

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

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015
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
R. Elizabeth Jaka, Member (absent)

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
Autumn Hagstrom, Mission Vista High
Karina Hinojosa, Vista Visions
Natalie Guy, Murray High

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Chunka.

CLOSED SESSION

The parents of a special education student filed a due process complaint with the Office of Administrative Hearings due to a dispute regarding a student's special education program. By the following **unanimous vote** (Yes: Gibson, Herrera, Alderson, Chunka) the Governing Board **approved a settlement agreement reached by the parties in OAH Case No. 2015030198.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 5. A. Public Hearing

None

6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

Dr. Vodicka shared the following information:

- Shared student achievements: Rising Star scholarships and Hackathon contest
- myOn winner of 105 hours of reading: Jordan Kondo
- VIDA received the Inspire award from Classroom of the Future

- **Gold Ribbon School Designation: Vista Magnet & Vista High School will be recognized. VHS received an additional award for their exemplary program for Career Technical Education (CTE).**
- **Early Education Fair held on Saturday to help promote early education opportunities. Expand preschools on site.**

Item 6. B. Superintendents Recognition: Respect

Dr. Vodicka recognized **Art Barter, President and CEO of Datron World Communications.**

Art Barter, President and CEO of Servant Leadership Institute, exemplifies the value of RESPECT for his personal involvement in guiding Vista leaders on the path to becoming servant leaders.

It is not often that we find an organization that clearly matches our district core values of respect, trust, and collaboration as does the Servant Leadership Institute. Through the efforts of Art Barter, Vista Unified has had the unique opportunity to engage our entire management team, over 80 leaders, in the tenets of servant leadership. What is Servant Leadership? To quote Don Frick, biographer, "It is a simple idea; those who serve first and then choose to lead can make the biggest difference in an organization, and in people's lives." This unique partnership is truly transforming our interaction with others, across our district.

Mr. Barter shared it is an honor to be on this journey in the trenches. Thank you for recognizing what we love to do. I look forward to a long term partnership.

Item 6.C. Student Recognition Education for All Photography Winner

Peter Fagen from **Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost** shared the following student recognition:

- **Education for All Photo Contest: First place winner Vista High School student Ruby Gonzales. Ms. Gonzales received a scholarship check for \$1000.00. This was a statewide contest for juniors and seniors. Over 200 entries were submitted.**

Item 6.D. Child Nutrition Services Video Award

Brock Smith Director of CNS shared a brief overview of the Video contest.

First Place Winner: Daniel Thomas, Rancho Buena Vista High, First prize a \$500.00 gift card to Cinepolis

Item 7.A. Presentation of Student Board Members Plaques

Plaques presented to each Student Board Member for their time and participation at our Board meetings:

- Vista High School: Britni Chau**
- Rancho Buena Vista: Yanet Ibarra**
- Murray High: Natalie Guy**
- Vista Visions: Karina Hinojosa and Maya Carles (absent)**
- Mission Vista: Autumn Hagstrom**
- Alta Vista: Robert Mandujano Paredes (accepted by Principal JoAnn Jones)**

Item 8.A. Del Norte PTA Annual Report

President Joe Green shared the value of PTA and parent support. PTA has spent over 79,000 hours for our schools and students. This translates to over \$1,783,000.00. PTA has raised over \$600,000. in revenues for students and schools. PTA parents help to support schools to run in the most efficient and effective way. We trust you with our most precious asset our children. We support the district to help make sure students are ready for the future. There has been a lot of progress and there is still a lot of work to do.

Dr. Vodicka presented Mr. Green with a Del Norte plaque of appreciation as president.

Item 8.B. VTA Report

President Barbara Dawson stated school is rapidly coming to a close, graduations will soon take place. Thank you for the retirement reception which took place to thank teachers and staff for their years of service. Ms. Dawson shared safety concerns about the lockdown at RBV. A list of broken windows and blinds were shared with the Board. Please make this a priority to protect our students in the future. Ms. Dawson is coming to the end of her tenure as VTA president and looks forward to going back to the classroom next year.

New VTA President Tod Critchlow would like to see Vista become the best it could be for the community. Mr. Critchlow looks forward to working with everyone. Dr. Vodicka thanked Ms. Dawson for her leadership during the years. I appreciate all of her efforts.

Item 8.C. CSEA Report

President Marie Hoveln stated this week is CSEA week. We are Engaging Learners Inspiring Leaders. Ms. Hoveln shared the week's activities. CSEA unanimously approved the MOU for transportation. We also celebrated the retirement of classified personnel. Ms. Hoveln shared a few of the jobs classified employees do for the district every day of the year. We are the support system for the District. We are proud to be members of Vista 389.

Item 8.C. DELAC

Recommendations made by DELAC members at their last meeting.

On Monday, April 20, 2015 DELAC members held their monthly meeting.

Dr. Matt Doyle gave the final 14-15 Blueprint/LCAP presentation to DELAC members. Members were given the opportunity to pose questions and give feedback on items pertaining to the Blueprint and specifically to items relevant to English Learners. Sonia Conforme, Content Support Resource Teacher presented the district's languages report, complying with task 4 of the DELAC tasks.

DELAC would like to make the following recommendations to the Board:

- School office staff should provide a welcoming environment for families and their children and it should be the school principal's responsibility to encourage and ensure that this expectation is applied to all VUSD families. This helps make a connection between schools and their families.
- DELAC would also like to recommend that the board adopt an identification process for parent volunteers at school sites. This may be in a form of school ID or badge that parent volunteers or school committee members can wear while on site in an effort to entice other parents to ask questions or volunteer.

The next DELAC meeting will be held on **Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:00pm.**

Item 9.A. English Language Development (ELD) Reclassification Report

Dr. Sharmila Kraft, ELD Director of Curriculum & Instruction shared the following information:

- Number of English Learners Who Have Reclassified: 2012/13: 964, 2013/14: 969 and 2014/2015:1706
- VUSD Elementary School Totals by Grade Total EL students vs. Re designated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) August 1, 2014- April 22, 2015
- VUSD Middle School Totals by grade total EL students vs. RFEP students August 1, 2014 - April 22, 2015
- VUSD High School Totals by Grade Total EL Students vs. RFEP Students August 1, 2014 –April 22, 2015

Discussion and questions of reclassification ensued by the Board.

- Comparison: Redesignated Students Lexile Range vs. Average English Only Students Lexile
- Comparison: Identified English Learner Student Lexile Range vs. Average English Only Student Lexile
- Monitoring Plan

Update on Long Term English Learners (LTEL) Action Plan 2014-15

- 5th Grade Math 180 Pilot Comparison of Average Growth Participating Student vs. Site Grade Level
- READ 180 5th grade Pilot
- Update on LTEL Action Plan

Member Chunka inquired for Read 180 5th grade. What is the size of the classroom? **Dr. Sharmila** stated we are keeping the class size at 24.

Member Herrera stated what are your plans for next year? **Dr. Kraft** shared we are planning to have oral language for academic literacy. We will focus on teacher practices and training that will take place and assessments involved. This will build a strong academic literacy for students. **Member Herrera** stated this is commendable.

Item 9.B. Vista Academy of Performing Arts Report

Dr. Matthew Steitz Director of Curriculum & Instruction shared the following information:

- Board Goal 7
- **Strategy IV:** High quality flexible and adaptable core curriculum
- Action and Services 2
- 15 action steps under this action and service (Action steps noted)
- Action steps - Summary
- New Courses
- Celebrations
- Next Steps
- New National Core Art Standards now includes a fifth discipline- Media Arts
- Continue work in alignment with the VUSD Arts initiative

Item 9.C. California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Update

Craig Wiblemo Director of Measurement & Monitoring shared the following information:

- Program components
- California Standards Tests (CST)
- California Modified Assessment (CMA)
- California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA)
- California Alternative Assessment (CAA)
- Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments (SBAC)
- CAASPP.... The Numbers
- Feedback from Students
- Typical CST Question
- Versus Typical SBAC Question
- SBAC ELA Question
- Sample 3rd Grade Performance Task
- Upcoming Results
- New Performance Levels
- Mathematics: Threshold Scale Scores
- Mathematics: Estimated Percentage of Students Scoring at Each Achievement level
- English Language Arts/Literacy: Threshold Scale Scores
- English Language Arts/Literacy; Estimated Percentage of Students Scoring at Each Achievement level

Item 9.D. Blueprint Construction Report #10

Teacher Pat Emaus shared concerns on various topics, what students need and their interest. Teachers need support. Trust in teachers. They are the solution to the problem.

Parent Belinda Correa spoke on behalf of parents and the aquatics program. Ms. Correa shared various concerns regarding denied access to the VIDA pool and utilization of district pools.

Parent Delilah Flores stated we should be receiving priority to district pools. Practice is held late at night. Ms. Flores shared concerns and the value of the aquatics program to her daughter.

Isabel a freshman at RBV shared concerns about the aquatics program not being given priority over pool use time. She shared the value of the program.

Ruth Valdivia parent of a 10th grade student at RBV stated it is difficult for her daughter to fit her academics in along with the swim program. Ms. Valdivia shared concerns about use of the pool and the schedule.

9:05 p.m. 5 min break

Blueprint Report: Dr. Matt Doyle

- Framework
- House of Learning
- Final Feedback and Revisions
- Community Voice Themes
- New Additions & Key Revisions

Dr. Vodicka briefly shared about the Blueprint, LCFF and funding. It looks like we will have the funding we initially wanted. Member Herrera shared the value of the counseling aspect. It is so necessary for our students today.

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Item 9.E. Fund Balance Components and Prioritization of One Time Funds

Pat Emaus talked about the current fund balance in district reserves. He shared what the district needs to spend the reserves on. Invest in teachers they are valuable to the district.

Ms. Caperton shared the following information:

- Fund Balance Review
- Fund Balance as of 6/30/14
- Ending Balance as of 6/30/14 \$45,330,919.93
- Reserve for Economic Uncertainties \$9,995,883.55
- Non spendable
- Restricted
- Committed/Assigned
- Unassigned/Unappropriated
- Uses of One-Time Funds
- Best Practices for One Time Funds
- Use of one time funds suggestions
- Staff Recommendations
- Conclusion

Dr. Vodicka shared priority areas the district is recommending. Staff would like to hear feedback from the Board on priorities being considered.

Member Herrera would like to see technology security moved to the top of the list. This is an issue we need to be cognizant of. Member Chunka agreed with paying off district debt. Member Herrera added look at the State Teachers Retirement (STRs) and Public Employee Retirement (PERs) as a priority. That benefits everyone in the district.

Discussion of Certificate of Participation (COPS) ensued. Ms. Caperton will look at this and analyze. Member Alderson shared his thoughts about deficit spending and the need to be cautious.

All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on May 21, 2015 board meeting

9:20 pm 5 minute break

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Item 10.A. Presentation by Community Members

Teacher Jim Spandikow stated last year he shared concerns about drug use on campus. He shared how the district could be proactive and what could be done. He touched on effective ways of discipline for students. We need to teach students good habits and interpersonal skills. Take a look at restorative practices.

Item 11 Consent Calendar

MOTION

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

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 16, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

12. HUMAN RELATIONS

A. APPROVE CLASSIFIED BOARD REGISTER

B. APPROVE THE HUMAN RELATIONS CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REGISTER.

13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSIONS OF CASES NUMBERED W10-2014/15 THROUGH W12-2014/15

14. SPECIAL EDUCATION

A. APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION WAIVERS FOR CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE) PURSUANT TO EDUCATION CODE 60851(c) CASE NOS. 14001 THROUGH 14012

15. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS
- B. APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL CORE TEXTBOOKS: MASTER ASLI, AND WORLD'S HISTORY, COMBINED VOLUMES 5/E AP EDITION, FINANCIAL ALGEBRA
- C. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- D. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- E. APPROVE ADULT EDUCATION 2015/16 COURSES FOR APPROVAL

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

- A. 2015-2018 WORKABILITY II CONTRACT AND BUDGET
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE CHILD NUTRITION PURCHASE ORDERS FOR MARCH 2015
- D. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH 2015
- E. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-403719 THROUGH 12-411468
- F. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- G. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTTALLING \$31,902.12
- H. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2015, THROUGH MAY 12, 2015
- I. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- J. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 15-48, 15-49, 15-50 & 15-51 DESIGNATING DISTRICT AGENTS
- K. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 15-52
- L. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 2 INCREASING THE CONTRACT FOR THE LARGE COOLER/FREEZER COILS AND COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT FOR CNS, BID #C14150217R IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,095.19
- M. REJECT BID #C15160036, NEW LUNCH SHELTER AT VISTA MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL
- N. AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AWARD BIDS/CONTRACTS DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 22, 2015 THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2015
- O. AWARD BID #C15160025 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT TWO SITES TO R.E. SCHULTZ IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$25,290.00
- P. AWARD BID #C15160022R CARPETING AT MULTIPLE SITES TO A&S FLOORING IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$58,598.00
- Q. AWARD BID #C14150627 NEW LUNCH SHELTER AT RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL TO GEM INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$236,000.00
- R. AWARD BID #C15160024 ASPHALT & CONCRETE WORK AT MULTIPLE SITES TO EAGLE PAVING IN THE BASE BID PLUS ALTERNATE AMOUNT OF \$97,567.00
- S. AWARD BID #C14150628 ENTRY MODIFICATION AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE SCHOOL TO STRAIGHT LINE GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$104,850.00
- T. AWARD OF BID #C15160035, CNS BAKERY TO S&S BAKERY IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$428,369.60.
- U. AWARD OF BID #C15160034, CNS PRODUCE TO AMERICAN PRODUCE DISTRIBUTORS IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$234,325.20.
- V. AWARD BID #C14150629 NEW RUNNING TRACK AT EMPRESA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO VISIONARY CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTING INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF 95,000.00
- W. AWARD RFP C1516005 FOR EDUCATIONAL RELATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ERMHS) TO NORTH COUNTY FAMILY COUNSELING SPECIALISTS IN THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$299,700
- X. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C14150233 FOR NEW RUNNING TRACK AT HANNALEI
- Y. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID #C14150183R FOR IP PAGING SYSTEM AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE
- Z. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR BID# C14150379 FOR WEIGHT ROOM FLOORING INSTALLATION AT RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

17. BOARD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-53 AMENDMENT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

18. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve 2015-16 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to the League

Dr. Vodicka shared this is our annual form of representatives to the league.

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (Yes: Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

B. Approve Job Description for Coordinator, Extended Learning and Behavioral Intervention Programs, Student Support Services

Brett Killeen Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations stated this is a revised job description.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve the job description for Coordinator, Extended Learning and Behavioral Intervention Programs, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

C. Approve Job Description for: Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction Compliance and Accountability

Mr. Killeen stated this is a revised job description to better fit the needs of C & I and Student Support services.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve the job description for Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction Compliance and Accountability seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Yes: Alderson, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera) unanimously approved.

D. Approve Job Description for: Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction K-5

Mr. Killeen stated this is a revised job description. It is not adding a coordinator.

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve Item 18.D. seconded by Member Herrera.

AYES: Yes: Alderson, Chunka, Herrera
OPPOSE: Gibson

Motion approved 3 to 1.

E. Approve Job Description: Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence

Mr. Killeen stated this is a new position that will best fit the needs of Curriculum & Instruction, Board goals and blueprint. This position will replace the Deputy Superintendent position that will be vacant due to the retirement of the Deputy Superintendent. There will be a modest savings to the district.

Member Herrera added on experience as a site principal add and/or. Member Herrera shared her thoughts.

MOTION

Member Gibson moved to accept Member Herrera change, seconded by Member Alderson.

Discussion/clarification continued. Member Herrera stated I don't want to put any limitations. The individual can have one or the other.

Motion approved (Yes: Chunka, Herrera, Gibson, Alderson)

F. Authorization to Join the Coalition of San Diego County School Districts for Electricity Cost Reduction

Donna Caperton shared information on this item and value of the coalition. Member Alderson inquired about solar as a possibility.

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve Item 18.F. seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor

Yes: Chunka, Alderson, Herrera,

Oppose: Gibson

Motion: approved 3 to 1.

G. Approval of Operating Agreement with San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) for Long Term Habitat Mitigation Maintenance for Dual Magnet High School Project

Ms. Caperton briefly reviewed the habitat mitigation maintenance and its purpose.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve Operating Agreement with San Diego Habitat, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor

Yes: Chunka, Alderson, Herrera,

Oppose: Gibson

Motion approved 3 to 1.

Board Business

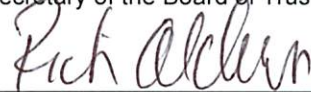
Dr. Vodicka stated a Special meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11 at the City of Vista, 7 p.m.

On Thursday, June 18 the Regular Board meeting will be held at Temple Heights Elementary, MPR at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2015.



Secretary of the Board of Trustees



Clerk of the Board of Trustees