

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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
Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent
Brett Killeen, Assistant Superintendent, Human Relations
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 6:00 p.m. by President Jaka.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Member Herrera moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Chunka. All in favor unanimously passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 4.A Declaring Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials for Each Pupil

President Jaka opened the Public Hearing for Comments

No Comments

Public Hearing for Comment Closed

Item 5.A. Approve Resolution #14-06 of the Vista Unified School District Declaring Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials for Each Pupil

Jeanie Luckey, Deputy Superintendent stated there are sufficient textbooks for each student to use.

Discussion ensued on books that are available to students at school and books they can take home. Deputy Luckey shared what is provided to students in the class and for home. Member Gibson inquired when textbooks are updated. Ms. Luckey stated in 2016 there will be a math adoption. Dr. Vodicka shared the process of how books are adopted.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve Resolution #14-06 declaring sufficient textbooks/instructional materials for each pupil, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor unanimously approved.

6.A. Site Reports (Principals) Workshop for the Board

Dr. Vodicka shared a brief presentation on previous principal reports and the focus of this year's reports.

- Background
- Board Feedback

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- **Dr. Vodicka' s Recap**
- **My Experience**
- **Reminders for the Group**
- **Directions for Principals**
- **Directions for Board members**
- **Directions for C & I**
- **Final Thought**

The plan for the evening was to find a productive middle ground with interactive, loosely structured conversation using the carousel method.

Five tables were set up with six chairs. Each board member sat at a table with three or four principals and a C & I Team member. Each principal shared with the Board members for 20 minutes about their school site. After the allotted time principals moved to the next table with a different board member. Principals moved from table to table and shared information. Discussions and conversations ensued between the board and principals. Board members received information and heard about each school site. Process began at 6:30 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. with a short break in between.

8:30 p.m. Dr. Vodicka held a short debrief and received feedback from the Board on the process.

- ✓ **Member Jaka** likes hearing from the principals and the opportunity to talk one on one with each principal.
- ✓ **Member Chunka** liked the grouping, hearing about their sites and the engagement that took place. This is a more productive way to interact.
- ✓ **Member Alderson** stated it was a very effective format.
- ✓ **Member Herrera** liked the format very much and loved the process. It went very well. Liked the interaction with the principals. Their work is seriously appreciated.
- ✓ **Member Gibson** stated I got a lot out of this. This was an opportunity to ask involved questions. Learned a lot and appreciates working with all the principals. Format is good.

Dr. Vodicka inquired what we can do to improve.

- Need a little bit more time with each principal.

Reflection by the Board. Various Board members expressed their concerns from what they heard:

- ✓ Administrative support needed for elementary principals when they are gone. They should have a designee. Look into that.
- ✓ Some principals are working into the night. We need to look at that.

Member Herrera shared we have outstanding wonderful people working for us. I am impressed with the quality of principals and their passion. **Member Jaka** added it is wonderful to hear about the increased collaboration and gratifying to hear about the preparation of the common core. You are moving in the right direction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, October 17, 2013.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees