

Vista School Board Meeting- via Zoom

March 26, 2020 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738 (Virtually via Zoom)

Board members present: Matt Middione, Josh Aikens, Michelle Walter, Michelle Root, Dave Hunter,

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), Troy Bradshaw (Tech Director), Kelly Geary (VP), Chris Barnum (VP)

5:04 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions- Matt Middione

5:05 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Michelle Walter move to approve, Michelle Root moves to second, Josh says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Matt Middione says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye"

5:06 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5:06 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, April 16 @ 5:00 pm

5:07 PM- REPORTS

5:07-Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

5:07- Faculty/Staff Changes

Sam discussed the learning curve of teaching online, some teachers assigning more while others assigned less. Board member who are parents are pleased with the work so far.

5:23- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Enrollment looks good. 926 currently enrolled. 121 on waitlist for next year. No more waitlist for this year. Targeting 1000 this year, 308 who have requested seats but have not been offered a seat this year.

5:12- Recent and upcoming events

Auditions will still take place, each at various times depending on the group. Josh says as a parent, he feels some of these auditions are a little too soon. And recommends maybe postponing some of them. Sam agrees and will work on some contingencies. Michelle Walter thinks it is fine as long as students are coming one at a time, using sanitizer and staying 6 feet away. Josh is more worried about possible spreading of the virus, not knowing who it touching what. Michelle Root asks if they can be postponed even to the first of the year. Sam explain schedules are affected by this, uniform and costume orders, etc. plus a lot of groups do work over the summer (which might get cancelled away). Matt asked about the ability to make everyone do a virtual audition. Some problems could be with the quality of recording and voice, angles, picture, etc. Sam will meet with the teachers and see what they can come up with.

- Board Training

5:20- Update on Expansion

Sam got word that municipal bond will be postponed on new build. Construction timeline will be kicked to 2022 instead of 2021. Sam anticipates that there could be a whole new timeline with the build in the next month.

-Update on Vista Foundation

-Student Performance Data

5:32- Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw

5:32- Financials and Budget Review

Profit & Loss Budget Overview has not changed much since February. Showing about one million profit but a lot of expenses will come up in March. Troy and Sam don't anticipate getting the bond until this fall, which means expenses meant for the bond will have to come out of the budget. We will receive all the money back in the next fiscal year. We were essentially borrowing from ourselves. There will need to be a budget resolution and have that submitted next month. Troy discussed some solutions with the board on how to house students that are invited, yet we have no building for them. One possibility is 2 portables that would leave when construction is done. Josh asks how many kids we are adding in the next 2 years- Troy says around 1100 total first year, then 1200 the following year, and 1300 the third year. Sam says we have invited 1000 for next year and a building that holds 930 students. Michelle Root asks about un-doing 9th grade for next year due to the circumstances. Sam thinks it's better to find a way to accommodate the kids who were invited, rather than pull the rug out from under the families who were planning on Vista for 9th grade. Josh is asking about the math and the numbers behind the extra kids. Matt calculates it's \$385,000 with the added kids. Sam suggests to maybe scale back on year 2 numbers. Josh says it looks like all of the income will be spent on the building and asked about salaries for teachers- Sam has already hired for those positions this year. Josh asks where the new portables will go. Sam says it still needs to be determined. Michelle asks Troy what his recommendation is. Troy leans towards the bigger buildings, they are only 2 years old. Michelle Walter likes the purchase lease option, Troy agrees. The lease would be over 5 years and we would have them for 2 years then turn around and sell them to recoup some profit. Sam agrees that purchase lease is the best way to go. Could get that expense reimbursed through the construction expenses. Troy is going to check and see if there is going to a penalty for selling them before the 5 years. Troy is also worried about how this will affect the bond rating. Sam doesn't think it will be an issue either way. Some options are to buy it out-right (from savings) and avoid interest. Josh asks what Sam suggests. He is comfortable with purchasing out-right as it is the best long-term option.

6:29 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

-FY SY Budget

Previously discussed

- Fee Schedule

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-2020-2021 school calendar

tabled

-Board Code of Conduct Adoption

tabled

6:45- School Land Trust Plan 2020-2021

Sam went over all of the items that the land trust committee voted to use funds on. Items like curriculum refreshment and purchasing instructional items, employing additional paraprofessionals for ESL, materials for enrichment courses. Josh moves to approve, Walter seconds. Josh says "Aye", Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

6:29- COVID-19 Temporary Policies Document

Sam reviewed all of the exemptions Vista has applied for. Michelle Walter moves to approve, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye", Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

- Continuity of Education Plan

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6:51- Bussing Reimbursements (Michelle Walter)

Michelle said parents were asking about in Facebook. Sam says here is a plan in place, but wanted to wait and see what the governor would say. They have disabled the automatic withdraw for April and May, they will get back and do the accounting and refund those that need to be refunded in the coming weeks.

6:56-Board Election Authorization

Troy needs to be authorized to conduct an election and publish the seats available. Troy plans on doing it virtually. He found a website that does online voting. Could be \$300-\$400 but would be worth it. Election will be posted first 2 weeks of next month and will list the nominees and who is running, contender can campaign for it, then election will run the first few weeks in May, term will start in June. Josh Aikens moves to authorize Troy to conduct a board election, Matt seconds. Josh says "Aye", Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

6:50 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

none

MISC COMMENTS

5:31- Sam said that state did waive all end of level testing and state required testing for this school year.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

none

6:59 PM – ADJOURN

Josh Aikens moves to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconds. Josh says "Aye", Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

CLOSED SESSION

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