

Vista School Board Meeting

January 17, 2018 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Matt Middione, Dave Hunter, Eli Milne

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Tech Director), MaryAnn Oram (Financial Director), Kelly Geary (VP), Chris Barnum (VP), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Michelle Rowan

5:07 PM - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions –Dave Hunter

Josh Aikens and Bette Arial are excused from the meeting. Attendance roll call.

5:07 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Matt moves to approve minutes, Eli seconds. Unanimously approved.

5:07 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5:08 PM BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting Wednesday February 21st @ 5:00 pm

5:08 PM – REPORTS

Director's Report -

- **5:08- Faculty/Staff Changes**

Several paraprofessionals have left Vista's employment: Mrs. Hurd, Mrs. Pettigow, Ms. Hunsaker.

Rodney Ryder was hired as new maintenance.

Amber Pendelton hired as K aide and quit after 2 weeks due to financial situation.

Request to board to Jessica Hansen to take part of 2 different aid positions.

Request to board to hire Jamie Lightner for playground aid ad food service.

*Matt moves to approve hires, Eli seconds, unanimously approved.

- **5:13- Enrollment and Lottery Update**

Sam considers this time of year a dual year enrollment because they are starting to take wait list numbers for the upcoming school year. Registrar works on cleaning up wait list. Wait list goes down because of this.

- **5:19- Recent and upcoming events**

*Holiday events happened in the past month for each grade level

*2 weeks ago- Jordan Bartholomew lead Vista's first robotics team "Vista Vikings" competed in competition.

It was a stem project that needs to integrate Science into the project. First- they had to come up with a full report and presentation on hydro dynamics. Second- they had to present their core value to a set of judges. Third- they had to create a project with robotics. QUALIFIED FOR STATE! Science Fair 6th-8th is next week. 3rd-5th can voluntarily compete.

- *Honor Choir coming up, too.
- *3rd annual Literacy Night is Thursday February 1st
- *Feb 6th & 7th Disability Awareness presentations from School of Deaf
- *Math Counts Regional Competition coming up.
- *SEP's February 12th-15th

Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram

- **5:30- Financials and Budget Review**

5:30- Items of discussion:

-MaryAnn presented historical rate of state unemployment. Rate has gone down which MaryAnn feels this shows they have done a good job of documenting the process of letting employees go.

-To be put on agenda for next month: subs have a way of getting more pay by subbing more days. Currently have a set cap for long term subs, would like the Board to discuss the possibility of wage exceptions for long-term subs who have credentials that would make them “experts” in the field they are subbing in. MaryAnn will write policy up for Board to review next board meeting. The reason behind this is for hiring a dance teacher for Mrs. Thomas’s maternity leave. Would like to hire an expert who can teach dance but the prospect was not happy with the offered amount of pay. Would like to revise policy for any future situations that would require expert subs.

5:44- Budget Overview:

-MaryAnn discussed Profit and Loss Budget overview (Original vs. Actual Budget), explained to the board members how to read each line.

-Last page is SpEd budget, must be a separate budget for SpEd. SpEd dollars are restricted, over last 9 years we have spent much less than budgeted. \$300,000 in SpEd funds that need to be whittled down. Did so by hiring a SpEd teacher to team teach with current SpEd teacher who is retiring after this year. Have to be careful with SpEd spending because you just spend that same amount plus more each year after.

- Portable budget was not enough for actual installment.
- Curriculum budget was higher than what was anticipated, also.
- MaryAnn went over and explained changes in budget.
- Bottom line (net fund balance) is higher than anticipated.

6:05 PM- BOARD GOALS

Discussed in November different ways to approach goals. Sam held 2 different staff meetings to discuss goals. Will hold meeting again in February and great list of goals in March for board to review.

6:05 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS- Next Committee Meeting is February 9th.

Arts Committee – Eli Milne

Kelly: Discussed Genuinely Viable Curriculum, what should all students leave here with (8th grade goal)

Academic Excellence Committee – Matt Middione

Sam: Discussed GVC also, efforts for begin process for extending classwork for gifted students and rendition students.

Technology Committee – Josh Aikens

Troy: Discussed getting back to basics (original vision of school). Are we going the right direction? Formed 5 little committees to discuss the different sections. Creating a collaborative powerpoint to present to board at the end of the school year. This will help ensure we are focused and not going in a lot of different directions.

Audit and Finance Committee – Dave Hunter

MaryAnn: Need to schedule Finance Committee meeting.

6:10 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **6:10- Approve School Fee Schedule**

Eli moves to approve school fee schedule FY19. Matt seconds. Unanimously approved.

- **6: 15- Food Service Policy**

Had to create policy on what do about past-due school charges. Sam reviewed policy with board members. Eli moves to approve Food Service Policy and grammatically corrected. Unanimously approved.

- **6:20- FY 2018 SY Budget**

MaryAnn asks board to approve budget revision. Eli moves to approve adjusted budget for FY18. Matt seconds. Unanimously approved.

MISC COMMENTS

*Eli asked about fundraising. MaryAnn explained that PTO was given a budget by previous board chair so that they did not feel the need to fundraise. Eli mentioned that he views fundraising as businesses in the community donating funds. Finance Committee has been discussing these options in their meetings.

*Troy brought up conflict for July board meeting- state technology “boot camp” that involves several administrators and a board member.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION

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

6:34 PM – ADJOURN

Matt moves to adjourn. Unanimously approved.