

## Vista School Board Meeting

January 20, 2016 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Neil Walter (Board President), Bette Ariel, Brad Owen, John Berger

Others Present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (IT Director), Chris Barnum (SpEd Director), MaryAnn Oram (Business Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), Michelle Rowan, Lexie Corbett, Aimee Hansen, Michelle Walter, Twila Kay

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### **5:00 PM - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Neil Walter**

### **5:00 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### ❖ **December 2, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

John moves to approve minutes, unanimously approved.

### **5:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### ❖ none

### **5:15 PM - REPORTS**

#### ❖ **Director's Report -**

##### ○ **Faculty/Staff Changes**

- Technology class changes

##### ○ **Enrollment and Lottery Schedule**

- Invited 10 students to attend. Enrollment is at 871 until those 10 officially come. Still have students on waiting list. Lottery takes place Tuesday March 15th. State is still deciding on whether or not to keep enrollment caps.

##### ○ **Recent and upcoming events**

- Instrumental music concert, Christmas Spectacular, Musical production for K-3, many groups performed at Tuacahn's Christmas in the Canyon. Joint sub for Santa with Veteran's Home. Math Counts competition last week, competed again GWA and won. 8 students in top 10.
- Literacy night tomorrow, 6-8 pm. 8 students going up to state Junior Honor Choir, Science Fair next week, Kindness Week next week, Teacher at Music Educators Association.

##### ○ **Report on Charter Coordination Meeting**

- Met with interim Principal at Tuacahn, tour facility, SEDC discussed what they offer, Charter advertising getting worked out. Student Data options was discussed. April 20<sup>th</sup> @ GWA 10:00 am is next meeting.

##### ○ **Curriculum and VCC Updates**

- Minecraft/social studies club- Tues/Wed, 15-20 students per class, looking at history and coding. Will get to design and wear their own USB bracelets. Have to pass each world to move on to the next section.
- Code Changers- 2 times per week, more intense program. 18 students total.
- Added Go-ball sport
- Opened new clubs- FBLA, Environmental, Tech Club-coding and other tech aspects.
- Added computer coding class to curriculum for upper grades, 3D printing and engineering, refined tech 1 and tech 2, adapted curriculum map to enhance 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Adjusted library to add weekly tech time.
- Opened Civics/Government class, potentially have students pass required civics test when they complete class
- New mailer going out next week, got a spot on the Chamber of Commerce maps when they come out next month.

#### ❖ **Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram**

##### ○ **Bondholder Conference Call for Feb/March**

- Scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am MST

##### ○ **Financials and Budget**

- Went over Summary, updated budget from last meeting, reflected in summary. Discussed changes to state funding, can't tell if we got paid for 891 but there is \$25,000 of unbudgeted funds.

### **5:40 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### ❖ **Arts Committee – Bette Ariel**

- ❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Gail Neumann**
- ❖ **Technology Committee – Brad Owen**
- ❖ **Audit and Finance Committee – John Berger**

#### **5:50 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- ❖ **Training Opportunities:**
  - Thursday January 21 with Utah Charter Network**  
At Hampton Inn, seminar on Data
  - Charter Day on the Hill, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Show Charter School support to Governor
  - Board Governance, February 9th (Dinner Served)**  
Held at Dixie State
- ❖ **Potential impacts to traffic on Center Street from Rocky Vista. Safety Considerations**
  - 80,000-100,000 sq ft building, lots of construction going on in Ivins,
- ❖ **Board Composition. Propose to seat John in parent seat #4 and Brad in NP Seat #2.**
  - Neil moves to move John from seat 2 to seat 4, and Brad moves from seat 7 to seat 2. Unanimously approved.
  - John moves to revert back to a five member board and move seats 6 and 7 to optional seats that are not intended to be filled until further notice. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ **Revisions to 2016 Budget**
  - tabled
- ❖ **Strategic Planning Update**
  - Public forums conducted: Arts, technology, parents/teachers. Centered on 6 areas to strengthen.
    - Obtain A on School Report Card
    - Improve Emphasis and Excellence in the area of Technology
    - Create a strong Public Relations plan to strengthen Vista’s “Brand”
    - World Class Achievement by students and staff.
    - Climate of High Expectations.
    - Maximize and Increase Financial and Human Resources.
- ❖ **Required Policies Overview**
  - Once employee manual is approved, that will complete policies required to be in place.
- ❖ **Recycling Bins**
  - Need board approval for recycling bins to be placed on the property. Bette moves to authorize WCSW to place binnies on property. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ **Special Education Policy and Procedures Manual**
  - Updates and changes have been made and approved by state, need board to approve in order to place in school. John moves to approve manual, unanimously approved.
- ❖ **Employee Manual/Policies and Procedures Updates**
  - Revision for 2016, most changes were required by state. Bette moves to accept Employee Manual/ Policies and Procedures as edited. Unanimously approved.
- ❖ **Update for monument glass art**
  - Cheryl Collins- glass artist will donate time and energies to designing and completing pieces for our school. Pieces would be durable, air tight, etc. Would take about 3 months to complete. Neil moves to create a committee to work with Aimee and Cheryl to get this going. Committee will dissolve as soon as the artwork is done. Unanimously approved. Bette and MaryAnn will be a part of the committee.

#### **TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

- ❖ **Technology Course Offerings in 2016 school year**
- ❖ **Monthly service contracts to Action Items**

#### **MISC COMMENTS**

#### **6:55 PM CLOSED SESSION**

**To discuss the character or competence of an individual. Requires Roll call vote.**

Neil moves to move into closed session. Unanimously approved.

#### **ADJOURN**