

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ROOM
1234 ARCADIA AVENUE
VISTA, CA 92084

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Devin Vodicka, Superintendent
Sherry Opacic, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Excellence
Michelle Bell, Recording Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by President Alderson.

Approval of the Agenda Member Jaka moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Herrera. All in favor. YES (Chunka, Herrera, Alderson, Gibson and Jaka) unanimously approved.

Item 5 Staff Reports to the Board

A. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS UPDATE – Presented by Dr. Sharmila Kraft and Wendy O'Connor. Instructional Literacy Block K-5 VUSD, Lexia-MyON-SmartyAnts Student Interface, How Students Leverage Technology Video, Speaking and Listening, English Language Development, Critical Components Embedded in All, Sample ELA Instructional Block. Member Jaka commented that there are different things going on in different classrooms to meet all of the students needs. Member Chunka commented that they are using data to drive instruction. Teachers are looking at the dashboard. Principals and Literacy – Principals discuss systems to build literacy video. Designated Reading. Dr. Vodicka mentioned key instructional practices. Designated Reading – Flexible Reading Group video. Literacy Work Station Rotations video. Teacher Reflection video. Member Herrera asked to what extent are teachers using. This is only effective if the students are learning. Designated Reading Digital Daily Five – How do you know your students know what to do video. Questions on Designated Reading? Video. Integrated

Reading, Integrated Writing, Integrated Reading & Writing: Text, Talk & Write video. Principals: How Literacy is Supported & Monitored video. Resource Teacher: How Literacy is Supported and Monitored video. Questions? Member Herrera asked what the teachers strategy is and how does she determine what students need. Designated Writing – Review Components of Informational Text video. Questions on Designated Writing? Member Herrera asked if teachers are trained for Daily 5. CRT's are being trained and bringing it back to the teachers. Member Jaka commented that she has seen progress.

B. SECONDARY MATH UPDATE – Presented by Dr. Matt Steitz. Secondary Math Background, College Preparatory Mathematics – Curriculum, CCSS Courses available, Methodology Research, A Balanced Program, Standards of Mathematical Practice, What CPM Does Best, At the Core of CPM, Students, Homework includes, Parent Guide with Extra Practice. Professional Development (Middle School), Next Steps, Professional Development (High School), Next Steps – San Diego Math Network UCSD Create, VUSD Secondary Math Pathway, Questions. Member Gibson asked if there is any proof that homework is helpful. Are students producing measurable results? Dr. Vodicka commented that in high school, more homework leads to higher achievement. In elementary and middle school, there is not much evidence. Member Jaka asked if we had many students who struggle with integrated math.

Item 6 Board Business/Discussion

A. Board Governance Workshop – Facilitated by Peter Fagen.

- Conflicts of Interest
- Brown Act
- Form 700
- Hot Topics: Technology, Brown Act, Closed Session Confidentiality, Grand Jury Involvement, Split Boards
- Hire, support and hold accountable – Superintendent
- Media – Confusion of Roles, Gifts, Workplace Violence Restrictions
- Your leadership sets the tone
- Disagree – Have confidence in the process
- Governance Handbook
- Ethical Duties – Fiduciary. Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality, Duty of Loyalty.
- Honest, Integrity – No hidden agenda.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURSDAY, February 25, 2016 at 7:00pm, CITY OF VISTA, CIVIC CENTER, 200 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, VISTA, CA 92084

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

[Handwritten Signature]

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

R Elizabeth Jaka

Clerk of the Board of Trustees