

## Vista School Board Meeting

January 25, 2024 Minutes

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, Michelle Walter

**Others present:** Michelle Andes, Justin Blasko, Troy Bradshaw, Marie Ehlers, Kelly Geary, Matt Haws, Michael Hale, Noell Larsen, Via Webex: Terra Thornley, Rachel Hendrickson, Kerry Taylor, Catherine Francis, Melodie Jones, Barry Burr, April Moore, Alex, Kim Bowler

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**6:05 PM CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Walter

**6:05 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Michelle Walter made a motion to approve the minutes. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

**6:06 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS** Noell Larsen spoke about former math teacher, Kalynn Snow, and the Carnegie program.

### 6:14 PM BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting - February 22nd @ 6 pm, training at 5:30

### 6:14 PM REPORTS

6:14 PM Director's Report - Justin Blasko

100 Day Plan - The 100 day plan has concluded. Dr. Blasko plans to speak on this during the board retreat.

Enrollment and Lottery Update - The school has an Open House on Tuesday the 7th at 4pm for prospective families. The school has 1109 students currently enrolled with 38 students on the waitlist.

Academic Progress - Marilyn Russell, the school's English language director, has been holding an after school language lab for extra academic support.

Faculty/Staff Changes - Mrs. Koller is back from maternity leave. Mrs. Snow resigned at the end of December. Holly Byers-Stewart is a long-term substitute, filling in for Mrs. Snow.

School Safety Report - The school was approved for grant funding for school safety. The school will use the funds for a real-time communication tool/app for the families and staff to use. They will also automate the fence so the gate will open for staff as they enter and exit the school. Vista will also be upgrading the entryway glass to a more hardened or enhanced glass. The school has also applied to pilot an AI real-time weapon monitoring program.

Upcoming and Past Events - This week has been Kindness Week at the school. There's a VEX tournament at Bear River. The Honor Choir is in SLC this weekend. The Dance Company is leaving for Vegas tomorrow to train with the Nevada Ballet. The Science Fair was earlier this month. A VEX IQ tournament was last weekend. On Tuesday, 16 students went to Charter Day on the Hill in Salt Lake. Literacy Night, the Scholastic Book Fair, two dances, and Utah Association of Public Schools will all be next week at Vista.

6:53 PM Financial Report - Troy Bradshaw

Mr. Bradshaw reviewed the most recent profit and loss report. The north building has been finalized and received a second award, this one from The Association of General Contractors. The gym floor has been installed in the south building.

7:06 PM Committee Reports (Finance, Audit, Governance)

Director Dawson, of the finance committee, spoke of his interest in the school hiring a grant writer. Peter Dawson made a motion to have the finance committee create a proposal to hire a grant writer. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

Director Maldonado made a motion to approve the amendments to the Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Harassment, Hazing & Retaliation Policy. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

#### **7:23 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Board Retreat - Proposed that the meeting be office on the 10th or 24th of February at 9am-12pm.

Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Harassment, Hazing & Retaliation Policy Revision - Discussed during the above committee report.

Grievance Policy - Tabled for the next meeting

#### **7:25 PM COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM None**

**7:28 PM** Michelle Walter made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION** for reasons stated in Utah Code 54-4-204 to review the competency or character of an individual. - No closed session