

Vista School Board Meeting

March 20, 2019 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

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

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Kelly Geary (VP), Chris Barnum (VP), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Michelle Rowan, Drew Williams, Julie Aikens, Lacey Young, Kyle Lewis, Kent Brown, Aubrey Johnson, Michel Boroff, Kareen Warnick, Heidi Henderson, Neil Duncan

5:009 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions- Dave Hunter

5:09 PM- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Eli moves to approves, Bette Seconds Josh, Mr. Aikens says "Aye", Mrs. Arial says "Aye", Mr. Hunter says "Aye", Mr. Middione says "Aye", Mr. Milne says "Aye" Unanimously approved.

5:09 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lacey Young: Tuacahn employee, Vista parent. Wants to address climate at Tuacahn about Vista and professional courtesy. Gives an example that when she was a hair stylist, there was an unwritten code that you do not "bash" other workers, salons, etc. Says she has been with Tuacahn since August and has seen a lot of public criticism of Tuacahn coming from Vista employees. Bette asked for clarification and she gave examples of orchestra being talk badly about, wanted to make Sam aware of it.

Kyle Lewis: 20+ year teacher, admits to making mistakes. Said 2 students walked into class and said "I heard you got 2 teachers fired." Was stunned and asked who told them that, they said "2 teachers from Vista." He asked the rest of the class if they had heard it and all students from Vista raised their hands.

Aubrey Johnson: Instructional coach and LA teacher. Lacey mentioned things she had heard about Tuacahn lacking in academics. Mentioned different conferences and trainings she has attended that has improved instruction at Tuacahn, says ACT scores are improving. Wanted to clarify that academics are not sub-par to any other schools in district.

5:15 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Wednesday April 17 @ 5:00 pm

5:15 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report - Sam Gibbs

- Faculty/Staff Changes

Sam gave floor to Drew Williams (Director at Tuacahn High School): It's important for Vista board and partnership to have valuable communication. Same came to THS board meeting to give the board Vista's vision. Drew has taught for many years in many different types of schools. Has Master's in Admin and PhD in strategic change and organizational theory. Discussed goal and vision at THS. Drew praised his teacher's instructional ability and pedagogy. Raising the level of expectations and expertise. Community Council just approve \$10,000 budget for improving Science facilities. Has 2 kids at Vista, loves Vista and the instruction his kids receive. Mentioned that he and Sam discussed aligning curriculum in order to ensure students are prepared for college. Invited Vista employees to attend a swim party with Tuacahn in August, wants to mend any wounds and hard feelings between both schools. Wants to work together instead of competing with each other. Wants to ensure that a part of THS's vision is aligned with Vista's. Sam admits that he has been working on developing relations with district

schools because they had shut Vista out, was made aware of the lack of effort with Tuacahn in the past because of the focus on district schools.

Bette asked about Vista and THS boards meeting together and communicating together, was disappointed that it didn't happen when it was first mentioned a few years ago. Suggests sitting down and talking about dreams and what both schools could be.

Neil Duncan (Math at THS): Agrees with what Bette said about amazing campuses and opportunities and working together. Interviewed at Vista, loves the school and what they do. Couldn't imagine working somewhere else because he loves what the school does.

- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Currently enrolled: 894, 831 are committed to return. 24 are not returning next year. Projected enrollment is 958. Target acceptance & enrollment: 1015 (makes us stay at or around 927 all year long). Sam discussed funding and WPU (weighted Pupil Unit) with board and explains funding and enrollment. \$3,395 per student enrolled. Vista is funded at 803 WPU's because of K getting .55 WPU, 1-6 getting .9, 7-8 getting .99 WPU

Accepted resignation of Dani Andrew- has been on medical leave but has not been cleared to return. Kareen Warnick is long term sub for the rest of the year.

- Recent and upcoming events

College Financial planning seminar- tomorrow night

1st-3rd grade curriculum concerts next week

Strategic Planning meeting next Friday

PTO Color Fun Run April 5th

Lee's Piano recital- April 12th

Art Extravaganza- April 15th

Student Talent Show- April 16th

5:58-Financial Report - MaryAnn Oram

- Financials and Budget Review

MaryAnn is absent, Sam presented summary- no changes to budget, right on track.

6:00 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS- Next Committee Meeting is March 29 @ 1:30

Update next week after meetings

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

6:01 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- FY SY Budget

- Rules of Order and Procedure- School Land Trust Committee

Vista has not been in compliance with rules of order and procedure in the past. No guidelines as to what is in the document, but you do need a formal document. Sam proposes that board accepts Rules of Order and Procedure for School Land Trust. Josh moves to accept, 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.

- Approve opening of parent-only seat 6 (2-year term)

Last board meeting agreed to open seat 6, clarify seat 7 as a 25 month term for 1 time, then back on track for a 24 month term. Eli moves to open seat 6, clarify seat 7, and to hold board elections. Matt 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.

-Clarification of term for seat 7 (2018-2020)- discussed and approved previously

-Authorize holding of board elections- discussed and approved previously

-Approval of 2019-2020 calendar

Required to be on agenda 2 times before approving. This would be the first time appearing on agenda.

- Creation of RFP for Financial Advisor & construction and architectural consultation

Engaged Neil Walter under NIA for real estate options. Sam wants to clarify wishes from board- acquire large land to sell off if not needed, or small mounts at a time and try to get more. Dave agrees with purchasing more and selling off later, Eli agrees. Board agrees that more land would be better. Eli asks if modular would eventually go away. Sam would like it to go if the future building capacity fits. It is purchased and can be resold. Financial Advisor would be for ensuring we have the proper financing for future building. Sam and MaryAnn met with 2 different firms (the only 2 approved my state) and have chosen one- David Roberson- LYRB Firm. Sam recommends we choose him and his firm. Josh moves to approve. 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.

- Creation of Reimbursement Resolution

This allows us to reimburse ourselves for developmental expenses when the bond closes. If this is in place, they do not go against you in the audit for cash on hand. Eli moves to approve creation of Reimbursement Resolution. 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.

- Authorization to pursue land acquisition- discussed and approved previously

6:18- MISC COMMENTS

Michelle brought Director from Rocky Mtn. Vista to Little Mermaid, he was so impressed and donated \$1,000. Also, Tuacahn has donated 4 tickets to board members for "Working", the play THS is holding.

Sam said Vista students will be able to be in the simulated pediatric videos at Rocky Mtn. Vista.

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

-Payroll Provider

6:22 PM – ADJOURN

Josh moves to dismiss to a closed session. 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.

6:23- CLOSED SESSION

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