

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8  
Monte Vista, Colorado  
April 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the Board Room with the audience attending by ZOOM.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Gary Wilkinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called. Board members present were Kurtis Holland, Elizabeth Quintana, Carly Santi Lozoya via Zoom, and Gary Wilkinson. Orlando DeHerrera was absent. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to approve the agenda. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, absent; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Gary Wilkinson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting
- B. February Financial Reports
- C. Resignation/Employment List:

The Board accepted the retirement of John Naranjo – MS PE Teacher/AD and the resignation of Nick Harlan – MS ELA Teacher both at effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.

The Board approved certified employees: Lorelyn Buss – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher; DeAnna Connolly – HS Math Teacher; Paul Downing – HS Social Studies Teacher; Allison Harrison – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher; Josh Lehman – HS ELA Teacher; Monica Mata-Alvarez – Kindergarten Teacher; Tim Miles – MS Math Teacher; Mandi Phares – HS ELA Teacher; Anfernee Romero - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher.

The Board approved classified employees: Allison Butler – Assistant HS Volleyball Coach; Rosa Hayes – Marsh/BME Paraprofessional; Lindsay Mosby – Assistant HS Volleyball Coach

The Board approved Certified substitute Miriam Esquivel Perez (pending receipt of authorization) and Austin Rios. The Board approved classified substitutes Stephanie Cisneros and Julie Ortega.

- D. Approve 2021-2022 Continuing Contracts
- E. Approve Principal Contracts
- F. Approve One-Year Contracts

The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, absent; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- A. Monte Vista Parks and Recreation: Jaime Hurtado and Kim Villapando thanked the Board for the use of the facilities and support in running the recreation programs. Their goal is to get younger students ready for Middle School and High School athletics as well as providing activities for younger children.
- B. Comments from the Audience. None

#### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- A. BOCES Report. None.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Mr. Wilkinson reported the plaques are being finished for the Jean Ritchey Scholarship and they are working on the dedication ceremony. The Education Foundation Board needs to approve the funds for the marquee purchase.
- C. City/District Conversations. Mr. Wiedeman and Mr. Wilkinson met with the City. The Police Chief was not present and no significant conversation was held.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Mr. Wilkinson appreciates the updates on the new staff and the efforts being made to find quality staff that will fit well in the District.
- E. Board Report. None.
- F. Superintendent Report. Patrick Sewell met with representative to order computers and projectors for the CTE program through the RISE Grant. The students can do concurrent enrollment remotely for CTE and AP Classes using this equipment. Mr. Wiedeman shared possible marquee plans to be purchased and erected in cooperation with the City and the Monte Vista Ed Foundation. The Bids are running from \$20,000 to \$55,000. The City will put the messages and advertisements on the marquee. The renewal rates for the health, MERP, dental and vision plans for the plan year beginning 7/1/2021. The health and vision plan premiums. There were slight increases to the MERP, dental, life and disability rates. Plans are coming together for using the ESSER III funds: hire counselors for mental health purposes; update technology to improve wi-fi hot spots; update phone system; H-vac, boilers, heating control panels need to be more efficient; Summer School for Elementary students will be 3 weeks and classes for about 200 secondary students will be offered. The District still has a few positions to be filled for the next school year.

Carly Santi Lozoya arrived to attend the meeting in person.

Businesses are offering grants to secondary schools for training students in trades like welding, electrical, building, plumbing, etc.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

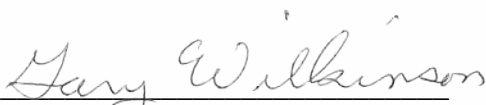
- A. New Maintenance building and Marsh Modular Renovation. Discussed the projects and the use of CTE students to help with the buildings as part of their instruction.
- B. Black out days – should they be suspended for 3 years or eliminated permanently. The 3 x 3 committee should be leading the discussion for presentation to the Board with the negotiated agreement.

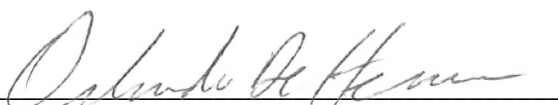
**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Adoption of 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Calendars. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to adopt the calendars as presented. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, absent; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B.
- C. Approval of the New Maintenance and Marsh Modular Renovation. A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve the requisition for \$143,000 to Steel Building Manufacturing. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, absent; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- D. Next Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Carly Santi Lozoya to schedule the next regular board meeting for May 13th at 6:00 p.m. with Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. and a work session after the regular meeting. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, absent; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The Board did not go into executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Wilkinson, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary