

## **Vista School Board Meeting**

**March 16, 2016 Minutes**

**Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738**

**Board members present:** Neil Walter (Board Chair), Brad Owen, Gail Neumann, John Berger

**Others Present:** Chris Barnum (SpEd Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Marie Ehlers (Counselor), MaryAnn Oram (Financial Director), Aimee Hansen, Lexie Corbett, Logan Christ, Heather Bluemel, Michelle Rowan, Troy Bradshaw (Tech Director)

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### **5:00 PM - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Neil Walter**

Bette is excused from the meeting

### **5:00 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **❖ February 17, 2016, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

- John moves to approve minutes, unanimously approved

### **5:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- ❖ Logan Christ, working on Boy Scouts. Thinks Mr. Barnum s the best teacher here.

### **5:15 PM - REPORTS**

#### **❖ Director's Report -**

##### **○ Faculty/Staff Changes**

Hired 2 copy room assistants, Jennifer has already started, and Laura is training now and will begin in the fall when Janelle leaves. Several other positions have been posted through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### **○ Enrollment and Lottery Update**

Wait list is at 127 after lottery. 216 invited. Set at 935 for next school year but expect some attrition.

##### **○ Recent and upcoming events**

College week is this week- introduce kids to the idea that college is important, how to get there, finance, etc.

State Charter SpEd Board meeting is here.

Charter School Career Fair up in Salt Lake last week- Chris went and met a lot of people.

Parent Ed night with Steve Allred is tomorrow night.

Saturday- Honors Orchestra Concert.

SAGE testing starts this month. Bruce said we should have results back to board in May. Discussed SAGE opt-out and parents interest in that, trying to educate parents in what SAGE really is.

Lion King Jr.- Invited Board members to show, starts in April.

#### **❖ Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram**

##### **○ Report on Bondholder Conference Call for March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am**

Happened yesterday. Went over financial for school, current enrollment, and academic performance. Bondholders had questions about testing, Sam addressed them. MaryAnn took report on possible funding change and turned it into a power point and presented to the board. Will receive an increase in funding due to SB38.

##### **○ Financials and Budget Review**

Discussed budget/funding changes with legislative decision. Should receive and increase in funding because of changes.

### **5:40 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **❖ Arts Committee – Bette Ariel**

Met with Cheryl Collins on glasswork for monument. Let her have a lot of creative freedom. She has already started on it. Hopefully will be done before school is out.

❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Gail Neumann**

Troy and Gail worked on Parent and Teacher Surveys. Didn't change much from last year. Send surveys out in April. Keep open for a few weeks. Ready to have results by May board meeting.

❖ **Technology Committee – Brad Owen**

none

❖ **Audit and Finance Committee – John Berger**

none

**5:50 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

❖ **Revisions to 2016 Budget**

none

❖ **Strategic Planning Update/Performance Standards for Governing Board Dashboard**

No updates

❖ **Required Policies Overview**

Done, still have some optional policies to work out.

❖ **Board elections**

Want to be sure we are on schedule for elections- advertised, schedule is good.

❖ **Parent and Teacher Surveys**

Previously discussed.

❖ **Salt Lake Tribune GRAMMA request**

Sent one to every charter school in the state- UAPCS is going to answer it for us.

❖ **Legislative Session Funding Update**

Previously discussed.

❖ **UACPS Conference Registrations**

Dates are June 13-14. In Davis County.

❖ **Utah Governmental Immunity Act Database**

John said we have to fix it. Ours is blank. Recommends to add Sam's name and the name of the school. Alternative would be to list a law firm. John moves to authorize Sam to contact the state and add his name and the school's info to the database. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Board approval of the implementation of a Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program**

Marie-State Office of Education has funding for schools with 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. 3 year plan, needs board approval to proceed with process. Neil moves to authorize the implementation of a Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Program per Marie's recommendation. Unanimously approved.

**TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

❖ **Technology Course Offerings in 2016 school year**

**MISC COMMENTS**

Showed trailer that was created to promote Vista at different events like job fairs. Looks great!

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**6:23 PM – ADJOURN**

Neil moves to adjourn.