

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

January 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the boardroom.

REGULAR MEETING:

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gary Wilkinson.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Gary Wilkinson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the agenda. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the 12/12/2019 minutes:

- A. Approve minutes from the 12/12/19 and 12/19/19 meetings
- B. November Financial Reports
- C. Resignations/Employment List:

The Board accepted the retirements of Antonette Reyes (contingent on approval for transition year) and Luanne Torres both effective at the end of the 2019-20 school year. The Board accepted the resignation of Anna Pace – Middle School Math Teacher effective 1-30-2020.

The Board approved Antonette Reyes for a One Year Contract for the 2020-21 per the district's transitional retirement policy.

The Board approved Classified Employee Lorelyn Buss – BME Library Para.

The Board approved Certified Guest Teachers David McCoy (pending receipt of authorization) and Charles Zaragoza (pending receipt of authorization).

The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- A. 8th Grade Field Trip – Teachers Paloma Mestas and Lyndal Smith asked for permission to take the 8th Grade Class on an overnight (2 nights) end of year field trip on May 12-14. The students have raised \$3,000 for this trip. They are planning to go to the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, attend the Lion King play, attend a Rockies game, take a tour of the Auraria Campus and visit the Museum of Natural History. Two 8th Grade students talked about how valuable the trip is for the students to experience new things, make memories and bond as class before they enter High School. Mr. Wilkinson added the field trip as Action Item D.
- B. CDE Presentation – Lisa Medler presented information on the turnaround process that BME is going through. She is helping Mr. Wiedeman and Mr. Futrell prepare the presentation of the plan for the State Board of Education. The staff and school have been very cooperative through this process. The plan is strong and the staff have the data to back-up the plan. Ms. Medler then answered questions from the Board about the process.
- C. Comments from the Audience. None.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. BOCES Report. Kurt Holland reported the meeting was not well attended. Four applications were received for the Director position. It was decided to extend the deadline for the applications to February 28th to try to get a few more applicants to consider.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Carly Santi-Lozoya reported that the Foundation agreed to purchase six Microsoft Surface Pro Tablets to support the use of technology in the High School art room. The autoclave approved for the High School Science program will cost more than originally thought so they may need look for another funding source. The next meeting will be held in April.
- C. City/District Conversations. None
- D. Board Report. Mr. Wilkinson will be taking a different approach to the Superintendent evaluation. Only 35 responses to the survey were received last year and the Board would like to receive more survey responses. The Board will then meet to review the responses and prepare the evaluation.
- E. Follow-Up to Principal Reports. Mr. Holland thanked the principals for getting their reports to the Board with enough time to review them before the Board Meeting.
- F. Superintendent Report. Mr. Wiedeman reported that the State Wrestling Hall of Fame has inducted 4 locals to it. There will be a chili supper before the Wrestling meet with Centauri on February 6th. There will be a Wellness Wednesday for the staff on the afternoon of February 19th. A movie titled “Screenagers” will be presented documenting how the use of screens affects brain development and education. Mr. Wiedeman will be presenting the turnaround plan for BME to the State Board of Education to approve on February 12th. Mr. Wiedeman went to the State Superintendent meeting last week and found it to be helpful. Every area of the state has different issues and different students that need to be educated in different ways. Craig Harper on the State Joint Budget Committee was there to present on Education funding.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. 2019-2020 Revised Budget. The ELA curriculum will be more expensive than the Math and Science curriculum because there is one curriculum for reading and one curriculum for writing. Business Manager Leona Holland explained why there is a Revised Budget every year.
- B. Policy Revisions – First Reading. See the attached list. The adoption of the Policies concerning the Graduation Requirements should be delayed until the April meeting to give the Building Leadership Team and the School Improvement Team a chance to review the policies.

ACTION ITEMS:


- A. Approval of the Revised 2019-20 Budget. A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the Revised Budget. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- B. Approval of Application for the 2020-21 Early Learning Assessment Tool Project (ELAT). A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Kurt Holland to approve the application. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Next Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Kurt Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to schedule the next Board meeting for February 13th at 6:00 pm. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- D. 8th Grade End of Year Field Trip. A motion was made by Kurt Holland and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to approve the 8th Grade end of year field trip. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


- A. A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Kurt Holland to go into Executive Session at 7:20 pm for discussion of personnel per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f). The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m.



Gary Wilkinson, President



Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary