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

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER
DISTRICT OFFICE/BOARD ROOM
1234 ARCADIA AVENUE
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
Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Superintendent Vodicka.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Chunka. All in favor motion passed.

Item 4.A. Approve Resolution Number 13-84 Decision Not To Re-Employ Certificated Employees

Dr. Vodicka gave a brief overview of the state budget and the possible affects to Adult Education funding. Dr. Vodicka shared the certificated layoff timelines set in statute that the District must adhere to when teachers must be noticed. The Governors May revise will be out shortly and information will be presented at the May 16 Board meeting. The District needs to take precautionary measures if there is a loss of Adult Education funding from the State. The District is hopeful that there will not be a loss of funding from the state for Adult Ed.

Myrna Vallely Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources shared information on the lay-off hearings held for certificated staff and elementary counselors. The District is recommending that the administrative judge decision (copy attached to resolution) be upheld as stated in Resolution 13-84.

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS
Maria Castillo stated teachers make a difference for students at Vista Adult Ed. Ms. Castillo shared the value of Adult Education teachers.

Kathleen Lundersay a mom of two children shared the value of Adult Ed teachers and their service to the community. Please let them keep their jobs and find a way to continue this program.

Susan Roncone stated students of Adult Ed. are making a difference in their family’s lives and their own. Please find a way to continue Adult Ed.

Dr. Kimberley Steimcke shared her thoughts on the District mission statement/ goals and the value of Adult ed. students and keeping Adult ed. teachers. They are valuable. Please find a way to keep them.
Laura Decher shared her experience of being laid off and the value of Adult Ed classes to help her further her job experience and search.

Carol Ameer shared her educational degrees and the value of Adult Education classes to her life and others. Please keep Adult Ed.

Board Discussion

Member Gibson shared decisions that need to be made tonight are due to budget issues with the state. Realizes the impact to teachers and in most cases these notices are rescinded. The hope is in a month or two we have additional information that will turn these actions around.

Member Herrera stated the benefits/value of the Adult Ed Program. Unfortunately due to the budget issues within the state it is necessary for the District to take these steps. We don’t want to. Hopefully by next week Tuesday we will have an answer on this. At this time the District has no choice.

Member Jaka stated the District is dependent on the money from the State. The state is taking the money away from the District and they want to give the money to the community colleges. Member Jaka is meeting tomorrow with Assembly member Rocky Chavez and Senator Wyland. One of the topics for discussion is Adult Education funding. Hopefully we will be able to rescind the layoff notices. If the state does not cut funding this year they may next year. Please write your legislators regarding this.

Dr. Vodicka added the school board values the Adult Education Program. Hope we have good news from the state next week. This is difficult for the Board. The program is valued by the Board and Leadership staff. Dr. Vodicka shared further information on the state budget.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve Resolution Number 13-84 Decision Not To Re-Employ Certificated Employees, seconded by Member Chunka. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Clerk of the Board of Trustees