

## **Vista School Board Meeting**

**May 18, 2016 Minutes**

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

**Board members present:** Neil Walter (Board President), Brad Owen, Bette Arial, Gail Neumann

**Others present:** Sam Gibbs (Director), MaryAnn Oram (Financial Director), Troy Bradshaw (Technology Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Chris Barnum (SpEd Director), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), Bruce Hatch, Michelle Rowan, Lexie Corbett, Rachell Judd, Jake Thomas, Joy Burton

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

John Berger excused from meeting

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

#### **❖ April 20, 2016, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

Bette moves to approve minutes. Unanimously approved.

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

#### **❖ None**

### **Election Results and Seat Board members**

- Troy- Went over results- John Berger won with 21 votes out of 37 (57%). Troy asks board to change the way voting is conducted (i.e. paper ballot, specific hours, etc.)
- Bette moves to change bylaws (or charter) for voting procedures. Neil agrees to look into it, places John in charge of it.
- Bette moves to seat John as board member, unanimously approved.

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

#### **❖ Director's Report -**

##### **○ Faculty/Staff Changes**

- Offered part time position as code teacher to Alan Strongberg
- Narrowed dance candidates to 3, all taught lessons for review, offer will be extended this week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade homeroom position extended to Lindsey Stahling

##### **○ Enrollment and Lottery Update**

- Total enrollment- 908. Wait list- 199 Gail asked about the undecided students- asked how long they have to decide, noted that it's not really fair to those on the waiting list. Board discussed possibility of creating a specific deadline for those undecided. Students cannot officially be taken out of the system until requests are received from another school.

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

- Lots of events- one almost every night for the last month. Sam noted that the skill and commitment level of students who go here is unbelievable.

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

##### **○ Financials and Budget Review**

- Finances are looking great. Quarterly report shows debt service coverage ratio (1.4) and days cash on hand (98) are all trending upward.
- Next month is when we need this year's budget and next year's budget approved.
- Performance based increases for next fiscal year- considering having max increase of 4.5% All teachers will receive a cost of living increase, the other piece is performance evaluation. Sam created a chart of 40 points to evaluate teachers. Bette suggested it would be nice to give a title to those teachers

who achieve the high score at one point or another. Neil agrees- recognition and compensation would be great.

- MaryAnn started creating a 5-year budget. WPU has gone up every single year since Vista has started, MaryAnn used that to help project budget in those areas.
- Bette asked how teachers feel about funding for classroom supplies/curriculum. Teacher survey shows that most feel there is sufficient funding. Bette noted that it's important that they know they can at least ask for extra funding. Gail suggested that when teachers want funding above what is normally issued, they create a sort or request for those funds explaining how students would benefit from the funding. Neil suggests to compare funding for certain programs here to those at other schools.

#### **6:15 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

❖ **Arts Committee – Bette Ariel**

Bette notes that Arts Committee (her, MaryAnn Oram and Aimee Hansen) is a very dynamic group. They are very proud of the glass artwork out front. Mentioned a future performance they would like to get arranged.

❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Gail Neumann**

○ **Parent and teacher surveys**

193 parent surveys returned, Gail went over questions and responses.

❖ **Technology Committee – Brad Owen**

none

❖ **Audit and Finance Committee – John Berger**

○ **Report on audit committee meeting**

Tabled for next month.

#### **6:30 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

❖ **Discussion of the Federal Guidance Document**

Discussed creating policy for gender-neutral bathroom. Sam suggests to generate our own policy first, then see what comes down from the government. Neil suggested to keep it very simple.

❖ **Revisions to 2016 Budget**

Previously discussed

❖ **Proposed 2017 Budget**

❖ **Previously discussed**

❖ **Sage Test Results**

- Lower amount of opt-out students than last year.
- LA total of 2.67% increase from last year.
- Math total of 9.0% increase from last year.
- Science total of .60% increase from last year.

❖ **Strategic Planning Update/Performance Standards for Governing Board Dashboard**

❖ **Required Policies Overview**

❖ **UACPS Conference Registrations**

#### **MISC COMMENTS**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

#### **6:50 PM – ADJOURN**

Bette moves to adjourn.