

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 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

Wade Lippert, MVHS
Isabella Corpora, RBV
Alda Vargas, AVHS
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

The Board by **unanimous vote (Gibson, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Jaka)** directed the Superintendent to serve notice pursuant to Education Code section 44932 on a certificated employee ID # 16-201404.

The District 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 the **Governing Board approved a settlement agreement reached by the parties in OAH Case No. 2014020685 resolving all issues in dispute, in closed session by unanimous vote (Gibson, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Jaka)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Item 5. A. Public Hearing:

SIATech Charter Renewal Petition to consider the level of support of teachers employed by the District, other employees of the District, and parents for the charter petition.

Petitioners presented information on the renewal petition.

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Dr. Linda Dawson, Superintendent of SIATech shared presentation/information on the second renewal of SIATech.

- ✓ SIATech at a glance, Dropout recovery high school
- ✓ Individualized Learning Plans: Students advance at their own rate
- ✓ Strategic Priorities
- ✓ Student Learning: 35% of graduates enter college
- ✓ Serve approximately 18,000. students

Member Herrera would like to hear about their reading program when it is solidified.

Open for Public Comments

Parent Alejandro Sanchez shared his concerns about SIATech. He would like to see changes.

No further public comments

Public Hearing closed for comments

6.A. District Announcements Dr. Vodicka District Comments

- ✓ Attended the **Legislative Action days** to discuss the Common Core, the Local Control Accountability plan and other subjects
- ✓ Vista held their first **Realtor Reception**. They received a positive outcome. A student from VMMS shared the partnership with CSUSM.
- ✓ **VHS Culinary program was awarded the 2014 California ProStart BJ's Restaurants Culinary Program Award.**
- ✓ **School visits continue.** Exciting to see high levels of student engagement
- ✓ **SBAC testing going well.** Students stated it is very very difficult.
- ✓ **Educators of the Year recognized at the Heroes of Vista event:**
 - ✓ **Technology: Ellen Crews**, Washington Middle School
 - ✓ **Scholarships: Kerry Herington**, Roosevelt Middle School
 - ✓ **Arts Education: Carolyn Thom**, Vista High
 - ✓ **Administrator of the Year Diane Lambert, Principal from Lake Elementary.** Ms. Lambert will retire after 17 years as principal.

B. Superintendents Recognition: Collaboration

Del Norte PTA, President, Colleen Hervey

The Del Norte PTA provides much needed support for families and students throughout the district. Through the Del Norte PTA Council, parent leaders from every school are connected with one another to collaborate opportunities. Examples of successful efforts that have been catalyzed by the Del Norte PTA include a Common Core Night for families, implementation of the "Reflections" art program, support for numerous school and districtwide events, leadership development for active parents, and outreach to increase the level of family engagement. This example is reflective of the consistent emphasis on working together in the spirit of cooperation to improve our ability to serve the needs of students.

The Del Norte PTA is a valued partner and their committed efforts are an excellent example of ***collaborating in collective partnerships that focus on the best interests of all students.***

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President Colleen Hervey stated we have 4,800 members in the district. Thanked teachers, staff and administration. We are here for the kids. Thank you for fulfilling that mission.

Item 6.C. Student Board Member Report

Victor Delgado of Murray High shared about the value of smaller class sizes and the value of one on one student attention with teachers. Murray is holding their 2nd annual blood drive. Murray won an award for collecting the most blood in southern California. Their soccer program was a great success and they held their first annual Murray Olympics. Dr. Vodicka added that **Murray High was also recognized as a model continuation high school** by the state.

Item 6.D. Proclamations

Classified School Employee Association Week: May 19-23, 2014

Read by Student Board Member: Bella Corpora, RBV

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teacher Donna Harper shared her time as a teacher in the district at a time when the district was at its peak. Ms. Harper shared her concerns of teacher pay and the value of a salary increase for teachers.

Teacher Pat Emaus stated the speeches given tonight will be heartfelt. Mr. Emaus shared his concerns about teacher salaries and the need for a raise. Teachers want to be heard.

Teacher Robert LaPorte read a letter from teacher Jorge Calderon. Shared the value of what Dr. Vodicka has accomplished in six months. The biggest asset is the teaching staff. Teachers have a vested interest. We want the best for kids.

Teacher Erica Glennon stated she is vested in this community and district. She shared her duties as a teacher as well as her time after hours and what she provides to students. Value our teachers by payment on the salary schedule and lowering class sizes.

Nana Oechsle a parent of the District shared the value of teachers and their inspiration to her children. Teachers matter. Let's not lose our teachers to other districts.

Barb Franklin spoke about the Day of the Teacher and its value. Settle a fair contract now to honor and support our teachers. We make a difference. Please make a difference.

Item 6.E. California Day of the Teacher: Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Read by Student Board Member, Emily Garcia, VHS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item 7.A. VTA Report

Shirley Indegno a mom of the district shared teachers have gone above and beyond to help our students. Class sizes are already too big. Listen to the teachers. They inspire students.

Barb Franklin president of VTA introduced teacher Randy Wiens who will speak on behalf of VTA. He shared his response to a letter sent out by Dr. Vodicka. Mr. Wiens presented a brief history of Vista Unified when it was *No Better Place to Learn* and what VTA has accomplished for the District. He shared many times when VTA supported the district during difficult budgetary periods and passage of the bond to build much needed schools. He shared further concerns of the need for smaller class sizes and the need for higher salaries.

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Item 7.B. CSEA Report

Michelle Bell, President of CSEA stated due to budget cuts classified jobs were cut, furlough days were taken and rising medical cuts occurred. Ms. Bell talked about fair share and stated 400 members voted yes on April 16. Thank you for working in collaboration with CSEA building trust, recognizing and respecting classified employees.

Item 7.C. DELAC Report

Dr. Gilberto Barrios briefly shared what DELAC has accomplished. Two individuals are being recognized for a Biliteracy Award, teacher Dr. Nancy Skinner and a parent who is very involved in the district. He commended parents for their involvement.

The following report was provided in the Board packet.

- ✓ **Task #1 & 3 and 6 & 7:** DELAC reviewed information on CELDT results and on parent notification of CELDT results.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** DELAC members recommend VUSD share the information on the memorandum of understanding with CSUSM district wide and on a repetitive basis in order for all to be well informed about the process and requirements, especially parents and students.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** DELAC representatives recommend the district consider making it a requirement to pass the CELDT exam in order to graduate high school.
- ✓ **Recommendation:** DELAC representatives recommend that all schools be required to update their ELAC links in order to provide updated ELAC information.
- ✓ **Other Recommendations:** DELAC representatives also recommend that a third entity be involved in determining the percentage of high school students that have not reclassified with the objective of encouraging high school students to pass the CELDT exam prior to graduation.
- ✓ **Upcoming Items: The next DELAC meeting will be on held on April 28, 2014.**

5 minute break

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Todd Critchlow a teacher of the district would like DELAC and DPAC parents provided the complaints forms on time prior to the review of the LCAP plans coming up in June as they go forward through the process.

Alejandro Sanchez a parent and previous DELAC Committee member shared his concerns about English learners and the new magnet middle school Vista Innovation District Academy. What will change?

Member Gibson inquired about the English language learners report. When will that come to the Board. Dr. Vodicka will look at the board calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item 8.A. Special Education Update

Eric Walker a special education teacher of the district shared concerns about the special education changes. There are not enough instructional minutes in the day. Smaller case loads are better for students and staff.

RBV teacher Terry Fixsen spoke about the value of prep time and collaboration for the co teaching model. Contract language is necessary to ensure changes are followed.

Alejandro Sanchez shared his concerns about special education and changes.

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REPORT

Special Education Update, Dawn Dully, Executive Director Special Education

- Shared a background of her history: 25 years in the field
- Successes
 - ✓ Co-Teaching Pilot
 - ✓ Vertical PLC
- 7 Parent Workshop Series held in the evening
- Behavior Team: To do intervention at sites
- **Looking Forward:** 96 Elementary students and 40 pre-school students afforded the opportunity to return to their home schools in the fall of 2014
- Current Projects: Curriculum, On-Line IEP System, ELD curriculum, on-going professional development
- Still to come

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Item 8.B. Communication and Customer Service Report

Pat Emaus a teacher of the district stated it is good to have a positive relationship with employees.

VTA President Barb Franklin spoke about support of the district. She shared her concerns about teacher salary and benefits. Support students by offering smaller class sizes.

REPORT

Brett Killeen Assistant Superintendent of Business Services shared information on Communication and Customer Service Report:

- Our 3 functions
- Public Information
- Spotlight
- Marketing Vista: Realtor Luncheon
- Customer Service provided and positive feedback received.
- Customer Service in Action
- Customer Service & Complaints
- **Next Steps**
 - ✓ Continue customer service training

MEETING DISRUPTION BY UPSET PARENT SHOUTING AT DR. VODICKA, BOARD MEMBERS, JEANIE LUCKEY AND BRETT KILLEEN: MEMBER CHUNKA CALLED A 5 MINUTE BREAK. THE MEETING RECONVENED AFTER 5 MINUTES

- ✓ Highlight schools other than Magnet Schools
- ✓ Celebrate around themes/values
- ✓ Make the mobile site and app a reality
- ✓ Embrace feedback to continuously improve

PUBLIC COMMENT

Parent Rena Morocco spoke about the mobile marketing website. She submitted a proposal for \$4900. Ms. Morocco would like the board to do a cost analysis between her cost and district cost.

Item 8.C. Modernization Improvement and Technology Initiative (MITI) from San Diego County Office of Education: Donna Caperton Assistant Superintendent Business Services and Brett Killeen

- Initiative Project (MITI) completed by the County two years ago.
- History
- Current Status

Brett Killeen

- Next Step for Vista
- Next Steps

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Ms. Caperton added Business Services and Human Relations are working together meeting regularly as we near completion. MITI updates will be provided to the Board as new information is received. San Diego County Office of Education has a website which is updated frequently on the MITI Project: <http://www.sdcoe.net/ITS/miti/Pages/default.aspx>.

Ms. Caperton stated there will be a roll out process for our schools and employees. There will be a lot of communication around this change.

Item 8.D. 2014-15 Seven (7) Year Projected Enrollment Report

Donna Caperton introduced Greg Davis President of Davis Demographics:

- Demographic Study
- Work Accomplished for Vista Unified
- Mapping the district's Student Data
- Tracking Future Residential Development
- Projection Methodology
- Projections for Each Study Area
- Projections for Each Attendance Area
- District-wide 7-year Projections
- Summary

Board discussions ensued. **Member Herrera** stated we need to do a better job of providing options to parents.

Item 8.E. Blueprint Report Update: Dr. Vodicka and Dr. Matt Doyle

Barb Franklin stated VTA met twice with the district on LCAP. She shared her disappointment of the plan. They did not see lower class sizes to ensure students are achieving and retaining and attracting teachers by offering a competitive salary.

Nikki Binkin a teacher of the district shared the value of small class sizes and the value of 1 on 1 attention to students.

Teacher JB Barton shared his concerns and the value of the full report as it is developed. Mr. Barton talked about the process. How will the board be able to review all of this?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REPORT

Blueprint Progress Update by Dr. Devin Vodicka

- Framework for the Future
- Revised Goals
- Goals Alignment to LCAP
- Blueprint Process
- Vista Unified Beliefs Draft #2
- Strategic Parameters Draft #2
- Next Steps: Action Team Design Work/Strategy Development
- Draft Strategy Topics
- Strategy Topic Facilitators
- LCAP Timeline

Matt Doyle, Executive Director shared further information:

- Innovative Strategic Planning Software
- Calendar of Events
- Ongoing Communications
- Revised Timeline
- Next Steps

All reports can be viewed on-line in detail at www.boarddocs.com/ca/vusd/board.nsf. Click on April 17, 2014 board meeting

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Item 9.A. Presentation by Community Members

Teacher JB Barton shared his thoughts about the budget, projections and assumptions of the District and VTA. Feels there will be opposite positions. Biggest concern is the students. Support of teachers is needed for plans the district will put into place.

Item 10.A. Consent Calendar

Member Chunka stated Item 15.M. *Approve First One-Year Renewal of Contract #241000B For Parent Notification System to Blackboard Connect* **needs to be pulled from the agenda.**

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the consent calendar with Item 15. M **pulled from the agenda, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor** (Jaka, Gibson, Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

A. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 13, 2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 18, 2014

11. HUMAN RELATIONS

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

12. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE 2014-2016 SCHOOL YEARS
- B. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION OF CASES NUMBERED W10-2013/14 THROUGH W14-2013/14

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION - None

14. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

- A. APPROVE THE SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHEIVEMENT - PLAN AMENDMENTS
- 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. RATIFY AND APPROVE GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2014 THROUGH MARCH 28, 2014
- B. RATIFY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$5,000
- C. BOARD APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS TO VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALLING \$53,122.84
- D. ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT, ENDING MARCH 31, 2014, TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY THE WILLIAMS SETTLEMENT
- E. RATIFY AND APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS
- F. AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE AND/OR WORN-OUT TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
- G. AWARD BID #C13140470 FOR INSTALLATION OF FREEZER/COOLER AT MONTE VISTA AND WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TO DELTA BUILDERS IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$237,500
- H. AWARD BID #C13140439 FOR STRUCTURAL REPAIR AT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL TO VISIONARY CONSTRUCTION & CONSULTING, INC. IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$224,000
- I. REJECT BIDS FOR BID #C13140414 REFURBISHED LAPTOP AND DESKTOP COMPUTERS
- J. ACCEPT WORK AND FILING OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR TREE REMOVAL AT VARIOUS SITES, BID #C13140360, WITH SUTTON TREE SERVICE
- K. APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-37 TO PURCHASE CARPET FROM MOHAWK CARPET DISTRIBUTION, INC. UTILIZING CMAS CONTRACT #4-13-72-0039C IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,993.37
- L. APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 14-38
- M. *ITEM PULLED FROM THE AGENDA*
- N. BOARD APPROVAL OF REVOLVING CASH FUND PAYMENT
- O. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF WARRANT NOS. 12-284000 THROUGH 12-296024
- P. APPROVE THE CHILD NUTRITION CASH EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY 2014

16. Discussion/Action Items

- A. *Approve Resolution #14-39 Memorandum of Understanding between the Vista Unified School District and the California School Employee Association Chapter #389 (CSEA) for Classified Employee Salary Increase***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CSEA president Michelle Bell shared a comment from an employee Carol Eldridge. Ms. Eldridge thanked the Board and CSEA Executive Board and the positive effect for CSEA employees.

Acacia Thede Director of Human Relations stated the teams worked together for over a year to come to this agreement. Membership had a resounding YES vote. A lot of great work that is good for students and adults.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to approve the MOU, seconded by Member Alderson. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Herrera, Gibson and student Board members) **unanimously approved.**

- B. *Ratify Award of a Contract With Jive Communications, Inc. for Hosted VOIP Services District Wide For 2014-15 School Year***

Donna Caperton shared the savings to the district by using this communication. The district's current system is very old.

MOTION

Member Jaka moved to ratify award of contract With Jive Communications, Inc. for Hosted VOIP Services, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Gibson, Herrera and student board members) **unanimously approved.**

- C. *Approve Entering Into A Five Year Service Agreement With Signa Digital Solutions Providing District Wide Multi-Function Copiers Effective August 1, 2014 Through July 31, 2019***

Ms. Caperton shared information on this item. Trials were held from all three companies for a week at five different school sites. Overwhelmingly one company performed well.

MOTION

Member Herrera moved to approve entering into a five year service agreement with Signa Digital solutions, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Gibson, Herrera, Alderson including student board members) **unanimously approved.**

- D. *Approval Of License Agreement With Verizon Wireless for the Establishment of a Cell Tower at Vista High School and Vista Magnet Middle School***

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Jaka. All in favor (Jaka, Chunka, Alderson, Gibson, Herrera and student board members) **unanimously approved.**

Board Business/Discussion

Member Gibson would like to look at changing May 15 Board meeting to another date. Board discussion. The Board will email possible dates to the superintendent's office.

Member Jaka and Chunka attended the Charger Challenge who donated \$22,000. to VIDA. Students were excited. **Member Chunka** stated #28 Brandon Taylor attended the event.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, May 15, 2014.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees