

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER/DISTRICT OFFICE
BOARD ROOM
1234 ARCADIA AVENUE
VISTA, CA 92084

Board Members Present

Angela D. Chunka, President
Carol Weise Herrera, Vice President
Rich Alderson, Clerk
Jim Gibson, Member (absent)
R. Elizabeth Jaka, Member

Staff Members Present

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Chunka.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor YES: Chunka, Alderson, Jaka, Herrera, unanimously passed.

CLOSED SESSION

No Announcements

4.A. Brown Act Presentation and Policy & Ethics: Joe Sanchez, Best Best & Krieger

Joe Sanchez Attorney from Best Best & Krieger presented information and shared a brief overview of the Brown Act and Policy & Ethics. Shared the following information:

- Why Training Important
- California Ethics Laws: Minimum Legal Standards
- Principles of Public Service Ethics and Principles of Public Service
- Transparency Laws: Ralph M. Brown Act & The California Public Records Act
- Meeting: When a Quorum (3 or more Board members) Hears, Discusses Deliberates, or takes action on something within the District's subject matter
- The Brown Act Transparency Laws on Serial Meetings and EMails
- Rules Governing Meetings for Regular, Special, Emergency and Adjourned meetings
- Public Right to comment
- Reporting of individual votes or abstentions
- Closed Sessions/What is reported out
- Closed Session Exceptions
- Public Comment/ Restriction on Speech at a Board meeting
- Additional Rights of the Public
- Brown Act Ramifications
- Personal Financial Interests/General Rules

Policy & Ethics

- ✓ Political Reform Act of 1974
- ✓ Disclosure (Form 700) Types of Economic Interests
- ✓ What to do when a conflict exists

5 minute break 7:40 pm

Item 4.B. Ron Bennett, School Services California

Mr. Bennett shared the economic state of California.

- Themes for 2015-16
- Economic Growth Continues
- 2015-16 Governor's Budget Revenues, Expenditures and Reserves
- Governor's Priorities
- Impact of Revenues on Proposition 98
- Governor's Budget Proposals for K-12 Education
- Stays the Course on LCFF/LCAP
- 2015-16 Local Control Funding Formula
- Progress toward LCFF Implementation
- Wall of Debt Replaced by Rainy Day Fund
- Reserve Cap Trigger Conditions
- **Adult Education: Dr. Vodicka shared about the consortium funding the district will receive of about \$1.7 million.**
- Career Technical Education
- Discretionary Funds
- Proposition 39 (2012)
- Unfunded Proposals and Initiatives
- The Promise of a Return to 2007-08 Purchasing Power
- Capital Investment and Facilities Funding Policy
- Overall, A Positive Year of Education
- A Lesson in Fair Share Bargaining
- Calculating Fair Share
- During the Good Times
- During the Bad Times
- Restoration
- Supplemental and Concentration Grant Funding
- The Board's Role Changes under LCFF/LCAP

**Reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf.
Click on February 19, 2015 special board meeting**

Member **Jaka** shared that **Dr. Vodicka** received the Superintendent of the Year Award from ACSA.

Dr. Vodicka inquired about the supplemental concentration dollars applying for across the board salary increase.

Mr. Bennett shared the question to ask are the students receiving more. If you pay more you need to do more with students such as professional growth. Build a bridge in the LCAP. What is the need and what are strategies to address those needs? The district would need to assess that in a year. What did we receive for that? How did it improve student achievement?

Member **Herrera** spoke about enhanced local control. **Where do we draw the line and not micro-manage staff.** **Mr. Bennett** stated the Board is the policy decision makers. They hear what the community needs. The Board has the obligation to be informed. The Board has the policy decisions and data comes from staff. What improvement is needed? The Board can determine focus on certain areas. The Superintendent has the responsibility on development of the plan.

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The Board reviews the plan looks at the plan and inquires does this plan address the critical needs of the district. The **what** comes from the Board and the **how** comes from staff. The Board sets the priorities. LCAP is a rolling plan. **Dr. Vodicka** stated it's an ongoing conversation. A process we are implementing, refining and adjusting.

Member **Jaka** inquired about a possible change in **BTSA**. Mr. Bennett stated it's in the discussion stage at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, February 26, 2015**.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees