

Vista School Board Meeting

June 26, 2019 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Eli Milne, Matthew Middione, Bette Arial, Michelle Walter,

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Finance & IT Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Kelly Geary (VP), Chris Barnum (VP), Claudette Larson, Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Twila Kay

5:02 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions- Matt Midione

5:04 PM- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Eli moves to approves minutes, Bette seconds Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.

5:05 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5:06 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Wednesday July 17th @ 5:00 pm

5:05 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report - Sam Gibbs

5:15- Faculty/Staff Changes

2 staffing changes since May- reduction in force.

MaryAnn Oram- Financial Director

Melissa Ruble- replaced with Kelly Polling who returned to her position

2 part time positions extended-

Ali Kholer- 1 bell of theater and Lacey Williams- 1 bell of piano.

Scott Moody underwent emergency kidney surgery- will be home on medical leave. May require some temp work on the custodial crew.

Jordan Bartholomew awarded Innovative Tech Teacher.

Abe Nickel & Marie Ehlers were both nominated

5:06- Enrollment and Lottery Update

995 currently enrolled, 148 on wait list. Board and Sam discussed different dynamics of grade distribution and how the lottery works.

5:19- Recent and upcoming events

No events in July

August- 5th- back to school & Teacher breakfast, 7th- New To Vista night, 8th-

Back to School Night, 9th- State School board is holding a hearing on our application for expansion. Selected as Charter School of the year of Southern Utah.

- Board Training

none

5:30-Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw

- Financials and Budget Review

Projected to have \$400,000 in surplus and ended up with just over \$1 million, This is good for upcoming expansion.

5:34 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5:34- FY SY Budget

Troy asks board to accept final budget for 2018-2019 school year. Eli Moves to approve, Bette seconds. Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.

5:42- Approve Architect for plan

Sam just needs a board signature to retain architect.

5:39- Revise board election policy

Troy mentioned that he has some ideas for voting online. It would be survey style and would be free of cost. Troy suggests waiting until next month to approve. Eli asked to add something about how to notify winners. Suggested that it be listed online. Eli asked about naming conflicts of interest in Board election policy. Bette agreed that the nepotism policies need to be looked at- Sam will add it to July meeting.

5:43-Assign Trustee for Retirement plan

Previous Director was still assigned as Trustee, need a new name assigned. Eli moves to assign "Sam Gibbs or current Director" as Trustee. Matt seconds. . Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.

5:48-Review Fee Schedule

Required to have on the agenda 2 times before it is adopted. A few things were added and amounts changed.

5:51-Reimbursement Resolution

Because of requirements in budget, large scale investments need to have up front investments. Board members will need to sign the paper copy of the document.

5:35-Adopt FY 2020 proposed budget

Most of the expansion budget will be for the following school year. Bette moves to approve budget, Matt seconds. Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.

-Seat/Swear in board members

Completed last month

5:55-Early Literacy plan approval

State has approved this literacy plan, board also needs to approve it. Michelle moves to approves, Matt seconds. . Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.

6:05-Accept/Reject Bond replacement proposal

Sam needs permission to pursue USDA financing. Cinderella Bond said they would meet USDA bonding options.

MISC COMMENTS

5:21-The state of Utah ended contract with end of level testing- RISE test, set up contract with new provider which was previous provider- American Institute of Research. Test scores- ELA questions were being piloted- those tests will not be available until September/November. Math & Science less than 1% lower than previous years.

5:23- Vista has been seeking to acquire land, all prospects have fallen through so far. Sam suggests to look more closely at second option- which would be building on our current property.

6:11- Eli says people approach him from time to time with concerns they have about the school or school personnel. Is there a way for people to air grievances? Should there be a committee? Sam discussed process with Board- he generally takes care of any teacher complaints; board members can

contact the person and be the mediator. Sam said something can be added to the employee handbook- he will put it together for July.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

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

6:25 PM - ADJOURN

Bette moves to adjourn, Michelle seconds. . Bette Arial says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Eli Milne says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye". Unanimously approved.