

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014**  
**CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER**  
**MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE**  
**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  
Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent  
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations  
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

**Student Board Members**

Britni Chau, Vista High  
Yanet Ibarra, Rancho Buena Vista  
Natalie Guy, Murray High  
Autumn Hagstrom, Mission Vista High  
Maya Carles, Vista Visions

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chunka.

**CLOSED SESSION**

By the following vote **AYES: Herrera, Jaka, Alderson, and Chunka** the Governing Board **approved a settlement agreement for employee ID #01-201411 a permanent certificated employee.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda seconded by Member Jaka.** All in favor (including student Board members) **YES: Jaka, Herrera, Alderson, Chunka unanimously approved.**

**Item 5. A. Public Hearing**

**None**

**6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments**

**Introduced New Principal of Mission Vista High, Nicole Miller**

- **Congratulated the Content Support Resource teachers** who presented information/training for the San Diego County Office of Education at the Superintendents Achievement Gap Task Force meeting.
- The first WAVE meeting was held at Maryland Elementary on October 26. Staff shared District updates with various representatives from each school site.

- **School visits continue.** It's exciting to see the amazing teaching and learning at our school sites.
- **Thanked the Board for their dedication.** Two Board workshops were held for principals to share about their school sites.
- Thanked the **Career Technical Education Team.** Last week they held a meeting with industry partners to help prepare students for the work force. **Lunch was provided by the VHS Culinary students who placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in a County wide competition.**
- This week **visited New Hampshire touring schools to look at their competency based education models through Digital Promise.** Yesterday visited the **White House in Washington DC.** Attended a Future Ready Summit with 100 superintendents. **Highlight of the visit a speech by President Barack Obama who stated he is appreciative of our educators who help prepare students for the future.**

#### Superintendent Recognition: Collaboration

#### **Dr. Vodicka formally recognized the California School Board Association (CSEA):**

The Vista Unified School District CSEA leadership has consistently demonstrated a spirit of collaboration through its actions, which are grounded in what is good for our students.

- CSEA Chapter 389 has regularly participated in hiring panels, along with teacher leaders and administration to ensure that we only hire the best professionals for our students.
- CSEA has engaged in regular collaborative opportunities related to learning about the new Local Control Funding Formula and its impact on employees and students.
- CSEA has collaborated and consulted thoughtfully in the development of the Blueprint for Educational Excellence.
- CSEA along with teacher partners and community leaders has collaborated to raise funds for programs and schools through its participation in the Vista Education Foundation.
- CSEA actively collaborates with a variety of community outreach groups through volunteerism and acquiring resources and funds for those in need.
- CSEA along with teachers and administrative team members has collaborated on numerous task forces and committees to help us become an innovative district.
- CSEA has collaborated and has been an active participant in the development of the program for the January Professional Development Day for Classified Personnel.

**President Michelle Bell** spoke about the positive working relationship with the District and CSEA. Thanked Dr. Vodicka for his support of CSEA and the value of trust, collaboration and respect.

#### Item 7.A. Student Board Member Report Rancho Buena Vista High School (RBVHS)

**Yanet Ibarra** shared a few of the amazing happenings at RBVHS.

- **Career Technician and counselors have designed a college work out session.** This session allows students to apply for colleges.
- **Teacher Mr. Scott created a mural project/inspiration for beautification of the campus.** Each mural celebrates an art discipline: band, choir, theatre, visual, dance and film.
- **Drama production I Never Saw Another Butterfly** recently ended. Opening night had a great turnout.
- **100 students were honored for their AP exams.** Students earned 3 or higher in 3 or more exams. **Each student received a certificate of excellence from Congressman Darrell Issa office.**
- Students participated and worked at the **Humane Society in an effort to help adopt pets.**

- **Shared sport wins** in field hockey, tennis and volleyball.

**Item 8.A. VTA Report**

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Teacher Gail Cantrell** shared her concerns about books that teachers do not have and the many changes that teachers are undergoing daily.

**Teacher Tod Critchlow** spoke on behalf of President Barbara Dawson. He spoke about the Blueprint. Shared what teachers and staff have accomplished. Mr. Critchlow shared the need to use LCAP funds for AVID, arts and other valuable programs. VUSD is not offering competitive wages for teachers. Faculty staff would like to see open dialogue between parents. How can we make realistic changes as they come up? We need the flexibility to change as we move.

**Item 8.B. CSEA Report**

**Michelle Bell CSEA President** thanked everyone for what CSEA has been able to accomplish. Marie Hovel is the new president. Ms. Hovel will be an amazing president. The CSEA Team will do a wonderful job and continue the work we started. One of the biggest accomplishments was serving as president of CSEA.

**Item 8.C. DELAC**

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBER**

**Parent Alejandro Sanchez** shared his concerns about English learners. Mr. Sanchez shared his concerns about teachers and schools in program improvement.

**DELAC Status of Responsibilities**

**Sophia Ramos, Vice-President of DELAC** elected President on November 17 shared the recommendations made by DELAC members at their last meeting.

- On Monday, October 20, 2014, DELAC members reviewed information on English Learner identification and VUSD's reclassification procedures. Dr. Kraft and Mr. José León presented on these topics.
- At this time, the District English Language Advisory Committee has no recommendations to the board.

**The next DELAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014.**

**Item 9.A. Common Core Update: Wendy O'Connor, Laura Evans Lavelle and Dr. Matthew Steitz**

**COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENT**

**Teacher Tod Critchlow** shared concerns about the Illuminate Report Card. Mr. Critchlow shared about the font size, it's cumbersome to fill out, pull down menu issues, recording information sometimes wiped out due to resetting and use of words and their length.

**Elementary Update  
ELA Instructional Shifts**

- Academic Vocabulary
- Range and Quality of Text
- Text Complexity
- Text Dependent Questioning
- ELA Scholastic Common Core Units of Study
- ELA and Math Performance Tasks
- CA K-8 NGGS Early Implementation Initiative

**Communication**

- New Common Core Progress Reports in Illuminate
- Parent Night Presentations

**Secondary Update**

- Mathematical Practices
- Infusion of Literacy Standards

**Mathematical Practices/Supplemental Resources**

**Literacy Standards**

**Support for Staff, Parents, Students, and the Community visit [vistausd.org](http://vistausd.org)**

**Discussions ensued** on pacing, rubrics, assessments, standards and data to be provided to the Board.

**Member Chunka would like to move Item 10.A. up to this point. Due to the many hold cards received by students. This will allow students to leave early to do their homework.**

Member Jaka moved that Item 10.A. Items not on the agenda be considered at this time, seconded by Member Herrera. **AYES:** Herrera, Jaka, Alderson, Chunka. **Unanimously approved.**

**The following student speakers spoke in support of RBV Baseball Coach Watkins to reinstate him to his position.** Students/parents shared the value of Coach Watkins to the team, his passion for Baseball, scholarships offered to students due to Coach Watkins, a role model for students and his high standards and rules.

- Senior Kevin Collard
- Michael Benson
- Brooks Stotler
- Zack Brasfield
- Cole Heavilin
- Thomas Savich
- Craig Smith parent shared the value of Coach Watkins
- Josh Quezada shared why Coach Watkins does not deserve his title
- Jason Graham RBV Assistant Coach shared the value of Coach Watkins
- Kathie Stafford parent supports Coach Watkins

**Parent Lisa Hoffman** thanked Dr. Vodicka for acknowledging CSEA and the work they have accomplished for the district and community. Shared the passing of her brother and the items he saved through the years with the hope of passing them on to district students. 1200 clothing items were distributed to 13 VUSD school sites and 4 community groups.

**8:30 break (10 minutes)**

**Item 9.B. College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program Review, Dr. Matthew Steitz**

- Courses: Student perspective
- How many students are enrolled in AP courses?
- Advance Placement Pass Rate: (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13)
- VUSD and California
- VUSD, California and San Diego County
- # of AP Exams

**Next Steps**

- Equal Opportunity Schools Grant
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

Discussions ensued. More students are taking the AP test and passing. Discussed teachers who teach IB or AP and the preparation/credentials needed for teachers to teach in those areas and the value of supporting students.

**Item 9.C. Vista Unified Professional Development Update, Executive Director Larry White and Director Shari Fernandez**

**Empowering Teachers to revolutionize the learning process for ALL students**

- Content Support and Technology Resource Teacher

**Supporting Elementary English Language Arts**

- Scholastic Units of Study

**Next Steps**

**Professional Development in Monitoring, Assessment, and Support**

**Supporting Elementary Math**

**Supporting Secondary Education**

- Mathematics
- English Language Arts

VUSD is partnering with the University of California San Diego to evaluate many of its Common Core support programs, resources, and implementation to ensure that the instructional needs of students are being met.

**Member Herrera** inquired what happens if students are not ready for Read 180 and what is the support for Math? She shared her thoughts about reading and the need for teaching reading in the content area for teachers. **Mr. White** shared information. **Dr. Vodicka** added this is a national challenge. Discussions continued on when feedback will be received and when teachers will receive data. Mr. White shared information on timelines.

**Item 9.D. Communications Report, Assistant Superintendent Brett Killeen**

**What Happens in Human Relations**

**How has the Blueprint Enhanced Communication?**

- ✓ Resource Teacher, Community Engagement
- ✓ Classified Community Engagement Liaison (10)
- ✓ WAVE Pact TOSA
- ✓ Blueprint Videos for Each Strategy

**Spotlight**

- ✓ Lili Gonzalez, Community Liaison

**Public Information Highlights**

- ✓ Instagram

**School Messenger Protocols**

**Item 9.E. Campus Safety and Security Update and Future, Jeff Geyer, Safety and Environmental Manager**

**Earthquake Awareness (100% participation)**

**Campus Perimeter Security**

**Visitor Management system**

- ✓ Pilot site ASC

**Artificial External Defibrillators (AED) (19)**

**October 8 National Walk-Bike to School Day**

**Future**

- ✓ Security Camera Plan
- ✓ Emergency RCS Radio Replacement Program
- ✓ Annual Master Facilities Plan Review
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness Supplies at School Sites
- ✓ Emergency Operations Center

Discussion ensued on schools that have AEDs and schools that will receive their AEDs in January 2015. **Dr. Vodicka and Mr. Geyer** will focus on emergency preparedness items to ensure that all schools have provisions for students and staff.

**Item 9.F. Measurement & Monitoring, Director Craig Wiblemo**

**Monitor student achievement and measure the effectiveness of programs**

**VUSD Board Goals**

- ✓ Nine goals
- ✓ 24 metrics within the Local Control Accountability Plan

**Blueprint Strategy 6**

- ✓ Achievement Monitoring and Feedback

**Two Multi-Agency Data Initiatives**

- ✓ K-20 San Diego County Pipeline Database
- ✓ Vista Partnership for Children

**Important First Steps**

- ✓ Assess
- ✓ Analyze
- ✓ Investigate

**Item 9.G. Blueprint Construction #5: Dr. Matt Doyle**

**Teacher Pat Emaus** shared he has not received any feedback from the Blueprint. Mr. Emaus shared what he would like funds to be used for, reinstate site fund budgets, AVID program should be fully funded, more ELL support that sites could control and graphing calculators to name a few. He shared further concerns and what schools need.

**Teacher Tod Critchlow** shared his concerns on school needs, the allocation of funds and the value of the arts. Sites are stressed. We are struggling. Teachers are working hard.

**REPORT**

**Dr. Matt Doyle shared some brief points on the Blueprint.** We have a strategic plan and a structure in place. We have an open dialogue on the website for feedback. An automated system is in place to inventory where we are on the Blueprint. We are 60% completed and 28 action plans are on target.

**Dr. Doyle** reviewed portions of the report regarding the timeline progress visual aid for the action steps, current progress and anticipated time to complete. Each project has a strategy lead who shares progress of the project.

Discussions ensued on the LCAP, the process and a possible mid-year report. **Member Alderson** would like to see feedback received from constituent groups and teachers. **Member Herrera** stated Look at our ELL students at that school to see what is needed continually.

**Member Jaka moved to extend the Board meeting for 30 minutes, seconded by Member Herrera.** All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson) **unanimously approved.**

**All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at [www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf](http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf). Click on November 20, 2014 board meeting**

**Item 10.A. Consent Calendar**

**Member Jaka moved to approve seconded by Member Alderson.** All in favor (including Student Board members) **(Yes: Jaka, Herrera, Chunka, Alderson) unanimously approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MOTION**

- A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2014
- B. APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

**12. HUMAN RELATIONS**

- A. APPROVE CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER
- B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER

**13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

- A. APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- C. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASE NUMBERED W2-2014/15

**14. SPECIAL EDUCATION: NONE**

**15. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

- A. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

**16. BUSINESS SERVICES (FISCAL SERVICES, ACCOUNTING, CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES, PURCHASING AND FACILITIES)**

- A. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 15-08 THROUGH 15-16
- B. APPROVE RESOLUTION 15-17 INCREASING THE REVOLVING CASH FUND
- C. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-352319 THROUGH 12-365684
- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- E. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014
- F. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- G. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$44,933.61
- H. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 7, 2014
- I. AUTHORIZE THE DESTRUCTION OF PURCHASING AND FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR FISCAL PERIOD PRIOR TO 2008/2009; AND DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION AS SPECIFIED IN ED CODE SECTION 16027
- J. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AWARD BIDS/CONTRACTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2015
- K. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- L. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN DECREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$3,507 WITH ERICKSON HALL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LINDA RHOADES RECREATION CENTER
- M. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DECREASING THE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$8,870.00) FOR BID #C14150202, VISITOR BLEACHER DEMOLITION AT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL
- N. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$5,172.93 WITH VISIONARY CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTING, INC. FOR CAMPUS SECURITY FENCING
- O. AWARD BID #C14150249 LANDSCAPE UPGRADES AND NEW TRACK AT GRAPEVINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO HARBOR BAY INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$345,000
- P. AWARD BID #C14150324 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ZASUETA CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$13,325
- Q. AWARD BID #C14150379, WEIGHT ROOM FLOORING INSTALLATION AT RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL TO PROSPECTRA CONTRACT FLOORING IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$31,695.00
- R. REJECT BID FOR CNS TRUCK, BID #C14150300
- S. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C14150202, VISITOR BLEACHER DEMOLITION AT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL TO STRAIGHT LINE GENERAL CONTRACTORS
- T. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF LINDA RHOADES RECREATION CENTER BY ERICKSON HALL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
- U. APPROVE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT #C14150378 WITH THE CITY OF VISTA FOR PARK & FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LINDA RHOADES RECREATION CENTER

**17. Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Approve Certificated Job Description: English Language Development Resource Teacher K-12**

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve certificated job description for **English Language Development Resource Teacher K-12**, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Herrera) **unanimously approved**.

- B. Approve Job Description For Coordinator, Special Education**

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve job description for **Coordinator, Special Education**, seconded by Member **Jaka**. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Herrera) **unanimously approved**.

**C. Approve To Adopt Resolution No. 15-18 Amendment Of The Conflict Of Interest Code Pursuant To The Political Reform Act Of 1974**

**MOTION**

Member **Jaka** moved to approve the updated Conflict of Interest Code, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Chunka, Jaka, Alderson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

A workshop will be held for the Board in February and management team on the Code.

**D. Approve Second Reading And Adoption Of Board Policy 5141.52 Suicide Prevention**

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve BP 5141.52, seconded by Member **Jaka**. All in favor (Chunka, Jaka, Alderson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

**E. Approve Second Reading And Adoption Of Board Policy 5113 Absences And Excuses**

**MOTION**

Member **Jaka** moved to approve updated BP 5113, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Jaka, Alderson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

**F. Approve First Reading Of Board Policy 1312.3—Uniform Complaint Procedures**

Ms. Caperton stated policy has been updated to be in compliance with state regulations approved by the state.

**G. Award Bid For Fire Alarm Testing And Certification To Time & Alarm Company In The Bid Amount Of \$118,800**

**MOTION**

Member **Jaka** moved to approve for fire alarm testing to Time & Alarm Co in the amount of \$118,000, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Chunka, Jaka, Alderson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

**H. Approve Sole Source Resolution 15-19 To Purchase Radios For San Diego County Regional Communication Next Generation Systems In The Amount Not To Exceed \$320,000**

Ms. Caperton stated 178 radios need to be replaced. Sprint/Nextel will provide discounts for new radios through the County. This is a one-time opportunity.

**MOTION**

Member **Herrera** moved to approve Sole Source Resolution 15-19 to purchase radios for San Diego County Regional Communication next Generation Systems in the amount not to exceed \$320,000., seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (Chunka, Jaka, Alderson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

**Board Business**

Member **Jaka** congratulated Dr. Erin English a new Board member in Bonsall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2014**.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees