

## **Vista School Board Meeting**

**February 25, 2015 Minutes**

**Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738**

**Board members present: Neil Walter, John Berger, Candace Hinman, Gail Neumann**

**Others present: Chris Barnum, Troy Bradshaw (Technology Director), Steven Wattles, MaryAnn Oram (Finance Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary)**

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

### **5:05 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ❖ **January 21, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**  
Unanimously approved

### **5:10 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- ❖ **Steve Wattles with St. George Academy**  
Discussed new charter school in southern Utah in 2016, college prep focused. Grades 9-12. Mostly AP classes offered as well as athletics. Modeled after school in Colorado, Peak to Peak. Location unknown, possibly in Washington Fields area. Unsure of technology. Would like to host open house for Vista families.

### **5:20 PM - REPORTS**

- ❖ **Director's Report - Michael Webb**
  - **Faculty/Staff changes**  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher Rebekah Rogers was on leave and gave immediate notice of leaving the position. Permanent substitute Dale Finlinson will be in place until the end of the school year.
  - **Enrollment update and Lottery schedule update**  
848 current numbers. Lost a few but gained as many. Invited a few students for the remainder of the year. Closed enrollment until lottery happens. Mike proposes to over subscribe each grade 10% with lottery next week.
  - **Upcoming and recent school events**  
VRS trip to work with performers up North, successful trip, SUPAF wrapping up today- superior rating for the majority of groups that performed, prepping for Spring performance- Seussical. Math Counts team took 3<sup>rd</sup> at regional, 4 students moving onto state competition. Regional Science Fair projects at SUU- about 15 students going. Performing Arts Spring performances.
- ❖ **Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram**
  - **Bondholder conference call scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
Recap for year, goals, budget, etc. Went over slide show that will be given to bondholders.

### **5:50 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ **Finance Committee – Jason Wells**
- ❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Candace Hinman**
- ❖ **Public Relations Committee – Gail Neumann**
- ❖ **Governance Committee – John Berger**

### **6:15 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

❖ **Board Training Opportunities**

Training being held March 26<sup>th</sup> at Gateway Prep Academy in Enoch. State provided training for Charter School boards.

❖ **Sage Testing and Opt Outs**

Mike suggests to adopt procedures and policy for parents opting students out and posting them on website. “When parents opt their children out of testing, those children are left with open time while others take their tests. At Vista School, we provide custom educational activities for students whose parents have opted them out of testing. These activities include teacher prepared paper and pencil assessments, assignments, and projects. The results of any teacher-created assessment are used to help further the academic achievement of the student.”

Candace amends policy to state “and/or projects” in second to last sentence. John moves to implement policy with amendment presented by Candace. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Proposed Bylaws amendment to Director Terms**

John moves to change max consecutive board terms from 2 to 3. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Proposed Charter amendment for Student Fees**

Mike suggests changing policy to reflect state policy. Need to change charter before policy gets changed. Neil proposes to amend fee policy to remove “in secondary schools” (8<sup>th</sup> line) subject to approval of charter by Utah State Charter School Board and if necessary State School Board. Candace moves to accept, unanimously approved.

❖ **Mission/Vision progress and related goals**

Chris discussed goals and objectives for remainder of year. Raise LA SAGE scores 15%, raise Math SAGE scores 15%, 100% of all teachers reach individual goals.

Mission Statement- Are we focused on arts and technology or academics? What do we want to be seen/known as? Neil moves to adopt Mission statement and school goals. Unanimously approved.

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

**MISC COMMENTS**

Update on school lunch. Vista plans to start own lunch program. Reimbursement plan from government. This allows MaryAnn to prepare budget. Required to serve 5 days a week- must add 25 minutes to school day on Fridays. Will most likely serve breakfast. Need to change kitchen and order supplies, currently pricing out everything.

**CLOSED SESSION (if needed)**

**To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.**

**7:20 PM – ADJOURN**