

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013
CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
VISTA, CA 92084

Board Members Present

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

Staff Members Present

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

Student Board Members

Emily Garcia- Vista High School
Isabella Corpora – Rancho Buena Vista High
Alda Vargas – Alta Vista High
Victor Delgado – Murray High
Wade Lippert – Mission Vista High

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

No announcements

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Member Chunka moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (including student Board members) unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM

Item 19.E. Approve Vista Teachers Association School District Sunshine Proposal to VUSD pursuant to the Public Notice Requirement (Submitted by Barbara Franklin, President, VTA)

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (including student board members) unanimously passed.

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Item 5.A. Items Not on the Agenda/Items for Future Discussion

Teacher **JB Barton** shared his thoughts on the Local Control Funding Formula. He stated one of the obligations is to meet with parents, staff and the community. That is a perfect place to place the Budget Committee. Mr. Barton talked about expediting funds out to the schools to students. Look at moving the process along. This will benefit our students and parent taxes can be utilized.

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Michelle Bell shared the food drive results and thanked those who participated and helped. It was a great success. We collected over two tons of food that stayed in VUSD. It is an act of our visions and our values and collaboration.

Item 6.A. Present the Vista Unified School District's Initial Proposal for Negotiations to the Vista Teachers Association for the 2014/2015 School Year

President Jaka opened the public hearing for comments

A parent of the District **Alejandro Sanchez** stated I do not agree on this. This is just a proposal. He shared his concerns.

Public Hearing Closed for Comments

7. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments and CSEA Alicia Evilsizer Recognition

- Thanked Michelle Bell on the food drive and its success.
- Thanked the school Board and principals for the exchange process that took place at the special meetings. Shared their goals and how to improve in meeting those goals.
- Shared his school visits to Olive, Breeze Hill and Madison. Enjoyed seeing students in action.
- Two homecomings this week at RBV and VHS.
- Saturday is the Festival of the Arts event. Over 1,000 students will be performing.
- A 3 minute video of **Alicia Evilsizers** recognition event as the **CSEA Member of the Year** in Las Vegas, Nevada was shown. Thanked Ms. Evilsizer for her great work and support of students.

B. Superintendents Recognition: Respect Award

Recognized Vista High School Teacher, David Hanlon

*Mr. Hanlon graduated from Vista High. He became a permanent employee as a SDC History teacher. Six years ago VUSD was awarded a federal grant to create a comprehensive and sustainable **Character Education Program** at its two large high schools. Mr. Hanlon was selected as the character education facilitator at Vista High School. David helped write the first year-long, high school character education class that had ever been offered at a public high school in the nation. This class, and the entire character education program at Vista High School took root, anchored the campus in a common language of respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, fairness and citizenship that has since branched out to other VUSD schools and has touched lives, literally, across the world.*

Mr. Hanlon thanked Dr. Vodicka and the Board. He shared his love of community. This program changed my life.

C. Principal Introductions of Student Board Members

Principal Craig Wiblemo of **Mission Vista High** introduced **Wade Lippert**. Wade is a senior who is this year ASB president. He is a varsity team captain Soccer player and outside of school he is a lifeguard who is a dedicated Timber wolf.

Principal Steven James of **Vista High** introduced **Emily Garcia**. She is currently a 4 year member of the Tennis Team and for the last 2 years has been team captain. She is also the ASB senior class president. Top colleges Emily would like to attend are Cal Poly, Berkeley or the University of New York.

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Principal Charles Schindler of **Rancho Buena Vista introduced Isabella Corpora**. Isabella is a full IB candidate, a student athlete, member of the girl's Water Polo team and is also a lifeguard in Oceanside. She will be applying at UC Berkeley, UCLA, Stanford and University of Pennsylvania.

Principal Chuck Hoover of **Murray High introduced Richard Delgado**. Richard is a super senior who is part of many clubs on campus including the new Broad Casting Club. He attended the Summer Bridge Program at Mira Costa College for six weeks. He looks forward to attending Mira Costa College after graduation majoring in biology and complete his prerequisites for medical school. One of his goals in life is to become a Cardiothoracic Surgeon.

Principal JoAnn Jones of **Alta Vista High introduced Alda Vargas**. Alda is a senior, who is part of a girls support group, a recycling club and organized their very first blood drive last year. She is on the Leadership Program and School Site Council. When she graduates in June she will be going on to culinary school.

Item 8.A. VTA Report

President Barbara Franklin stated the VTA contract negotiations begins the process of bargaining on October 23. Both sides will talk and come together to compromise as needed and agree as decided. With the passage of Prop 30 we will be receiving more funding in the future for the next 5 to 6 years. This is good news. Please honor the MOU and reduce class sizes. Overcrowded classrooms are taking their toll on students, teachers and morale. Class size matters. Shared the results and implications. Ms. Franklin shared information on the budget and the need to deal realistically with the district budget. Teachers need time for collaboration of the Common Core. Shared the value of the common core and how to better equip teachers. We want our students to be successful. Teachers and staff need the time and must work together. Invited everyone to the Festival of Arts on Saturday.

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mr. Alejandro Sanchez shared his concerns about VTA. They need more time? How much time do they need? Some of our schools have been sanctioned since 2001. Mr. Sanchez shared his concerns about the school district and student learning. We need to keep reserves.

Member Gibson stated reserves are for unforeseen circumstances. Every professional organization I know keeps a reserve. Our Finance Department does handle finances and budgeting in a correct manner as done in other professional organizations in America.

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

Michelle Bell, President of CSEA stated the contract has been ratified, medical insurance open enrollment starts next week. It is a time of growth, and growing pains. We still have custodians positions open and we need to look at the well-being of our custodian staff. With growing pains we need to adapt and adjust. We are working toward our vision, mission and values. Congratulations to teacher David Hanlon and Alicia Evilsizer. On November 20 CSEA state will be holding a pizza party to honor Alicia Evilsizer at Vista High School, E -11 at 5 p.m. Please come and celebrate with us.

Item 8.C. DELAC Report

No report

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mr. Alejandro Sanchez spoke about ELAC and DELAC meetings. We need a representative from Mission Vista High. He would like to be the ELAC member for MVHS.

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Item 9.A. Goal Report - Interdistrict Transfer - Steve Hargrave, Director of Student Support Services

Steve Hargrave shared the following information:

- Trend Data for Interdistrict Transfers
- District Goal #1 We will attract and retain more students
- Trend data for interdistrict transfers. Chart of students entering and leaving - School year 2009-2013
- Information on students who have Transferred out/Transferred into the District
- Transfers out – Continuing Students
- Transfer into the District - Specialized courses

Next Steps:

- Expand Magnet Programs
- Expand Specialized Courses

Mr. Hargrave stated we have quality magnet programs that attract students to our district.

Item 9.B. Goal Report - Mission and Values - Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent Human Relations

Brett Killeen and Acacia Thede, Director of Human Relations shared the following information:

- Mission Values and Goal #7 – Functional Support of the Human Relations Department
- Mission
- Values
- Goal #7
- Human Relations Website
- Customer Service/ New Receptionist Ellie Navarro
- Training (Book: The Science of Service)
- Office Manager Training
- District Network Sprint Cycles/Network C-6 (Customer Service)
- Phone Complaint Process
- Public Information
- A Connected Community is a Thriving Community
- We want feedback (surveys)

Acacia Thede shared the following information:

- Questions
- Comments
- Needs
- Concerns

UC San Diego will be conducting a survey that is scientifically based. *Dr. Vodicka stated they are well established in their research that is consistent with best practices.*

Item 9.C. Common Core & Assessment Report - Anne Green, Director Curriculum & Instruction Report

- Common Core Assessments Update AB484
- Measure of Academic Performance and Progress (MAPP) Once a year
- New testing system and what it will include
- 2013-14 School – Shared what is required and what is optional
- VUSD Assessment for 2013-14

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Discussions on assessments ensued and the programs that will be used. Illuminate testing was discussed and the use of the program. Is it required or optional. **Dr. Vodicka** shared information on the San Diego County pilot program for the Common Core. **Member Herrera** shared her thoughts. **Dr. Vodicka** added at a future time the Board will be provided information on Illuminate.

Item 9.D. School Boundary Update - Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Donna Caperton shared the following information:

- School boundary Update
- Why
- Process
- District staff is working with site administration at all middle schools to identify school community participants for a boundary committee
- District staff is working with Davis Demographics to identify logical geographical delineators
- Review of school capacities of remaining middle schools
- Information/data will be gathered for review of Boundary Committee
- *Formation of Committee will occur from November through December*
- Facilitator will be Eric Hall from Eric Hall and Associates
- Boundary committee will make recommendation to the superintendent
- Superintendent to present to the Board
- **Timelines for**
 - ✓ Formation of Committee – Nov thru Dec
 - ✓ Committee meetings – January 2014
 - ✓ Recommendations – February 2014
 - ✓ Board approval – February 2014

Member Alderson shared his concerns about the transition, enrollment and parent information. **Dr. Vodicka** shared *any student currently at Washington Middle School has the right to stay at Washington if they wish.*

Item 9.E. Vista Unified Blueprint Update - Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent

- Blueprint Process
- Background
- Current Context
- Framework for the future
- Goal chart and LCAP
- Priority Areas: Board Input - **Member Gibson** stated he would like a discussion on the time it takes to reclassify our students.
- Blueprint Process
- Blueprint Timeline
- Informational Presentation
- Online Forms
- Student Feedback
- **Town Hall Meetings**
 - ✓ October 22, Madison Middle
 - ✓ October 28, Washington Middle
 - ✓ October 29, Roosevelt Middle
- Next Phase: Task and Timelines
- **Next Steps**
 - Continue to implement the Blueprint timeline
 - Provide routine updates at Board meetings
 - Communicate broadly

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- Continue to monitor LCAP developments
- Adapt

Member Gibson would like to discuss English learners and the time we are taking to reclassify English Language learners. Dr. Vodicka shared when that would take place.

(All reports can be viewed on-line at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on October 17, 2013 board meeting)

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve the consent calendar as amended, seconded by **Member Chunka**. All in favor (including student board members) unanimously passed.

A. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

- A. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER
- B. APPROVE CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER
- C. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-20, APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER #389, AND THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE REDUCTION IN HOURS FOR SPECIFIC CAMPUS ASSISTANT II POSITIONS.

12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASE NUMBERED W1-2013/14
- B. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR, STEVE HARGRAVE TO ATTEND 2014 EVERY CHILD COUNTS SYMPOSIUM FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014 AT THE PORTOLA HOTEL IN MONTEREY, CA

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

15. BUSINESS SERVICES

- A. APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 4, 2013
- C. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- D. ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-19 FOR THE EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT (EPA) SPENDING DETERMINATION
- E. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$49,382.75
- F. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000

16. FISCAL SERVICES/ACCOUNTING/CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

- A. RATIFY AND APPROVE WARRANT NOS. 12-218483 THROUGH 12-230194
- B. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2013
- C. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE CHILD NUTRITION PURCHASE ORDERS FOR AUGUST 2013
- E. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTIONS NOS. 14-08 THROUGH 14-17

17. PURCHASING

- A. AWARD OF SECURITY GUARD SERVICES, BID #278003B
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

18. BOARD BUSINESS

- A. APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR BOARD MEMBER ELIZABETH JAKA TO ATTEND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (CSBA) CONFERENCE AND DELEGATE ASSEMBLY IN SAN DIEGO, CA, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 THROUGH FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2013.

19. Discussion/Action Items

A. Adopt Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Implementation Funding Plan For 2013-14 and 2014-15

Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent shared information as cited in the Board item and what the funds will be used for during 2013-14 and 2014-15. This is one time funding. The district will receive approximately \$4.5 million which will be used for professional development, new content standards, instructional resources and technology.

Dr. Vodicka stated with this money we could purchase about 5,000 Chrome Books. This would be a significant infusion of devices. We have 22,000 students in the district and classrooms that overtime would need to have access to digital learning resources. This is most likely outside the scope of the LCFF. Discussions continued. Ms. Luckey stated we are following what most districts are following. We are far ahead of other districts. Dr. Vodicka shared his thoughts.

MOTION

Member **Chunka** moved to approve, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

B. Approve the Formation of the Superintendent's Local Control Funding Formula (LFFC) Advisory Committee

Dr. Vodicka shared the following information:

- Local Control Funding Advisory Committee
- New Beginning
- LCFF approved by the governor for 2013-14
- Requires the development of a (Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Re-Designing Process
- Start with the development of the LCAP
- Establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations to the Superintendent on the development of a budget to meet local goals and state priorities
- Committee/Representatives/ DPAC is included along with CSEA & VTA
- An outside Facilitator would be utilized
- Each committee member would hold three-year terms
- Committee Work
- Phase I, II, III
- Information Sharing
- **Recommendation:** Approve the formation of a Superintendent's Local Control Funding Formula Advisory Committee as presented.
- **Member Jaka added with the addition of representation from DPAC, CSEA and VTA.**

MOTION

Member **Chunka** moved to approve, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

C. Approve/Adopt The Vista Unified School District's Sunshine Proposal For Negotiations With Vista Teachers Association For The 2014/2015 School Year

Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations shared information on this item as cited in the Board item. Public hearing has been held. Contract negotiations will open early.

MOTION

Member **Gibson** moved to adopt the proposal, seconded by Member **Alderson**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

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D. Adopt Resolution No. 14-07, Approval Of The Memorandum Of Understanding By And Between The California School Employees Association, Chapter #389, and The Vista Unified School District Regarding Across The Board Salary Increase, An Off Schedule Payment, Joint Committees And The Implementation Of The Employee Paid Individual Contribution To The Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Brett Killeen shared information. The MOU has been ratified by its members.

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve, seconded by Member **Chunka**. All in favor (including student Board members) unanimously passed.

E. ADDENDEUM: Approve Vista Teachers Association School District Sunshine Proposal To VUSD pursuant to the Public Notice Requirement

MOTION

Member **Alderson** moved to approve, seconded by Member **Chunka**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously passed**.

Member Herrera shared they met with the principals who shared information regarding their schools. It was exciting to hear the kinds of things you are doing at your schools and your struggles. Your information was shared with the Superintendent. It was an exhilarating opportunity. Dr. Vodicka please thank the principals for their work.

Member Jaka welcomed student Board members. If for any reason you need to leave early please do so. We appreciate your attendance and hope this is an educational experience for you.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, November 14, 2013**.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees