

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014
CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER
MORRIS VANCE COMMUNITY ROOM
200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
VISTA, CA 92084

Board Members Present

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

Staff Members Present

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent of Schools
Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent
Donna Caperton, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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 Vice-President Herrera.

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 vote,

AYES/YES: Herrera, Jaka
NAYS/NO: Gibson

The Governing Board approved a settlement agreement reached by the parties in **OAH Case No. [2014030784](#)**, resolving all issues in dispute, in closed session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Jaka moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Herrera, Gibson) unanimously approved.

Item 5. A. Public Hearing: None

6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

- **Vista Unified has been selected to be one of the lead districts on the next generation Science standards implementation. Eight districts in the state were selected. This will bring in approximately \$700,000. to the district in the next three years.**
- **Prop 39 voter initiatives on energy efficiency. The district submitted a plan. The plan has been approved. This will bring in approximately \$5 million to the district for use in energy efficiency.**

Administrative changes / Appointments

- **Director of Blended and On Line Learning, Dr. Erin English**
- **New VHS principal Anthony Barela**
- **Principal of Adult Ed Program Liz O'Shea West currently serving as interim**
- **Principal of Vista Magnet Middle School, Anne Green**
- **Principal Roosevelt Middle, Elise Ochenduszko**

- Assistant Principal, Bobier Elementary, Nicole Hendricks
- BTSA, PAR & Student Teaching Coordinator, Carol Tomeo
- Coordinator C & I Elementary, Laura Evans Lavelle

Item 7.A. VTA Report

None

Item 7.B. CSEA Report

None

Item 8.A. Report on English Language Arts (ELA) Update

C & I Director Anne Green and Director Shari Fernandez shared the following:

- **Goal 4a: To ensure that all students are making sufficient progress, we will monitor achievement based on Common Core measures in ELA and math.**
- Progress to Date
- Summer Projects
- Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Field Test Results
- Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) Early Literacy, STAR Reading, Early Acceptance Program (EAP), California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), Read 180 (September, December 2013, March, June 2014)
- **Next Steps for 2014-2015: K-5 and 6-12**

Discussions ensued on reading and reading programs in place. **Member Herrera** stated we still need some direct instruction for students that lead to independence. What is the difference between Accelerated Reader and Myon? **Dr. Vodicka** shared the difference of each program and the value of Myon. **Member Herrera** inquired about a writing program the District had which was the best program in the County probably the State. **Ms. Jeanie Luckey** shared about the Quality Math and Writing program that was an assessment district-wide. **Member Herrera** stated maybe we can resurrect some of that. Shared the value of reading and writing.

Item 8.B. Visual and Performing Arts: Anne Green

- **Goal 7A: We will monitor achievement in the Visual and Performing Arts**
- Recent Projects
- Current Projects
- **Next Steps**
 - ✓ *Alignment of Visual and Performing Arts curriculum to Common Core literacy standards included in 2014-2015 professional development plan
 - ✓ *Inventory of access to arts offerings has begun
 - ✓ *Professional development on depth of knowledge and text complexity in the arts as focus for 2014-2015
 - ✓ *Performance Task Assessments and rubrics to be developed in 2014-15 school year 6-12

Item 8.C. Blueprint Construction #1: Dr. Vodicka, Dr. Matt Doyle

- Blueprint Construction Update #1
- Strategies the building blocks
- Strategy Development
- Families and Community “the foundation”

- High Quality, Flexible Staff “the builders”: Current Certificated and Classified Recruitment
- Monitoring and Feedback “the inspections”
- Quality, Flexible Curriculum “the Systems”: Professional Growth and Programs and Services
- Next Construction Project

Item. 9.A. Public Comments

John Herrera representative from Vista Education Foundation announced that a trustee from the board is going to be recognized for a **Lifetime Achievement Award** as an educator. Board member Carol Herrera is that trustee. **Member Herrera will be recognized on Tuesday, September 9 at a dinner event at the Moonlight amphitheater and a play Catch Me If You Can. Cost \$75 per person.** All funds will be returned to students of the District.

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) **unanimously approved.**

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

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

12. **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:** None

13. **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** NONE

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE NEW SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTBOOKS FOR HIGH SCHOOL: ENGLISH, DEBATE FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH
- B. APPROVE THE 2014-2015 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING OF THE DISTRICT'S CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION
- C. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER
- D. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER

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

- A. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- B. AUTHORIZE THE DESTRUCTION OF PURCHASING, CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES AND FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR FISCAL PERIOD PRIOR TO 2009/2010; AND DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AS SPECIFIED IN ED CODE SECTION 16027
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- D. REJECTION OF CLAIM #1314-39
- E. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-321128 THROUGH 12-331922
- F. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 18, 2014 THROUGH JULY 16, 2014
- G. APPROVE OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- H. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- I. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR MAY 2014
- J. APPROVE MEAL INCREASE FOR 2014-15 FOR ADULT MEALS
- K. APPROVE AND ACCEPT DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$22,769.92
- L. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- M. RATIFY AWARD OF BID #C14150068, ENTRY WAY MODIFICATION AT FOOTHILL OAK ELEMENTARY TO M & M BUILDERS IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$48,000
- N. RATIFY AWARD OF BID #C14150084--CABLING AT VMMS, BUILDINGS 600 & 700 TO HARBOR BAY, INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$36,000
- O. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200 WITH M & M BUILDERS FOR THE FRONT ENTRY MODIFICATION AT FOOTHILL OAK ELEMENTARY
- P. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 DECREASING THE CONTRACT BY \$5,000 WITH ZASUETA CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE SCHOOL, BID #C14150048
- Q. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,700 WITH PARAMOUNT PAINTING FOR EXTERIOR PAINTING AT VARIOUS SITES, BID #C14150084
- R. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CALIFORNIA AVENUE SCHOOL, BID #C14150048, BY ZASUETA CONTRACTING, INC.
- S. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR PARKING LOT FENCING AT RANCHO BUENA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL, BID #C14150042, BY HARRIS STEEL FENCE CO., INC.

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Click on July 24, 2014 board meeting

BREAK 7 MINUTES

16. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve Governance Calendar for 2014-15

Minor changes are italicized per Dr. Vodicka. Dr. Vodicka shared the minor changes and adjustments made.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved approval of the Governance Calendar 2014/15 seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

B. Approve Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

Director of C & I Shari Fernandez stated this is a revised policy to help teachers with interventions and early identification for students. Ms. Fernandez shared benefits of the revisions and guidelines for retention of students. Member Gibson inquired about acceleration. Ms. Fernandez shared information on acceleration. Dr. Vodicka shared further information and the process followed before a student is moved forward.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved approval of the revised board policy 5123, promotion/acceleration/retention, seconded by Member Gibson. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

C. Approve Job Description: Intervention Program Teacher - Continuation High School

Director of Human Resources Elaine Alexandres shared information on the following 4 job descriptions:

MOTION

Member Gibson moved approval seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

D. Approve Job Description: Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction, Transitional Kindergarten - Grade Five

MOTION

Member Jaka moved approval of the Executive Director, Curriculum & Instruction, transitional Kindergarten – Grade 5, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

E. Approve Job Description: Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction, Early Literacy

MOTION

Member Jaka moved approval of the Coordinator, C & I, Early Literacy, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

F. Approve Job Description: Coordinator, Peer Assistance and Review, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment, Student Teachers

MOTION

Member Gibson moved approval seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (Jaka, Gibson, Herrera) unanimously approved.

Board Business

Member Jaka attended the opening of the court school on Melrose; they have an amazing mural to look at that students participated in. Stop by for a visit to see their amazing work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, August 21, 2014.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees