if they will have to do both ST Math and iReady online. Dr. Kraft said that iReady was volunteer based for teachers. Member Smithfield expressed concern about iReady which is like a page turner. Dr. Kraft said that it looks like a

page turner but it's not. It takes care of procedural. Member Smithfield said that we are doing a disservice to some high school students. Some kids are not going to college. Dr. Steitz mentioned intervention. Dual enrollment happens on our campuses. Dr. Vodicka mentioned that we are close to finalizing dual enrollment and it will help many of our students. Member Vargas mentioned that math and English effect CSU students. Dr. Steitz said that we will bring in mentors from colleges to discuss math concepts and encouraging students to take math that extra year. Entrance level is on our radar. Member Herrera asked why students are failing with all of these programs and teachers. She believes that the teachers know there math but can't teach it well. Students are not getting it. What is the answer for these kids to be successful? They teach subject but do not necessarily teach kids. Dr. Steitz said that we need to focus on K-8. We are formulating the pipeline so that we can support students along the way. Dr. Vodicka said that we have been in a transitional period with new standards. Curriculum, instruction and assessment. Member Alderson said that we better hurry because the standards are likely to change again. Do we have any data comparing Algebra I and Integrated I? Dr. Vodicka recalls that the D-F rates dropped but we will get information. Member Alderson asked what is the criteria for quantitative reasoning.

Dr. Sharmila Kraft and Wendy O'Connor presented ELA. Member Herrera asked for clarification. Member Smithfield asked where these handouts are available. Member Smithfield asked if we approve of America Reading will there be more IRL assessments. Dr. Kraft said that adjustments will be made to assessments. We want assessment to drive instruction but we want teachers teaching. Member Smithfield commented about a program we get must not have holes. Dr. Kraft mentioned Learning Dynamics. Member Smithfield said that Learning Dynamics does not teach letters and sounds. Dr. Vodicka said that we need to take this feedback back and find a solution. Member Herrera said that we need to make sure that we have a good phonics program in place to assist teachers. She would like to know if all teachers have been able to look at this textbook and give feedback. Teachers will not use textbook if it does not meet the needs of the students in the class. Teachers need the opportunity to see textbook. Dr. Kraft said that very few teachers showed up to review materials. Member Smithfield asked if there will be professional development on the new program. She feels that teachers who have experienced the program should facilitate training. Member Vargas asked when adoption would be done again. How many years? Dr. Kraft said that we no longer have a 7 year adoption. We have more flexibility with LCAP. Dr. Vodicka said that the program we are currently using is from 2002.

Craig Wiblemo presented UCSD Research Study. Member Alderson asked what is the training and expectation of being comfortable and feeling proficient with these programs. Dr. Vodicka mentioned that we have BOLTS and tech teachers to support teachers. Member Herrera said that it has to do with teacher preference.

Jana Hegg and Rebecca Nobriga presented Special Education. Member Herrera asked if we have any assessments to identify students with specific learning disability. Member Alderson asked how many Spanish speaking psychologists do we have. He would like to know how many students are being assessed and do not qualify for Spec Ed disability. Member Herrera said that the impact teachers might be able to assist. Member Smithfield said that we wait way too long to identify students who have problems. We need to do a better job. Member Smithfield asked what are we doing to support students that do not have IEP's but need more assistance. Do we feel that we have enough instructional aides. Suggested having Tier 2 in place at school sites.

Item 5. Board Business/Discussion

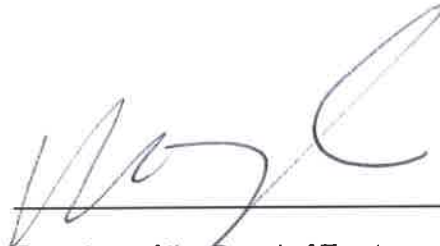
A. BOARD MEMBERS REFLECTION ON BOARD MEETING

B. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017 AT 7:00 PM, CITY OF VISTA, MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Special Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm.

Item 6. Continuation Item 1 Closed Session – Resumed at 9:45pm.

Closed Session Adjourned at 10:20pm.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees