

Vista School Board Meeting

March 18, 2015 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Neil Walter, Gail Neumann, John Berger

Others present: Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), MaryAnn Oram (Financial Director), Mike Webb (Director), Chris Barnum

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

5:05 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

❖ **February 25, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

Gail moves to approve minutes, unanimously approved.

5:10 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS

❖ none

5:20 PM - REPORTS

❖ **Director's Report - Michael Webb**

○ **Faculty/Staff Changes**

Para professional Teresa Lees left for full time position elsewhere, hired Michelle Hansen in place of Teresa.

○ **Enrollment Update**

Currently have 855 students enrolled. 8 started Monday.

○ **Lottery Update**

Lottery is tomorrow (Thursday 3/19) Send out invitation tomorrow, oversubscribe by 41 students- 917 total. Wait lists in 6 different grades. 99 students on list for kindergarten.

○ **Recent, Past and Upcoming School Events**

PTO wants to do summer activities, possible Math Counts camp over the summer, Faculty vs. Ivins Fire and PD basketball game, 34 students attending Regional Science fair at SUU on Friday, Seussical Jr. Musical on for next 2 weeks.

○ **Fall school lunch update**

Moving along quickly, menu planning and recipes for menu need to be finished, final approval is week we serve first meal. Looking at possibly reducing lunch prices the first week of school in order to get students interested.

❖ **Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram**

○ **Bondholder Conference call follow-up**

Call went well, no questions asked.

6:00 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ **Finance Committee – Jason Wells**

❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Candace Hinman**

❖ **Public Relations Committee – Gail Neumann**

❖ **Governance Committee – John Berger**

6:00 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

❖ **Parent/Teacher/Student Surveys**

Survey moved up to April.

Parent- Add question about the quality/effectiveness of website, newsletter, school reach phone calls, and social media. Take off 2 questions about how they receive communication. Gail moves to approve Parent survey with changes, subject to discussion of changes with PTO. If changes are needed/wanted then approve at next board meeting. Unanimously approved.

Teacher- Change #14 to- “Director is respectful and recognizes outstanding faculty efforts and achievements.” Add questions about Director support in controversial situations, list specific suggestions for improving communication, how can learning opportunities for students be improved. Change response format to “almost always, usually, sometimes, rarely, almost never” Remove questions pertaining to data. Neil moves for Gail to get with Troy and get survey sent out. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Proposed Charter amendment for Student Fees**

New mission statement done, fees approved

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

❖ **Board Elections dates, notices, and applications**

Neil moves to authorize Troy to provide appropriate notices for vacant board seats. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Schedule for budget approvals for next fiscal year**

Finance committee meeting Monday April 13. Hopefully approve budget in May

❖ **School Land Trust plan**

Board needs to take over and create Land Trust committee. Work on documents in conjunction with Finance meeting.

❖ **Target date for employment agreements to be out**

Discuss with Finance Committee about raises. Prefer to have agreements out before school is out.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

none

MISC COMMENTS

❖ Email received, asked board to consider moving kindergarten to A/B days with alternating Fridays. Move discussion to next meeting.

❖ Legislative session-

- October 1 student count went through
- Received numbers for WPU for fiscal 2015
- Need to change bill that watched over breastfeeding and pregnant mothers
- Policy needs to be added- post employment benefits can not be used as incentive after July 1
- LEA and parents involved in internet safety
- Maintain disciplinary record for all employees and obtain records from past employer before hiring anyone
- Revise policy on teaching sexuality and GRAMA policy
- Senate Bill 204- attendance and opting out parent rights. Attendance- can only require 1 day notice for any school days taken off, student must be willing to do work. Opting out- includes any state, federal, or digital format bought and paid for by the state.
- Report all construction costs from July 1 2004 to May 2014
- Require LEA to put together training for suicide prevention, bullying, and cyber bullying for parents, students, and teachers.

❖ MaryAnn asked for financial committee meeting to discuss school lunch

CLOSED SESSION (if needed)

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

7:00 PM – ADJOURN

John moves to adjourn.