

Vista School Board Meeting

April 16, 2020 Minutes

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

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

Others present: Troy Bradshaw (Tech/Finance director), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Sam Gibbs (Director), Crystal Lewis, Joylin Lincoln (UAPCS), Chris Barnum (VP), Kelly Geary (VP)

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

Matt Middione-

5:04 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Josh moves to approve. Eli moves to second. Josh says "Aye," Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

5:06 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5:07 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, May 21 @ 5:00 pm

5:07 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

This week, the Governor and Superintendent of Utah decided to continue with soft closure of the 2019-2020 school year. Sam is working on several solutions to items of business that are affected by this decision.

5:15- Faculty/Staff Changes

Sam has been able to retain all but 4 individuals who were furloughed- they were playground supervisors. Food service is supposed to be self-sustaining by the sale of student lunches. Vista is making around 200 lunches now, where there were around 400 before virtual learning. Bus drivers may be furloughed as well.

5:10- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Numbers are good. We had 5 withdraws from last month, 3 moves and 2 moving to homeschool. 1 section of Kindergarten has been moved to full day- based on academic needs gathered from assessments. Waitlist has 309 currently.

5:19- Recent and upcoming events

No upcoming events. Auditions were cancelled and will be rescheduled. Dance choreography will be posted online, then auditions will be in person 5-6 students at a time. Students will be able to come mid-May to retrieve personal items and/or turn in computers, pick up yearbook, etc. 8th grade commencement will be cancelled. There may be a student slide show sent out. Michelle Walter and Sam feel that teachers are doing a great job and going above and beyond. Most of the feedback Sam has received has been positive.

- Board Training

5:43-Update on Expansion

Baird felt bond market portion of stock market would return to appropriate interest rates would return in July. We were hoping to do it before hand and they set a target with us to fund by June 30th. This will allow us to fund this school year and set up reimbursement this school year. It will also allow us almost 20 months of construction time. Due diligence on property we are holding is due soon. Sam feels the best thing to do would be to release that property. Excavation would be quite high and there are ways to reduce traffic flow around the school. This puts the new building back on our own property. Groundbreaking at the earliest would

be mid-late July which sets us back 2-3 months and now at a 2022 opening. Troy will wait until next month to propose a new budget due to the bond delay.

-Student Performance Data

5:26-Mascot update

Started in February- students could submit a name and/or artwork. 42 recommendations were narrowed down to 12 finalists. 12 finalists were sent out to students. 400 respondents which narrowed it down to 5 finalists which were sent to board members and admin. Voting is very close. Sam will work on getting a final along with a mascot in the fall.

-COVID-19 update

5:31-Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw

5:31- Financials and Budget Review

Profit and Loss Budget- we are down around \$164,000 than budgeted, but that is because we are not receiving the local revenue because of COVID-19. State and Federal are still paying out revenues, but that can always change. Brown Paper Tickets is telling Vista that they do not have enough money to cover the payouts for what they receive on our school musical. They are hoping to have the funds eventually but will not give a timeline. It was around \$9,000-\$12,000. Troy is going to look into doing it internally from now on. School is hoping to get around \$96,000 in funds due to COVID-19. Things still look good, we have 3 more months of income coming in. Still have some big expenses coming up, including AC, portable, playground, and debt service. Admin decided on 2 portables (8 classes) which they hope to sell before paying off.

5:50 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

5:50-FY SY Budget

Previously discussed

5:50- Fee Schedule

Slight increase in cost of breakfast. Board will review and vote next month.

5:56-2020-2021 school calendar

The calendar lines up very closely with the district. Vista is moving away from semesters and into quarters. Student motivation and academic success was a bit higher with quarters vs. semesters. Board needs to vote before June.

6:01-Board Code of Conduct Adoption

Dave Hunter wrote one up for Vista. It should be adopted into board policies. Sam made some edits to the wording such as Board of Directors, LEA, Superintendent, etc. Matt moves to approve with edits of Vista specific content. Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Michelle W says "Aye.", Michelle R says "Aye.", Dave says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

6:05- Board Election/seats

Dave needs to move to seat #1 (non-parent). Michelle Root (seat 7 non-parent) is due for election, and seat 4 (parent- only) is empty and open for election. Voting will be online and winner will be announced online before the board meeting and that meeting will be where the winner is placed on the board and previous seat holder released. Matt moves to move Dave to seat #1, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Michelle W. says "Aye.", Michelle R. says "Aye.", Dave abstains. Unanimously approved.

5:28- LEA Specific License approval

State has changed the way they license teachers. Because Vista offers different courses than normal, there are not a lot of school that turn out graduates with a teaching degree in those areas. Sometimes they have been given a temporary ticket called a letter of

authorization. The state has done away with that letter of authorization, A site specific license can be approved by the board. Shelly Thomas is one teacher who would need a site-specific license as an elementary teacher with a dance portfolio that would be presented to the state. Josh moves to approve LEA specific license for Shelly Thomas, Matt seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Dave says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Michelle R. says "Aye.", Michelle W. says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

6:13 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

none

MISC COMMENTS

none

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

Fee Schedule

School Calendar

6:13 PM – ADJOURN

Eli moves to end open session and move into closed session, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Dave says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Michelle R. says "Aye.", Michelle W. says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

6:15-CLOSED SESSION (via Zoom)

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