

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014
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

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

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

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

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

CLOSED SESSION

No announcements

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Jaka moved to approve seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

Public Hearings: None

6. District Announcements: Dr. Vodicka District Comments

- Introduced **Cipriano Vargas** a Vista High School graduate who is a senior ready to graduate at CSUSM. Cipriano is a Student Trustee for the entire state. He will attend Teach for America after he graduates and then will attend Law School to study about education policies. Mr. Vargas is currently an intern for the Superintendents department.
- **Friday January 17** the district will hold their **Best Practices** employee professional development day. 2000 employees will be participating. Over 100 sessions will take place.
- Dr. Vodicka is continuing his school visits. He stated it's a great opportunity to connect with students, staff members and parents. Meetings are also being held with Jeanie Luckey and individual principals to share data reports at their school sites.

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B. Superintendents Recognition: Collaboration Award

- **Recognized Computer 2 San Diego Kids (Program Director Cheri Pierre) and Cox Connect2Compete (MyMy Lu)**

*As Vista Unified moves into the digital age, we face many challenges. One challenge has been getting our families on computers and connected to the internet. Stepping up to help us close the digital divide in Vista is Computers to San Diego Kids and Cox. Computers 2 San Diego Kids and Cox Connect2Compete responded to this need in Vista Unified. Desktop computers have been refurbished and will be sold to families at a discounted rate and families are signed up for low price internet through Cox. To date, Cheri Pierre, and her team distributed refurbished computers on over 15 campuses across the district. These 2 foundations continue to do great things for our district. The relationship between C2SDK, Cox, and Vista Unified demonstrates the amazing work that can be accomplished through **collaboration**. Without their support and passion for access and equity, we would not be moving as quickly into the digital age.*

Ms. Lu and Ms. Pierre thanked the district and the district leadership. Thank you for your passion and dedication to your students. Ms. Pierre added 2400 computers were distributed in six months. Thank you for your enthusiasm and collaboration.

C. MVHS Student Board Member Report

Student Board Member Wade Lippert shared the wonderful activities taking place at MVHS. Mr. Lippert shared their successes in sports and the CIF. Art Festival Rock the Hill was a great success. Student Eric Opdahl was chosen to be on the California State Honor Jazz Band. The Anne Frank play was a success and MVHS held their first senior breakfast. MVHS received an award for \$25,000 in December for a State Farm competition students won to never drink and drive. They ranked in the top 100. Students welcomed new assistant principal Brianna Weatherford. Programs are starting to take shape, students are holding fundraisers and there are many activities at the school. School tours are being held for incoming freshman.

Item 7.A. VTA Report

President Barbara Franklin stated happy New Year. Their bargaining team met on 4 occasions. It looks like we will be receiving much needed revenue. Shared concerns about large class sizes and teacher salary. Class size matters. We need smaller classes in science, technology and kindergarten classes. Teachers need mentoring and need to engage our students. With large class sizes it is hard for teachers to make student connections. We are underpaid as teachers. Members have gone 7 years without a raise. Ms. Franklin shared the value of the Best Practices Conferences and the sessions held.

Member Gibson inquired about science labs and safety issues. Ms. Franklin stated teachers don't have enough time to do more labs as they would like due to the large class size and safety issues.

Item 7.B. CSEA Report

Michelle Bell President of CSEA shared last night CSEA officers were sworn in. Ms. Bell is excited about the Best Practices day tomorrow. Next year CSEA would like to share in presenting or be involved in the planning process.

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Item 7.C. DELAC Report

No report. Next report will be given at the February board meeting.

Item 8.A. Service Learning Report

Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shared the following information:

- California Department of Education's Service-Learning Goal
- **VUSD Goal #6**
To ensure that we are actualizing our mission to inspire students to solve real-world problems, we will engage students in service learning projects tied to the Common Core standard
- What is Service-Learning?
- What Service-Learning Looks Like
- VUSD Service-Learning Examples

Next Steps

- Continued Professional Development for Principals at Monthly meetings & Provide Resources to Build Conceptual Awareness
- Reach out to Teachers
- Continue to foster Community Partnerships

Member Gibson inquired how many hours are students losing in classroom instruction. Ms. Luckey shared this is not during the school day. It takes place on weekends and afterschool. **Student Board member Emily Garcia** shared her experience and the value of the Service Learning Program and global awareness for students

Item 8.B. Goal Report: Improve Graduation Rates

Anne Green, Director of Curriculum & Instruction shared the following information:

- Graduation Rate Defined
- **Current Data: Neighboring Districts** – Data Quest; 2011-2012
Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos, Vista
- **Most current Data:** VUSD DataQuest; 2011-12
Alta Vista, Murray High, Palomar, RBV, Vista High, VUSD, San Diego County, State

Initiatives in place

- MOU with CSUSM
- Continuation Schools Task Force
- Edgenuity: currently undergoing evaluation
- Revision of Mathematics pathways
- Implementation of Rtl that doesn't remove students from core.

Board discussion ensued on how to track rates and students.

Cathy Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instruction shared the value of interventions at the secondary level and how to work with students. Shared information on systems the district currently has in place.

Item 8.C. Goal Report: A-G Completion Rates

Cathy Williams Director of Math K-12 Curriculum & Instruction shared the following information:

- A-G defined

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- Most Current Data; VUSD DataQuest: 2011-2012, A-G completion Rates 2011-2012 CDE: DataQuest
Alta Vista, Guajome, Murray, Trade Tech, Palomar, RBV, Siatech, Sierra Vista, VHS, VUSD, San Diego County, state
- Current Data: neighboring Districts
Percentage of 2011-12 Graduates Completing A-G in neighboring districts (CDE: Dataquest)
Carlsbad, Escondido, Oceanside, San Marcos, Vista
- Current Initiatives
- Deeper data analysis (ongoing)
- Intervention Plan
- A-G/My College Pathway Presentation
- Counseling Services
- Current Data: neighboring Districts

Item 8.D. Goals: Discussion, Dr. Vodicka

- Responsibilities Related to Setting the Direction for the District
- Framework for the Future
- Dr. Vodicka's ideal framework
- Alignment
- Impact of Measurements
- Structure of Goals
- Proposed Goals
- Current Goals
- Board Priorities Fall 2013
- Improve ELA Proficiency Rate on Common Core Measures
- Improve Math Proficiency Rate on Common Core Measures
- Improve Reclassification Percentage of EL Students at 5 years
- Stakeholder Input
- Goal Reporting Calendar 2013-14
- Alignment with CA State Priorities
- Considerations
- Priorities/Priorities in Plain English

Questions/input from the Board:

- How could we break out subject areas? Instead of placing them in one category, we could have each subject broken out. We are not just diluting the subject but look at expanding it.
- We could have a major category and underneath that have a subset such as literacy and English a large component is under the Common Core. We should add something in writing below. Or under ELD add literacy. We need to make it more understandable for people and the community who might question it. It's the community we need to connect to.
- Student Board Member Emily Garcia would like to see teachers be provided with training in the areas they will be teaching in.
- Under high priority the a-g and graduation rates. We could have a report once a year to tie that in with AP results. Dr. Vodicka added we can look at who's on track.

Dr. Vodicka will take the input received and fine tune it and bring a specific table back with a list of different goals with some proposed metrics.

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Next Steps

Incorporate feedback from Board into proposed goals for 2014-15 and 2015-16.
Bring proposed goals to February board Meeting as an action item.

5 minute break

Item 8.E. Vista Unified Blueprint Update - Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent

Blueprint Process
Framework for the Future
VUSD Goals and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
LCAP Developments (State Regulations Board of Education Update and Agenda)
Draft Template
LCAP Draft Regulations
Template Excerpt; Page 16
VUSD Next Steps/Current Projects
New Websites
Revised Timelines (January, February, March, April, May, June)

Next Steps:

Continue to implement (and adjust) the Blueprint timeline
Provide routine updates at board meetings
Communicate broadly
Continue to monitor LCAP developments
Adapt

*All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf.
Click on January 16, 2014 board meeting*

Due to time constraints a motion is required to move Item 16.E. Appointment of Board of Directors of VUSD Improvement Corporation after Item 8.E. Blueprint Update.

Member Jaka motioned to move Item 16.E. after Item 8.E. seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

Item 16.E. Appointment of Board of Directors of VUSD Improvement Corporation

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve/appoint ex officio the members of the Vista Unified School District Board of Trustees to the Board of Directors of the VUSD Improvement Corporation, seconded by Member Herrera.

Donna Caperton explained the formation of the VUSD Improvement Corporation. An annual meeting is held when the Board of Trustees officers change annually. Ms. Caperton explained the Certificates of Participation.

CLOSE BOARD MEETING

ADJOURN TO MEETING OF THE VUSD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Item 18.B. Election of Board of Directors: Open Election of Officers of Board of Directors for the Vista Unified School District Improvement Corporation

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to nominate Angela Chunka as President of the Improvement Corporation, Member Jaka amended to nominate Carol Herrera as Vice President and Rich Alderson as Clerk, seconded by Rich Alderson.

All in favor unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT OF VUSD IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION MEETING
OPEN BOARD MEETING**

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Item 9.A Presentation by Community Members

Grapevine parent **Suzie Lopez** shared concerns about the kindergarten class size schedule model. What is the action plan from the Board? Request this be a board agenda item.

RBV Teacher Eric Weirather thanked the Board for approving the Strategic Arts Plan passed unanimously. Two students from RBV will share good news about the RBV band program.

RBV Student Sarah McEwan drum major for the RBV Marching Band shared that the RBV wind ensemble was chosen to perform as the single wind ensemble to perform at the California All-State Band clinic.

RBV Student Gautam Nair stated why this is so special. Being chosen as the only band out of the state is quite an honor. Students worked really hard to get to this point and are excited for this opportunity.

Parent Ryan O'Connor stated his concerns about the kindergarten class size at Grapevine. Shared the value of the kindergarten experience for students and the need to have smaller class sizes.

Parent Kelly Ferreira shared concerns about the middle school math program and the need for acceleration classes. Shared security concerns about students getting into other students Google accounts.

Dr. Vodicka stated the Math pathways will be brought to the February 20 Board meeting.

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (including student board members) unanimously approved.

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 12, 2013 BOARD MEETING

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

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

12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR READMISSION OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR READMISSION TO THE VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASE NUMBERED W3-2013/14

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION - NONE

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- B. APPROVE THE OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL REGISTER
- C. APPROVE THE FIELD TRIP OVERNIGHT REGISTER

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

- A. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- B. APPROVE REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- C. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- D. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2013
- E. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER 2013
- F. RATIFY AND APPROVE WARRANT NOS. 12-249512 THROUGH 12-261728

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- G.AWARD BID C13140300, ADULT EDUCATION FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO VISIONARY CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,300
- H.APPROVE RESOLUTION #14-24 DESIGNATING APPLE COMPUTER PRODUCTS AS A SOLE SOURCE
- I. AWARD BID #C13140370, INSTALLATION OF CARPETING AT DISCOVERY VALLEY TO A&A FLOORING IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$13,731
- J. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTTALLING \$32,129.11
- K. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000

16. Discussion/Action Items

A. Approve the Strategic Plan for The Model Library of Educational Excellence and Innovation

Jeanie Luckey and RBV Librarian Nancy Tubbs shared the following information:

- Committee members
- Meeting Schedule
- Strategic Plan (Four Service Priorities)
- Focus Areas (Library Services and Support for Educational Excellence, Innovation Plans, Facility and Environmental Considerations)

Action

The District Library Services Task Force requests the VUSD School Board to approve the Model Library of Educational Excellence & Innovation Strategic plan

Strategic Plan: Next Steps

1. Transition from Strategy Plan to Action Plan
2. Build Library Services Implementation Guide
3. Build Budget proposal and Measurement Tool
4. Target Planning for Staffing and Professional Development on Common Core State Standards & CA Model School Library Standards
5. Develop plan for flexible spaces, updating technology & devices, and begin Digital Literacy Curriculum development

Member Herrera thanked the Superintendent for his vision and wisdom in seeing the value of our libraries. The District had the insight and vision to keep librarians and view libraries in a new way. **Member Jaka** added maybe this will be a great example so others will follow our lead.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve the **Model Library of Educational Excellence & Innovation Strategic Plan**, seconded by **Member Herrera**. All in favor (including student Board members) **unanimously approved**.

B. Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for Middle School Attendance Area Re-Alignment of Option B/Alignment to Major Roads

Donna Caperton Assistant Superintendent of Business Services introduced **Greg Davis** from **Davis Demographics** and **Eric Hall** who served as **Facilitator of the Committee**.

Ms. Caperton shared the following information:

- Middle School Attendance Area Re-Alignment
- Background/history
- Re-alignment Committee

Facilitator Eric Hall of Eric Hall & Associates presented the following information:

- Agenda for 1/6/14 meeting

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- Criteria for Success
- Attendance Area options (A, B and C)
- Recommendations
- Concerns

Superintendent's Recommendation: Recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the middle school attendance area re-alignment to **Option B – Alignment to Major roads.**

Ms. Caperton stated they will develop a communication plan by posting information on the website to let parents know, parent newsletters and meetings.

Dr. Vodicka shared the process followed and the recommendation.

MOTION

Member **Jaka** moved to approve **Option B** for middle school boundaries, **seconded by Member Herrera.** All in favor **unanimously approved.**

C. Adopt Resolution #14-25; Approve Procurement of 11 Buses from Creative Bus Sales using the Kings Canyon Unified Bid #CML-6432(004) and Authorize Entering into a Lease Purchase Financing Option with California Capital Leasing Corporation (Banc Of America Public Capital Corporation) in the Annual Payment Of \$211,789.36 for a Seven Year Term

Donna Caperton shared background information on buses in transportation and replacement of buses to replenish the fleet.

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to adopt **Resolution 14-25** to approve procurement of **11 buses**, **seconded by Member Alderson.** All in favor **unanimously approved.**

D. Adopt Board Policy 1330, Use Of School Facilities (Second Reading)

MOTION

Member **Herrera** moved to approve, **seconded by Member Alderson.** All in favor **unanimously approved.**

Board Business/Discussion

Member Gibson would like legal advice on community members request to place action items on the agenda. What is the Board response if it is an educational item? Do Board members respond in a voting manner? Would also like a short math report at the next Board meeting.

Reminder: Thursday, February 6 the Governance Workshop will be held at 6 p.m. District office/Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, February 20, 2014.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees