

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013
FOOTHILL-OAK ELEMENTARY
MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING
1370 OAK 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
Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Raylene Veloz, Recording Secretary

Student Board Members Present

Alex Sacco, Rancho Buena Vista High
Santiago Herrera, Alta Vista High
Alex Chambers, 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 Superintendent Vodicka.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board approved by a unanimous vote to dismiss Certificated Employee #03-201302.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Revision to agenda Item 11.D. correction on recommended action it *should state Approve the California School Employee Association Chapter #389* not VUSD.

Item 19.E. modification on Resolution 13-69 Eliminate positions at Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts *delete elimination of the Senior Health Services Technician.*

Item 19.F. will be pulled from the agenda. Vista Unified received notification that the 21st Century grant will be awarded for the fully funded 2013-14 School year.

MOTION

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

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

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Mary Ermis a parent of the District shared concerns about the 50% reductions in librarian staff. Please inform parents and schools before any decision is made at a future board meeting.

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Maria Topper shared her concerns about the information received on reductions of librarian staff and potential cuts. Ms. Topper shared the value of the library, reading for students and the beauty of books in the library.

Alexander Krikscivin a student at Vista Magnet shared the value of school libraries, reading, the value of books and the library.

Alejandro Sanchez a parent of the District shared his concerns about Board packets and the change to an on line agenda item.

Public Hearing

Use/Receipt of Categorical Flexibility for the 2013-14 School Year (Item 19.H)

The State Budget Act in July 2009 required that the Board hold a regularly scheduled open public hearing to discuss and approve the use of Categorical Flexibility for Tier III funds. In addition AB 189 required school districts to hold the public hearing at a meeting separate from the adoption of the annual budget. The district will be adopting the 2013-14 annual budget on June 27, 2013. This public hearing will allow the public to provide testimony on the use of the funds and allow the Board to discuss the proposed use of funds.

President Jaka opened the Public Hearing for comments:

Barbara Franklin inquired about the Local Control Funding Formula and the possible effect to the District.

Dr. Vodicka responded and shared information on what is known to date.

No further comments from the public.

President Jaka closed the Public Hearing for Comments

PROCLAMATIONS

California Day of the Teacher, Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Read by Board Member Chunka

Classified School Employee Week, May 20-24, 2013

Read by Board Member Herrera

Pride of Vista Lions Club

Read by VHS Student Board Member Rachel Menkes. Accepted by Dr. Glenn Demlinger with Jordyn Kogler, Miss Pride of Vista 2013 and Alondra Alanis, Miss Teen Pride of Vista 2013.

Amigos de Vista Lions Club - Read by Alta Vista High School Student Board Member Santiago Herrera and accepted by Ralph Williams.

District Announcements – Dr. Vodicka

Dr. Vodicka congratulated **Dr. Jose Villarreal** on his appointment as the **San Diego County Office of Education Executive Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools.**

Vista Magnet Middle School and Casita Center have been selected by the California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll for consistent high student achievement and academic excellence.

Vista Magnet was also included in the STEM Honor Roll.

Vista Unified will continue to receive the 21st Century Grant funds. This is a \$734,000. a year grant. Betsy Jenner is the lead person on this project. Murray High will also receive \$25,000. for the Equitable Access Grant.

Dr. Vodicka is on his second round of school visits. The Heroes of Vista Award event will be held on April 19.

Alta Vista High School Student Report

Student Board member Santiago Herrera shared information on Alta Vista and the various programs that involve parents. Shared sports activities student were involved in and the community events students participated in. They opened their own Campus Pantry for students in need at no cost to the student. Santiago shared about the Teen Parent program who partnered with the Jewish Family services to provide holiday gift baskets for each teen parent. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation recently took place at Alta Vista. The three day visit ended in a positive report and appropriate suggestions for the growth of Alta Vista.

Item 8.A. VTA Report

President of VTA Barb Franklin shared her concerns about constant testing and the value of teaching to the child to make the learning of each child special and meaningful. Shared what teachers are doing in the Common Core Standards. Ms. Franklin shared a few areas of concern about the new kindergarten schedule, extended day and the value/benefit of all-day and half day kindergarten. Re-evaluate the need to eliminate some of these programs at some of our neediest schools.

Item 8.B. CSEA Report

CSEA President Michelle Bell stated we are glad that the elimination for positions was taken off the agenda tonight. Thank you for recognizing classified employees and their work. Ms. Bell stated we are still concerned about lay-offs and positions not filled for months or vacant such as custodians. Congratulated Dr. Villarreal on his new position and thanked Marie Hoveln for her work. Thanked the Library Media Techs for all their work who encourage the love of reading a book.

Item 8.C. DELAC.

Arturo Palomero Vice President of the DELAC committee shared the recommendations made by DELAC members at their last meeting.

Responsibility 1, 3, 6 & 7: Jose Leon reviewed the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) results and CELDT notification with DELAC members.

Recommendation: DELAC members would like a report from district administrators that details what actions the VUSD Board has taken regarding the DELAC recommendations that were presented for the current school year 2012-2013.

Other Recommendations:

DELAC representatives also recommend that district administrators inform school principals on the importance of English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) representation on the School Site Council (SSC) in order to improve communication between both committees.

Up Coming Agenda Items:

The next DELAC meeting will be held on **Monday, April 29, 2013.**

PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBER

Alejandro Sanchez shared concerns about follow up on DELAC recommendations. Mr. Sanchez shared further concerns about RBV and changes that need to be made for our students.

Item 9.A. Staff/Committee Reports

Transportation Services Update

Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services shared the following information:

- ✓ Summary of March 14, 2013 Board Approved Transportation Recommendations
- ✓ Updates: Routes for Mission Meadows and Breeze Hill have been established for the 2013-14 school year
- ✓ Routes to be determined: Monte Vista/Hannalei (2 Routes) Details of 1st Route and 2nd Route
- ✓ Routes will accommodate 168 students; all students who will ride the bus must complete a bus application process. Students will be assigned to certain routes to maximize bus utilization, bus passes mandatory.
- ✓ Mission Vista High - Establish a bus stop at the entrance to Guajome Country Park, allows students to utilize North County Transit bus services to make a connection

Board member input. **Member Herrera** would like staff to look at the possibility of using the MVHS concept for students who attend Rancho Minerva in the area of South Santa Fe and Robellini. Look at their safety now and in the fall to minimize the possibility of problems in those areas. Ms. Caperton will work/contact North County Transit and Walk San Diego. Maybe they can establish a route.

5 minute break

B. Start Time Committee

Dr. Devin Vodicka shared the following information:

- ✓ Background
- ✓ Process
- ✓ Bell Times 2013-14 – Option 7
- ✓ Regular Daily Schedule (Simplified)

Major Changes

- Early Start Elementary schools move from 7:35 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
- Some Elementary schools shift from early to late schedule
- Kindergarten schedules are aligned at every site in the district using Early Bird and Later Gator: model
- Incorporation of lunch into the day extends the student experience
- Notes from Advisory Committee
- Kindergarten Considerations
- Research on Extended Day Kindergarten
- Public Policy Institute of California (2009)
- Desired Focus
- Kindergarten Plans

Conclusion

- ✓ Superintendent supports the Advisory Committee recommendation to implement Option 7 for the 2013-14 school year
- ✓ Superintendent will implement aligned kindergarten schedules for 2013-14 school year with encouragement to sites to expand before/afterschool options for all students
- ✓ Communication to families will be distributed no later than May 2013

This is for information only. Board discussion/input. Dr. Vodicka shared information on the Transitional Kindergarten program and locations.

C. Technology Update

Dr. Vodicka shared that **Dewayne Cossey is a finalist for the Top Tech Executive Award.** This award is given by the San Diego Magazine.

Larry White, Executive Director of Educational Technology & Dewayne Cossey, Director of Information Technology shared the following information on the Common Core Preparation:

Information Technology

Current Projects

- District Website Transition
- Network Upgrade
- Email Transition
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- ✓ Website changes
- ✓ Digital Citizenship
- ✓ Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium Testing Pilots
- ✓ VUSD Buy Back Day
- ✓ Math and ELA Cohorts
- ✓ Connect 2 Compete
- ✓ Digital Learning Retreat
- ✓ My Big Campus
- ✓ Technology Resource Teachers
- ✓ VUSD DigiDocs

Board and staff discussion on:

The digital divide, how the district is looking at closing the gap, the purchasing of computers and the constant change of technology. Dr. Vodicka shared information on the districts focus and how the district will adapt. Mr. Cossey stated we are focusing on infrastructure and devices.

Member Gibson stated we need to look at going paperless. Look at a completion of a foreign language as computer language. Look at our budget for technology. Are we offering our employees the ability to stay current?

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

Member **Herrera** moved to approve the consent calendar except for **Item 10.B., seconded by Member Chunka.** All in favor (including student Board members) **Motion passed.**

PULLED ITEM 10.B.

Member **Gibson** pulled **Item 10.B. Approve Meeting Minutes from the March 14, 2013 Regular Board meeting.**

Member **Gibson** would like to see the results of the vote instead of all in favor. **Would like to see votes clarified such as:**

All in favor: (names)

Oppose: (names)

Member **Gibson** moved to approve with modifications of rewriting all in favor, **seconded by Member Alderson.**

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson (including student board members)

Motion passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS APPROVED

Item 10.C. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2013 Special Board Meeting

Item 11 - Human Resources - Certificated and Classified

- A. Approve Student Teaching Agreement with San Diego State University
- B. Approve the Human Resources Certificated Personnel Register
- C. Human Resources Board Register - Classified
- D. Approve The California School Employee Association Chapter #389 Sunshine Proposal To Vista Unified School District Pursuant To The Public Notice Requirement

Item 12 - Student Support Services

- A. Approve Overnight Travel For Coordinator Of Student Support Services, Lorie Gammon, To Attend Education For Homeless Children And Youth (EHCY) Program Coordinators' Mandatory Spring Training On Tuesday And Wednesday, May 14 And 15, 2013
- 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 Cases Numbered W17-2012/13 through S20-2012/13

Item 13 - Special Education

- A. Approve Travel for Susan Avant, Meghan Boes, Kelsey Johnson, Emily Lohmeyer and Susie Setran, Speech and Language Therapists to Attend the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) "Schools 2013" Conference in Long Beach, CA from Friday, July 12 through Sunday, July 14, 2013.
- B. Approve Travel for Steve Davis; Matt Doyle, Jennifer Gruman, Jana Hegg and Leslie Taylor, Special Education Administrative Team, to Attend the Labor Relations Press (LRP) 34th Annual LRP National Institute On Legal Issues of Educating Individuals With Disabilities Conference in Long Beach, CA from Sunday, April 28 through Wednesday, May 1, 2013.
- C. Approve Special Education Waivers for California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Pursuant To Education Code 60851(C) Case Nos. 1250-1259

Item 14 - Curriculum & Instruction

- A. Approve Overnight Stay and Accommodations to Attend the Project Based Learning Conference in Napa, CA, June 17-19, 2013, for Eleven Teachers
- B. Approve Overnight Travel for Matt Lattuada (Teacher), David Ruiz (Teacher) and Seven Students to attend The Ragnar Cross Country Race In Vail Lake Near Temecula, CA on Friday, November 16, 2013 To Saturday, November 17, 2013.
- C. Approve Out-Of-State Travel for Mary Owen, Rancho Buena Vista High School (RBVHS) English Teacher, to Attend The International Baccalaureate (IB) Conference in Montezuma, New Mexico, Monday, June 17 Through Saturday, June 22, 2013.
- D. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement Plan Amendments for Alamosa, Grapevine, Maryland, Beaumont Elementary Schools and Roosevelt and Madison Middle
- E. Approve Overnight Travel For Rancho Buena Vista High School (RBV) Western Association Of Schools And Colleges (WASC) Coordinator, Kellie Fleming, to Participate in a WASC Visit to Los Alamitos High School in Seal Beach, California on Sunday, March 3 through Wednesday, March 6, 2013.
- F. Approve Overnight Travel for Rancho Buena Vista High School Boys And Girls Track and Field Teams to California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Track and Field Playoffs at Fresno, California (CA) on Thursday, May 30 through Saturday, June 1, 2013.
- G. Approve Out-Of-State Travel for One Rancho Buena Vista High School Teacher, Aaron Keeping, to Attend the International Baccalaureate (IB) Conference in Montezuma, New Mexico, Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26, 2013
- H. Approve Out-Of-State Travel for Three Rancho Buena Vista High School Math Teachers, Trang Do, Linda Vansolkema, and Fariba Zafar, to Attend The International Baccalaureate Conference In St. Pete Beach, Florida, Tuesday, June 25 Through Friday, June 28, 2013
- I. Textbook Adoption and Purchase for Vista Unified School District for Environmental Systems and Societies for the IB Diploma and Environmental Science for Advanced Placement

Item 15 - Business Services

- A. Accept Quarterly Report, Ending March 31, 2013, to San Diego County Office of Education as Required by the Williams Settlement
- B. Award of Request for Proposal #C12130333 for Meal Accountability & Inventory Software to PCS Now
- C. Ratify and Approve Grants Received for the Period from March 1, 2013 through March 28, 2013
- D. Ratify and Approve Contracts Exceeding \$5,000
- E. Approval and Acceptance of Donations to Vista Unified School District Totalling \$40,513.80

Item 16 - Fiscal Services/Accounting/Child Nutrition Services

- A. Approve Budget Adjustment Resolution No. 13-76
- B. Ratify and Approve Warrant Nos. 12-148446 through 12-162088
- C. Approve the Child Nutrition Cash Expenditures for February 2013
- D. Ratify and Approve Child Nutrition Purchase Orders for March 2013

Item 17 - Purchasing

- A. Ratify and Approve Purchase Orders from March 1 - March 31, 2013
- B. Award Bid for Office Supplies, Percentage Off Catalog Pricing to Office Depot, Inc.

Item 18 - Board Business

- A. Approve Overnight Travel for Board President Elizabeth Jaka to Attend the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly to Be Held In Sacramento, CA, Saturday, May 18 - Sunday, May 19, 2013

19. Discussion/Action Items

- A. *Approve The Revisions To Board Policy 1312, Resolving Complaints Concerning Vista Unified School District And Adopt Board Policy 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures*

Ms. Caperton stated two changes occurred to amend this policy one with school fees based on AB1575 and AB 9 specifically dealing with harassment, intimidation and bullying. Recommendation by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve seconded by Member Chunka.

All in favor: Jaka, Gibson, Herrera, Chunka, Alderson (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

- B. *Approve The Revisions To Board Policy 3260, Fees And Charges*

Ms. Caperton stated this is again based on AB1575 and addition of pupil fees. CSBA recommendation.

MOTION

Member Chunka moved to approve revisions to Board Policy 3260 Fees and Charges, seconded by Member Alderson.

All in favor: Jaka, Gibson, Herrera, Chunka, Alderson (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

- C. *Approve Resolution Numbers 13-64 Bus Drivers, 13-65 Office Assistant, And 13-66 Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor; The Elimination of Sixteen Transportation Employees. This Is A Result Of The Board Of Trustee's Decision At The March 14, 2013 Board Meeting, To Reduce Some Home To School Routes.*

Myrna Vallely stated due to planned program changes this year with VAPA, transportation and In School Suspension programs several classified positions are being eliminated to comply with legal timelines regarding classified layoffs.

MOTION

Member Chunka moved to approve Resolution Numbers 13-64 Bus Drivers, 13-65 Office Assistant, and 13-66 Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor; the elimination of sixteen transportation employees due to the Board of Trustee's decision to reduce some home to school routes, seconded by Member Alderson.

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Gibson, Herrera, Alderson (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

- D. *Approve Resolution Number 13-68; The Elimination Of Two Instructional Assistant Positions for In-School Suspension at the Alternative High Schools. Instruction Will Be Provided During In-School Suspension By A Certificated Teacher.*

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve Resolution Number 13-68, seconded by Member Chunka.

All in favor: Gibson, Herrera, Chunka, Jaka, Alderson (including student board members) **Motion passed.**

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- E. *Approve Resolution 13-69; The Elimination of Thirteen (13) Classified Positions at Vista Academy of Visual and Performing Arts excluding the Senior Health Services Technician. This Is A Result of the Board of Trustee's Vote at the March 14, 2013 Board Meeting, to move Vista Academy Of Visual and Performing Arts from a K-8 School to a K-5 School, Effective July 1, 2013*

Myrna Valley stated there are 30 positions that will be eliminated. Of the 30 there are 15 positions we have not found a position for. We have until the end of the school year.

MOTION

Member Alderson moved to approve resolution 13-69 with the exclusion of the senior health tech, seconded by Member Gibson.

All in favor: Gibson, Herrera, Alderson, Chunka, Jaka (including student board members) **Motion passed.**

- ~~F. *Approve Resolution Number 13-73; The Elimination Of Nine (9) Instructional Assistants. This Is A Result Of The California Department Of Education's Non-Decision Regarding The Renewal Of The Categorical 21st Century Grant Funding For The 2013-2014 School Year.*~~

- G. *Approve Resolution No. 13.61 Entering into a Lease Lease Back Agreements with Erickson Hall Construction, Inc. for the Construction of The Linda Rhoades Recreation Center at Vista Academy Of Visual And Performing Arts*

Ms. Caperton shared information on the bid process and the cost of the project. She explained the Lease Lease Back process and the Guaranteed Maximum price of \$4,189,251. cost to build. A payment and performance bond is in place to protect the district.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve Resolution No. 13-61, seconded by Member Chunka.

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Gibson, Herrera (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

- H. *Adopt Resolution No. 13-63 For The Use/Receipt Of Categorical Flexibility For The 2013-14 School Year*

MOTION

Member Chunka moved to adopt Resolution 13-63, seconded by Member Herrera.

All in favor: Chunka, Herrera, Jaka, Gibson, Alderson (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

- I. *Approve The Purchase Of Artificial Turf From Astro Turf For The Refurbishment of the Rancho Buena Vista High School Football Field*

Marie Hovel shared her concerns regarding the current turf and natural grass. Ms. Hovel shared the pros and cons of synthetic turf, testing of the turf, maintenance of the field, cost to the district, removal of the old turf and cost.

Ms. Caperton shared information on the current turf and the manufacture. She shared concerns of the conditions of the current turf and safety for the students on the field. Ms. Caperton shared information on tests that were completed to the current turf and cost to the district. A discussion of the pros and cons of artificial turf and grass fields ensued. There is a savings cost to the District using turf. All required testing has been completed as required by the Division of State Architect and national standards.

MOTION

Member Gibson moved to accept item 19.I seconded by Member Alderson.

All in favor: Alderson, Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Gibson (including student Board members) **Motion passed.**

- J. *Adopt Resolution No. 13-62 For The Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending Determination*

This was originally Proposition 30. This fund will be used for teachers' salaries as required. This is not additional money.

MOTION

Member Chunka moved to adopt Resolution 13-62, seconded by Member Herrera.

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson (including student Board members) **Motion passed.**

- K. *Approve Of AM/PM Fee Change For 2013-14 School Year*

Ms. Caperton stated this is an adjustment. Most changes are a dollar or 25 cents.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve the am/pm fee change for next year seconded by Member Alderson.

All in favor: Alderson, Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Gibson (including student board members) **Motion passed.**

- L. *Award Contracts For Networking And Wireless Equipment To Datel Systems In The Amount Of \$2,378,365.58 and \$333,141, Respectively; and Award RFP #C12130375 to California Capital Leasing Corporation in an Annual Amount Of \$566,531.16 for the Equipment over a Seven Year Term*

Dewayne Cossey shared the districts capability and their access to Wi-Fi for employees and students. Discussions/questions ensued on cost, Datel Systems and the E-rate program. Ms. Caperton shared information on the funding source for this contract. There will be no impact on the General fund.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Chunka.

All in favor: Jaka, Gibson, Herrera, Chunka, Alderson (including student Board members) **Motion passed.**

Item 21. B. Board Members Reports or Comments

Approve Letter of Recommendation for The Cosca Group

Member Gibson moved to approve seconded by Member Herrera.

All in favor: Jaka, Chunka, Herrera, Gibson, Alderson (including student board members). **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2013.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees