

Vista School Board Meeting

March 18, 2021 Minutes

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

<https://zonos.zoom.us/j/86984291300?pwd=SzJCK29pMGhPRFA5OXNMVGI1SINwdz09>

Board members present: Matt Middione (Board Chair), Eli Milne, Jacqueline Powell, Joshua Aikens, Lex Howard, Michelle Walter, Dave Hunter (joined at 6:29)

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Troy Bradshaw (Tech/IT Director), Marie Ehlers, Chris Barnum (VP), Alison Shultz, Bruce Hatch (Tech Director), Hillary Osness, Kelly Geary (VP)

5:05 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions

Roll call: Josh Aikens, Lex Howard, Matt Middione, Eli Milne, Jacqueline Powell, and Michelle Walter are all present. Dave Hunter is absent.

5:06 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Jacqueline notes 2 changes that need to be made: "t" is changed to "at" and "Try" is changed to "Troy". Britni made changes to minutes. Jacqueline moves to accept minutes, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

5:09 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

5:09 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

none

5:10 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, April 15 @ 5:00 pm

5:10 PM- REPORTS

Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

5:10- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Currently enrolled- 1026 which is typical for a school. Returning students is at 1007. We don't have space for all 1329 students who want to be here. Numbers look good.

5:14- Faculty/Staff Changes

Two temporary hires were made to help Sam cover losses of Kelly moving. Michelle Van Valkenburg is returning for limited hours. Julie Fonseca is also returning as an administrative assistant.

5:15- Student Performance Data

none

5:15-Policy Updates

none

-Expansion Update

5:15-COVID-19 update

Target date set for the lifting of mask mandate is April 10th, but it does not include schools. May lighten things like masks at PE and recess, but in classrooms will still be required. Michelle supports masks being off in PE and recess.

-Upcoming and Past Events

5:17- Annual training on Open Meetings Act- Eli Milne

Eli displayed a video on the Open Meetings Act. Eli notes that we need to change our language when moving into the closed session. Britni and

Michelle both agree. Britni notes that we also need to say why we are moving into a closed session.

**5:37- Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw
- Financials and Budget Review**

Troy shows updated photos of the expansion. Troy has added real numbers next to the budgeted numbers because of funds coming from the bond. Troy anticipates we will potentially be running in the red without being able to report the bond proceeds. Troy would like to keep excess funds available for raises and retirement funds in the future. He noted some large payments that will be coming out of the budget in the next few months. State did pass a 5.2% increase in WPU funding. Michelle says she would like all teachers to receive a 3% raise, but really worries about some of the core teachers getting a more significant raise. Sam says the initial charter allows for a cost of living portion and a teacher evaluation/success portion. We could set the 3% as a cost of living raise and then go from there with the other raises. Troy agrees that some of the raise should be based on performance. Sam says he will come back with numbers in April. Troy discussed different options for budgeting raises for teachers. Board and Troy discuss changing the policy on capital expenditures, which will be presented next board meeting and voted on. Michelle also asked that we add an action item for creating committees.

- Report on compliance with bond covenants and state filing deadlines

6 :07PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6:07- FY SY Budget

none

6:07- COVID related changes/actions

none

6:07- Board Elections

Matt displayed a table of which board member are up for election and which seats are parent/non-parent, etc. Michelle ask thoughts on a 5 vs 7 person board and seats being filled chronologically. Matt feels easiest option is to reappoint him and Michelle, have Josh run for office, and then have a parent/non-parent position run for office.

Josh moves to reappoint Michelle to seat #6, Matt seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

Michelle moves to reappoint Matt to seat #2, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

Eli moves to authorize Troy to conduct an election for seats #3 and #5. Michelle seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

6:20- School Lands Trust Plan approval

Draft must be approved and then amendments later approved. Sam went over the different ways the funds will be spent: technology, paraprofessionals, professional development, instruments, tutoring/supplies, gifted and talented programs, curriculum, etc. Matt moves to approve proposed draft of School Lands Trust, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye." Unanimously approved.

6:24- School Fees Plan

Sam explains that rules and guidelines around school fees have changed a lot in the past few years. We are working on changing our fees to be compliant. Sam feels the new way we establish fees will help families pay less and be more transparent on the breakdown of the fees. Lex asks how many students are not able to pay for these fees, Sam explains how the fee waiver works and that fundraising is always an option for families and the Vista Fund. Sam notes that he believes in compliance and that Vista wants to offer high quality arts to families that can't afford it. Whether fees are involved or not, the students are always taken care of. School Fees will be voted on next month.

6:34- MISC COMMENTS

Alison noted that the Grant Writing committee could help with adding funds.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

none

6:35 PM – ADJOURN

Eli moves to close public session. Matt seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye. Michelle and Dave abstain. Unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Sam wants to note that he will give an update in the closed session on 2 individuals previously mentioned in last months closed session.

Eli moves to go into a closed session to discuss the 2 individuals Sam mentioned. Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Lex says "Aye." Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacque says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye." Dave abstains. Unanimously approved.