

## Vista School Board Meeting

March 23, 2023 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

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**Board members present:** Josh Aikens, Peter Dawson, Alicia Maldonado, Jacqueline Powell, Michelle Walter

**Others present:** Michelle Andes, Lisa Arbogast (via webex), Chris Barnum, Troy Bradshaw, Chelsea Clarkson, Russ and Kim Clegg, Kelly Geary, Michael Hale, Virginia and Matt Haws, Rachel Henrickson (via webex), Hillary Osness (via webex), Virginia and Pedro Paz, Bing Thomas, HH (via webex)

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**6:02 pm CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Walter made introductions.

**6:06 pm APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Josh Aikens made a motion to approve the minutes. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Michelle Walter abstained. Approved unanimously.

**6:07 pm PUBLIC COMMENTS** Chelsea Clarkson addressed the sexual harassment policy spoken about in a previous board meeting. She would like to see more impactful sexual assault safety education in the school.

### 6:23 pm BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting - April 27th at 6 pm, training will be at 5:30 pm.

### 6:24 pm REPORTS

Director's Report - Chris Barnum

Enrollment and Lottery Update - Enrollment has been steady at 1115. There are 1180 students who are returning or have accepted an invitation to attend Vista School next year. The goal for 2023-24 enrollment is 1168. There are students still on the waitlist.

Academic Progress - Mr. Barnum reiterated academic goals for the present school year.

Faculty/Staff Changes - Four teachers are leaving next year: April Moore, Andrew Egbert, Twila Kay, and Amanda Talbot. The school has hired Mallory Shaw, Kristin Yunker, Alex Dinnel, Darian Booth, Haley Bullock, Shayla Hunsaker, and Caitlyn George. Rachel Kitchens, Jazzmine Gee, Lacey Williams, and Greg Klc will all be switching positions.

Upcoming and Past Events - Past events: SUPAF competitions for dance, choir, and band. All three received Superior commendations. High School Musical Jr performed with a sell-out crowd on closing night. Sara Martinez took her students to Poetry in the Park at Zions National Park. The orchestra performed at Soup & Bowl. There were 3 VEX tournaments for elementary students, middle and high school students. They are all sending students to the world's competition in Dallas. There was a regional science fair at SUU and several students took first, second, and third places. One student was invited to the National Competition. The VRS students worked with BYU's Young Ambassadors. Upcoming Events: The school is working with the Ivins City Art Commission to help wrap the local electrical boxes. The school has two C-Students working with us next year. Honors Orchestra and a dance competition is this weekend, and next week is College Week. There's also a Fantasy Art Festival and Lion King Jr coming up. Vocal Xpressions is going to the Clark County Fair, the dance Spring Concert, and Peter and the Wolf, will be at the end of April.

6:41 pm Financial Report - Troy Bradshaw reviewed the latest profit and loss statement and upcoming expenses with the board.

6:54 pm Committee Reports – Finance, Audit, Governance - Alicia Maldonado, of the governance committee, had Lisa Arbogast speak about reviewing and streamlining the school's sexual harassment and bullying policy.

## **7:08 pm DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**Approve School Fees** - Josh Aikens made a motion to approve the 2023-24 School Fees. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

**Board Elections** - Alicia Maldonado reviewed the open board seats. The board proposed that Seat #5 will be open for an election. Michelle Walter will run for Seat #5.

Josh Aikens proposed that Matt Middione be moved to Seat #3 and Jacqueline Powell be moved to Seat #2. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

**Resource Officer** - Michelle Walter wanted to know the feasibility of having a school resource officer. Mr. Barnum reviewed the costs associated with having an SRO.

**School Land Trust Review Current Plan & Approve 2023-24 Plan** - Mr. Barnum reviewed the current 2022-2023 School Land Trust Plan and the 2023-2024 plan. Josh Aikens made a motion to approve the School Land Trust 2023-2024 Plan. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

**Sexual Harassment and Safe Schools Policies** - The board would like to make some improvements to the policy before approving it.

**Funds allocated by the Legislature** - Michelle Walter reviewed the funds available from the legislature in the upcoming school year. She would like to get parent and faculty feedback. She requested to know how many desks and seats are in the school, and would like to have the employee organizational flow chart detailed with additional information to include each staff member's names, pay scale, and job descriptions.

**7:57 pm ADJOURN** Josh Aikens made a motion to adjourn. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

Josh Aikens made a motion to open a closed session to discuss the character or competence of an individual as stated in state code 54-4-204. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Josh Aikens, "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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