

## **Vista School Board Meeting**

### **February 20, 2019 Minutes**

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

**Board members present:** Bette Arial, Matt Middione, Michelle Root, Josh Aikens, Eli Milne, Dave Hunter (Chair)

**Others present:** Sam Gibbs (Director), MaryAnn (Financial Director), Troy Bradshaw (Technology Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Chris Barnum (VP), Kelly Geary (VP), Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Drew Williams (Tuacahn High School Director)

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#### **5:13 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions-** Dave Hunter

Michelle left meeting at 6:03

#### **5:13 PM- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **-January 16, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes**

Eli moves to approve minutes, Michelle seconds. Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Mrs. Root say "Aye" Unanimously approved.

#### **5:13 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

#### **5:03 PM- BOARD CALENDAR**

**-Next Board Meeting- Wednesday March 20, 2019**

#### **5:14 PM- REPORTS**

##### **-Director's Report - Sam Gibbs**

##### **- Faculty/Staff Changes**

**5:14-** No new hires or resignations. Danielle Andrew- 1<sup>st</sup> grade math is on medical leave until March 18<sup>th</sup>.

##### **- Enrollment and Lottery Update**

**5:15-** Currently enrolled- 894, in the process of inviting a few more off the waitlist.

Committed for next school year- 844 Lottery is Monday at 9:00.

Sam is working on increasing enrollment for 2020-2021 school year. Eli asked if Sam has received any teacher input about the expansion. Sam said it had been talked about in house and that most people are concerned with class size. Also discussed adding on to facility at some point- general support of that. Dave suggests moving into the action item of expansion request.

##### **- Recent and upcoming events**

**5:43-** Robotics Team will compete at state championships this weekend, Lottery Monday, STEM Bus and SUPAF next week, Orchestra auditions March 1<sup>st</sup>, Little Mermaid opens next week, Orchestra Spring Concert March 5th, Spring break begins March 9-16, College Week starts March 18<sup>th</sup>. Potential cancellation of school tomorrow due to snow. Eli discussed the possibility of creating a calendar with potential make-up days built in it for

#### **5:50-Financial Report - MaryAnn Oram**

##### **5:50- Financials and Budget Review**

Strings needs some more funding- MaryAnn can move funds from general performing arts fund into strings.

Facilities budget- complaints about bathrooms being dirty- tested 2 machines for cleaning bathrooms, asking to move money from one equipment budget to another in order to purchase new cleaning machine.

MaryAnn discussed ratio goals for bond and budget purposes.

#### **6:03 PM-BOARD GOALS**

##### **- Fundraising options**

none

**6:02 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS- Next Committee Meeting is March 22 @ 1:30**

Nothing to report

**-Student Excellence Committee - Matt Middione**

**-Facility Improvement Committee - Eli Milne, Michelle Root**

**-School Culture- Josh Aikens**

**-Teacher Excellence- Bette Arial**

**-Finance and Audit Committee - Dave Hunter**

**6:04 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**- FY SY Budget**

**5:59-** Josh moves to approve changes in budget as proposed by MaryAnn. Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Mrs. Root say "Aye" Unanimously approved

**6:04- Approve Exhibit A-Charter amendment**

Sam filed to change the name of the school from Vista School of Performing Arts at Entrada to Vista School. Needs to be ratified by board. Eli moves to ratify amendment to charter agreement, Bette seconds. Josh moves, Bette seconds, Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Unanimously approved.

**5:24- Charter Expansion request**

Sam discussed raising state cap on enrollment again. Michelle asked about the process- Sam explained that there is paperwork proving you are meeting your charter, etc. Sam needs to submit paperwork in March and April, they will go over it in July and August, state school board will vote on it in August. MaryAnn explained that you don't HAVE to keep enrollment as high as your cap. We are at 900, project 950 and know we will meet 950. Because of the process of increasing cap, Sam would prefer to raise it more than just a few students, mentioned 1200. Eli likes the thought of growing, would like to expand facilities, Bette mentioned opening another school as another option. Sam mentioned that he hoped to talk about the potential of making a middle school campus of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and keeping a k-5 elementary. Middle School building could upgrade performing arts and science facilities- that this could be considered in this application if wanted. Dave is supportive, says Vista has shifted their reputation in the community to one of a destination that people want instead of misfits, think this is a natural path to the growth of Vista. Dave asks if 1200 is a realistic number in order to expand. Sam says he has a few months to work on that and justify it with market research- personally believes that Vista could justify 1300 or even 1400. Josh asks after per pupil spending, how much more there would be left over for facilities and expanding. Sam said a large chunk of budget goes to facilities- 13-14%. The new building would not be able to be built without the enrollment increase. Sam mentioned different scenarios we could have for a future enrollment raise. Expense ratio would stay the same with 300 more students, Sam and MaryAnn think 400 would be better and would be discussed in the coming months. A separate middle school campus would allow for students to still be involved with the things they love. Eli asks- "The point is to get the people here, and then look at building something else, correct? Are we going to be uncomfortable for a time?" Sam says no, because it is something that we could request authorization to build a campus at the time of review. We could open a new full building in 2020 if we chose to. But the first step is getting permission to apply, and then writing the application. Eli is concerned about drop off and pick up, adding 300+ to the mix would be miserable. Dave and Sam said if we add 300 people it would be at a new campus. Lots of options with traffic for that. We have 12 months to figure out the situation. Sam checked with city for support, Mayor of Ivins is supportive. Eli

asked would a future board have any input on certain capped numbers. Sam explained that board oversees all actions of Sam and Vista. Josh moves to allow Sam to apply for enrollment cap raise, Bette seconds, Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Mrs. Root say "Aye" Unanimously approved.

#### **6:08- CNP Procurement Procedures**

Just finished food service audit. Vista needs to have separate procurement procedures. Required to live by most restrictive procedure between state and federal. Auditor sent MaryAnn a template that would allow Vista to continue to qualify for funding. Eli moves to approve, Josh seconds. Josh moves, Bette seconds, Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Unanimously approved.

#### **6:14- MISC COMMENTS**

**6:14-**Eli- mentioned that kids could not reach soap, MaryAnn said they installed a step for kids to pull down and use. Also suggested adding another garbage can to the bathrooms near the door.

#### **TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

- IT policies approval
- Review and approval of policies and policy updates
- Cash Disbursement Policy
- Child Abuse or Neglect Policy
- Recognizing Constitutional Religious Freedom in Schools Policy
- Vista School Wellness Policy
- Rules of Order and Procedure- School Land Trust Committee
- Payroll Provider
- Discussion of formal partnerships

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

#### **6:15 PM – ADJOURN**

Bette moves to adjourn and go into closed session Eli seconds. Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye", Unanimously approved.