

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

October 13, 2016

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called. Board members present were Beverly Martinez, Matt Nehring, David Reschke, and Gary Wilkinson. Board member Elizabeth Conner was absent. Superintendent Robert Webb was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Matt Nehring led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve the agenda after agreeing to move item B under discussion items, Policy Review, to the next meeting. The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting after amending.
- B. Approve August 2016 Financial.
- C. Resignations/Transfer/Employment.

The Board approved transfer of Kirsten Grasmick to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Elizabeth Fraire as Middle School Color Guard Instructor and Nevada Siemering as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. They approved Kathy Daley (pending receipt of authorization), Rosemary Jones and Irene Marquez as Guest Teachers (Certified). Board also approved Jocelyn Boyd as Guest (Classified).

The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.

## ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Forrest from the City of Monte Vista reported to the Board that they are behind schedule on having the new location for the Kids Connection completed. He explained that the architect passed away, the drawings took more time and they had to have the heating structure reapproved. Forrest explained that they plan to be done the week of Thanksgiving. There was discussion on how this affects Bill Metz and the need to give parents notification about the planned moved. Kids Connection does plan to have staff meet the kids at Bill Metz and escort them to their new location once moved.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. BOCES Report. David Reschke reported that all Board members and superintendents are invited to attend their Board Governance Collaborative. This is a special meeting on November 16 and an opportunity to listen to discussion on school funding. It will start at 5:00 pm with a light dinner. You must RSVP by November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported they have had one funding request, which they are have tabled and are going to do some research. The Education Foundation meets quarterly. They are going to invite the student body president and a staff member to gain perspective.
- C. City/District Conversations. David Reschke reported that he met with the Mayor and Forrest yesterday and discussed the Kids Connection and the new City web page. They would like to have a link to the school calendar on this page.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Dirk Oden reported they have the family meals once a month. Dena reported that a community circle is part of the Center of Restorative Practices, where the teachers lead the kids in a proactive circle.
- E. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb has invited Nita from BOCES to attend the November Board meeting to go over what services BOCES offers. Mr. Webb also reported on the new app for the district and asked for feedback. We are working to customize notifications.

SCAP: The District Improvement Team is creating a survey to identify topics for the web page. Mr. Webb is going to Denver on October 26<sup>th</sup> for an SCAP vendor funding meeting.

Mr. Webb asked the Board about engaging Gene Farish to start paper work on the satellite property that has been donated to the district. We could use this property to store different things. The Board agrees to pursue this.

Mr. Webb reported on the district performance framework. He pointed out the percentage of students who have made progressive growth, which happens with a good foundation. We do have areas where we have gaps. This information is preliminary. They have changed the weights of the achievements, which is huge for our school district. Mr. Webb recommended we consider submitting a request for reconsideration.

Mr. Webb also reported our student count affects our revenue. Our numbers are down from what we anticipated when we prepared the budget last year. We are on schedule to have the audit report done and ready to present to the Board in November. He reviewed the budget with the Board.

We are having a hard time getting guest teachers. Mr. Webb presented the idea of trying to do an exchange with Mexico educators. They are great educators. Their limitations would be speaking English. We could have them come and work as an instructional assistant to strengthen their English skills. Mr. Webb is considering going to Mexico in February and could look at possible candidates then. They would be fully certified teachers. The Board agrees with this plan. Mr. Webb also went over the data of the average teacher salary. We are in the bottom 10% for the state. The cost of living factor that they put in the school formula is not accurate. We need to look at teacher salaries over the next two to three years.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

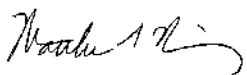
- A. Update on IHAM Health and Family Life/Sex Education. We have asked Susan at Rio Grande Public Health for the statistics for the county and she gave them for the state. We received the curriculum that Alamosa School District is using.
- B. Policy Review. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Policy Revision GDD Support Staff Vacations and Holidays. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the revision of policy GDD Support Staff Vacations and Holidays. The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B. Non-Eligible Student Transportation Waiver. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve the transportation waivers. The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Rescheduling of the December 8, 2016 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve rescheduling the December 8, 2016 meeting to December 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- D. Next Meeting. A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by David Reschke to schedule the next regular Board meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye; and Elizabeth Conner, absent. Motion passed 4 to 0.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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



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Matt Nehring, President



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Beverly Martinez, Secretary