

Vista School Board Meeting

October 26, 2023 Agenda

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Webex Link: <https://www.vistautah.com/board/board-meeting-live-stream/>

Board members present: Peter Dawson, Alicia Maldonado, Jacqueline Powell, Scott Smith, Michelle Walter

Others present: Rachel Hendrickson, Michelle Andes, Julie Fonseca, Kelly Geary, Marie Ehlers, Michael Hale, Cori Fix, Grace Paget, Melodie Jones, Virginia Paz, Alex Dinnel, Matt Haws, Dr. Justin Blaski, Troy Bradshaw, Terra Thornley, Kristy Yunker, Bruce Hatch, Jazzmine Gee, Kim Bowler, Lindsay, Ashley Buff, Alexis, Lacey Williams, Rebekah

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Walter

6:01 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES Michelle Walter made a motion to approve the minutes. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

6:01 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS None

6:02 PM BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting - December 7th @ 6 pm, training at 5:30

6:02 PM REPORTS

6:02 PM Director's Report - Justin Blasko

100 Day Plan - Dr. Blasko reported on the progress from his 100 Day Plan and his ongoing intentions.

Enrollment and Lottery Update - The current enrollment is 1116 with 43 students on the waitlist.

Academic Progress - Dr. Blasko presented the data from assessment scores during the last school year and comparables with the state and local schools.

Faculty/Staff Changes - Toni Taylor, a SPED teacher, left the school. The school added several lunchroom workers and monitors, including Lynette Vogel, Laprelle Martinez, and Veronica Hunt. Claudia Almond moved from the lunchroom to Title I and Briana Reed was added to the Title I staff. The school also hired a Speech Language Pathologist, Sadie Magre.

Upcoming and Past Events - The school is currently in the middle of Red Ribbon Week. The Dracula Ballet is this weekend, and Shrek the Musical Jr. is upcoming. Code Camp, performing arts concerts, VEX Robotics competition, and the Nutcracker Ballet will all be during November.

6:36 PM Financial Report - Troy Bradshaw reviewed the financial report for the first quarter.

6:41 PM Committee Reports (Finance, Audit, Governance) Director Dawson reported that the Finance Committee met this month and will have another meeting on November 13th. Director Smith asked for another board member to be on his Audit committee. Director Maldonado reported on the Governance board and a meeting they have scheduled for the next day.

Director Maldonado made a motion to review the current training schedule and to determine the best training to move forward. Scott Smith seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

Alicia Maldonado made a second motion to make sure the policies are reviewed within the committee and suggestions submitted to the board. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye,"

Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

6:49 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Board Retreat - Michelle Walter discussed possible retreat date, details, and suggestions for a location.

Policy Review - Addressed in the Governance Committee report.

Request for Website Proposal - Michelle Walter and Alicia Maldonado spoke about the importance of marketing and branding for the school. Jacqueline Powell made a motion for the administration to present new website proposals at the next board meeting. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

SPED Policies & Procedures Manual - Cori Fix, SPED Director, presented the updated SPED Policies and Procedures Manual for board approval. Scott Smith made a motion to approve the Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

Training - Director Smith discussed board training with Brian Carpenter. Scott Smith made a motion to continue to engage in best practice training for the audit and governance committees through Brian Carpenter and be evaluated through him and their authorizer. Michelle Walter would like Alicia Maldonado to review any training through the governance committee. Director Maldonado would like to hold off on governance training with Mr. Carpenter for the moment.

Vote to support the 2027 goal of 70% - Michelle Walter made a motion to support the state legislature's goal of third graders reading at a 70% proficiency by 2027. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.

7:27 PM COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM None

7:29 PM CLOSED SESSION Michelle Walter made a motion to adjourn and move into a closed session for reasons stated in Utah Code 54-4-204 to review the competency or character of an individual and also for a discussion of deploying security systems. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. "Aye," Jacqueline Powell. Approved unanimously.