

Vista School Board Meeting

May 20, 2021 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738 (virtually via zoom)

<https://zonos.zoom.us/j/86984291300?pwd=SzJCK29pMGhPRFA5OXNMVG11SINwdz09>

Board members present: Matt Middione (Board Chair), Josh Aikens, Jacqueline Powell, Michelle Walter, Eli Milne

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Tech/Finance Director), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Chris Clegg, Hillary Osness, Emily Caplin, Chris Barnum (VP), Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Alison Schultz, Katie Pearce

5:03 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions

Matt Middione-

5:03 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Jacqueline moves approve minutes with changes to the name "Melissa Anderson" in the comments section in the emergency minutes. Michelle seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

5:05 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alison Schultz- Parent at Vista. Wants to thank current board member for all of their work. Wants to clarify and learn about board rules, especially some issues that came up at last board meeting. Feels that one board member did not maintain the level of respect that would be required at board meetings. Asks if there are rules and procedures and conduct rules for board members. If so, asks if they can be posted so that they can be held accountable. Also asks if there are rules and procedures for public comments and if they can also be posted to the website. Matt thanks Alison and promises that it will be discussed in the next board meeting.

5:10 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

none

5:10 PM- BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, June 17th @ 5:00 pm

Matt asks if it will continue to be a hybrid type of meeting (zoom and in person). Sam says it is up to the board. We have permission for another 12 months to keep it like this. After that we would have to create a policy.

5:11 PM- REPORTS

5:11 Director's Report – Sam Gibbs

5:13- Enrollment and Lottery Update

Enrollment in April was at 1,024. Currently enrolled is 1,012. We are allowed to invite up to 1,300 but we don't have space for that many- even with the expansion. We have 1,005 students returning next year. 97% return rate. Sam is targeting 1,119 students.

5:17- Faculty/Staff Changes

3 resignations- William Armstrong- starting a business

Britni Armstrong- Accepted job closer to home

Cerise McCombs- Accepted a position up North and closer to family.

5:11- Policy Updates

Sam says there are a lot of policies to be updated and they will start going over those in the next few months.

5:17- Upcoming and Past Events

Next Tuesday from 7-8 is 9th grade commencement. Board is all invited.

5:20- Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw

5:20- Financials and Budget Review

Everything looks good. Numbers will start changing as the year comes to a close. Bond looks good. A few upgrades will also happen within this fiscal year: Theater Round AC, Carpet, Stair treads, 2 AC units over gym, Network Operating closet AC, and water heaters.

5:35- Report on compliance with bond covenants and state filing deadlines

Funding is approved. Up to date with all bond and state covenants.

5:28- Expansion Update

Troy showed some pictures of the current state of the expansion. Jacqueline asked what the proposed completion date would be now. Sam says last meeting was September 1st. 2022. Michelle asks if school start date will be affected by that also. Sam says we will have to see what comes out as we get closer to completion.

5:36 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- FY SY Budget

Previously discussed.

- COVID related changes/actions

none

5:37- Board Elections Acceptance

Troy- Higher than normal turn out, but still low representation. 180 responded from about 800 invitations sent out. Joshua Aikens retained his seat, Hillary Osness won election with 32.62%. Eli moves to accept the votes, Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

Sam shows Eli plaque and thank you card for his service in the board.

- School Lands Trust Plan approval

Has been approved

- School Fees Plan

Has been approved

- Teacher Compensation

5:41- Committees

3 board committees: Finance and Audit, Achievement (Academic, Arts, Technology), School Climate. Michelle proposes Matt to make assignments and be ready for next month.

5:44- Vote to Change Capital Limit Threshold

Troy asks to move it from \$500 to %5,000. Michelle moves to change the capital limit threshold limit to \$5,000. Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

6:01- New Class Proposal (Financial Literacy)

A student emailed Matt about this class- he proposed a financial literacy course. Matt and Michelle both think it's a great idea. Sam says it will not be able to get in for next year, but they are looking at adding civic and monetary theory to their curriculum.

5:46- CIPA - Child and Internet Protection (No action, just discussion)

CIPA are regulation put in place to protect children from predators online. To be in complaint Vista has the following things: iBoss filtering, Student Data Privacy, Safe Utah, Lanschool, and Net Safe.

6:04- Health curriculum

Every two years we are required to submit to the state that Vista is doing something to teach sex education to the students. Of the three options of a private program, We have always chosen the state approved education program that is delivered by a nurse on the state pay roll, which Sam says it is also the easiest way to approach it. Eli moves to adopt the curriculum as stated by Sam. Michelle seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

- Attendance Policy

- Educator license renewal

- Participation in extracurriculars

- Effective teaching standards

- Home School students and state assessments

- Background Checks

- Administration of Medications

- FERPA

- Bus Procedures

- Report of arrests

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6:07- MISC COMMENTS

Michelle asks that the tabled policies are sent for an overview before the next board meeting. She also asks that the board review procedures, roles and charter together for the upcoming year. Michelle also wants to make sure teacher raises are in the next board meeting before they approve the budget.

6:12- Jacqueline- Notes for next year that Vista Newsletters show the achievements of the performing arts. Very rarely is technology shared. She would like to see more equitable sharing of achievements. Would like to say thank you to Britni and Eli for their work. And congrats to Troy for his nomination.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

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6:12 PM – ADJOURN

Michelle move to close the public meeting. Josh seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.

6:15- CLOSED SESSION

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

Eli moves, Michelle seconds. Josh says "Aye.", Matt says "Aye.", Eli says "Aye.", Jacqueline says "Aye.", Michelle says "Aye.". Unanimously approved.