

VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A WORK-STUDY BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013
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
Myrna Vallely, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
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 Superintendent Vodicka.

APPROVE AGENDA

Member Herrera moved to approve, seconded by Member Chunka.
All in favor **unanimously passed.**

**PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

Item 3.A. Items Not on the Agenda/Items for Future Discussion

None

Item 4.A. Goals and Governance Workshop

Dr. Vodicka shared information on the targets / goals the District should be aiming for and how staff and the Board can achieve those goals through Board Governance and strategies.

Presentation

Framework for the Future

Completed: Vision, mission and values
Working on: Goals, Roles & Responsibilities

Dr. Vodicka's Ideal Framework for Goals, Roles & Responsibilities

Alignment
Theory of Action – Ideal Framework, Transparency equal Accountability

Purpose for Conversation

- To gain clarity and consensus regarding the proposed measure
- Bases on feedback from tonight bring more specific, quantifiable goals to next board meeting for action/approval
- Plus: engage in dialogue regarding effective governance and make decisions about important protocols

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Impact of Measurements – Which measure to select to obtain the outcome?

Structure of Goals

- ✓ **SMART**
- ✓ Goal = Outcome
- ✓ Strategy = Process

Current Goals 2008-2014

- ✓ California Standards Test
- ✓ Common Core Assessment

Other Context Changes

- ✓ Alignment with Framework

Summary of Proposed Goals

Current Goals/Proposed Goals

Feedback

Board discussion and feedback on current and proposed goals. Board members shared their thoughts and feedback on the arts and hard sciences:

1. Keep visual and performing arts statement.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the value of the arts to students. It should be an integral part of their education. There is a push for STEAM which includes the arts. Students do better in math, reading and have stronger social skills.

Emphasis should be on the hard sciences, math, science and technology. This will help students in future employment or entering into college. Provide more rigor in the hard sciences and language.

• **What should our emphasis be as a District?**

Dr. Vodicka reviewed each current goal with the Board to keep or not. Specifics will be brought to a future board meeting.

10 Minute Break 7:13 p.m.

Framework: Next Steps

California School Board Association (CSBA) Effective Governance System

- ✓ Role of the Board
- ✓ Responsibilities Related to Setting the Direction for the District

Governance protocols – Discussion of protocols with the Board

Governance: Hot Topics

Governance: Next Steps

Discussion of protocols:

- ✓ Contact Board members to see if they have any questions about the Board packet.
- ✓ Reports from staff to be provided the Friday before a Board meeting to the Board.
- ✓ Submitting Board agenda items by Board members.
- ✓ Request for information by a Board member to staff.
- ✓ Board communication with the Superintendent and Board members.
- ✓ Board communication with parents or parent concerns and the Superintendent.

Uniform complaint – Help parents to be more aware of the process

Learning Walks Calendar

School activities – activity calendar for the Board

District Committees – Board Role – to observe

Protocol when entering schools – check in at front office, visit to schools should be purposeful & focused

Self- Evaluation for the Board – place holder on the board agenda

Community events - inform the Board

Governance Handbook – Superintendent to work with President Jaka.

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Framework

School Reports to the Board

A future discussion will take place by the Board on what is the real purpose of the reports accountability or information. The Board will discuss the school reports in March at a work-study session.

Items Not on the Agenda/Items for Future Discussion

Member Gibson stated he is glad the District is moving forward in technology. He stated we still have a manager. We need to elevate this area of the district at a Chief Information Officer (CIO) level to interact with other CIO levels. A new management position either CIO level or Vice President or similar that has expertise in that area to support what we need. A dedicated person.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2013.**

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board of Trustees