

Vista School Board Meeting

February 22, 2024 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

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

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

Others present: Michelle Andes, Dr. Justin Blasko, Troy Bradshaw, Holly Byers-Stewart, Chelsea Clarkson, Marie Ehlers, Kelly Geary, Ezra & Elise Hurst, Noell Larsen, Kerry Taylor, via Webex: Terrilyn Balaszi, Barry Burr, Alex Dinnel, Mersadies Ebert, Leland Fishback, Rachel Hendrickson, AJ, Melodie Jones, Hillary Osness, Andrew Roberts, Terra Thornley, Afreeka Van, Kristen Yunker

6:03 PM CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Walter

6:03 PM Alicia Maldonado made a motion to move the Carnegie Learning presentation to the first order of business. Scott Smith seconded the motion. "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter, Approved unanimously.

6:05 PM Michelle Walter explained the board's role in listening to public comments.

6:42 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes will be approved in March when more board members who were in attendance at the January meeting can vote.

6:06 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS Ezra & Elise Hurst spoke about their family's experience with the Carnegie Math program.

6:43 PM BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting - March 28th @ 6 pm, training at 5:30

6:43 PM REPORTS

6:43 PM Director's Report - Justin Blasko

100 Day Plan - Dr. Blasko explained Effective School Correlates concepts and how they have steered his direction, expectations, and mission as the focus of the Board retreat.

Enrollment and Lottery Update - There are 1105 students enrolled in February with 1009 currently returning and accepted for 2024-25 and 125 students on the fall waitlist. This report excluded the future kindergarten student numbers. There are 77 students on the current waitlist.

Academic Progress - Mr. Bruce Hatch is working on incentivising RISE practice. Mrs. Kelly Geary and Title I Director, Mrs. Katelynn George are working on informed and actionable data and the continued implementation of the 95 Percent program. Carnegie Learning will be meeting and training teachers. Director Smith asked for more information about the potential of Carnegie utilization in the lower grades. Dr. Blasko addressed this and the need for more parent outreach.

Faculty/Staff Changes - There has been a change in the Special Education department and the school is currently reviewing applications.

Upcoming and Past Events - The upper grade school musical is beginning on March 1st. There will be a Vista Foundation Gala beforehand. The BYU Young Ambassadors will be performing at Vista in April, and tickets will be on sale Monday. State VEX Robotics is March 2nd at Utah Tech. Vista will be hosting the event at the university.

7:32 PM Financial Report - Troy Bradshaw reviewed the profit and loss through the end of January. He met with the finance committee and spoke about some setbacks with the new carpeting in the original building.

7:43 PM Committee Reports (Finance, Audit, Governance) There was a report from Alicia Maldonado on the Governance Committee. The committee is reviewing several attendance policies that are in place to better support the school and be reflective of state regulations. Dr. Blasko recommended having Mr. Michael Hale involved in attendance discussions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

6:09 PM Carnegie Learning Math Presentation by Andrew Roberts - Afreeka Van addressed the foundation and research in the development of Carnegie Learning and its effectiveness in student mastery and retention with their program and the Mathia software component. They also discussed endorsements for their program, alignments with math standards, student-first approach, and how the program prepares student growth. Mr. Roberts addressed the training, transition, and implementation aspect of the Carnegie program. They also addressed parent and board questions, comments, or concerns.

7:51 & 7:57 PM 2024-2025 Academic Calendar - Dr. Blasko presented the 24-25 calendar that mirrors Washington County's school calendar. Michelle Walter made a motion to move the 2024-25 school calendar. Scott Smith seconded the motion. "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter, Approved unanimously.

7:54 PM LEA Specific-Christi Smith Dr. Blasko asked the board to approve Christi Smith, a new Art & Music teacher working with Mrs. Carlson, an LEA Specific certification. She is currently finishing her Master's degree and certification and license program. Scott Smith made a motion to approve an LEA Specific license for Christi Smith. Michelle Walter seconded the motion. "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter, Approved unanimously.

Grievance Policy - tabled to the next meeting

7:58 PM School Land Trust Annual Report for 2023 - Dr. Blasko reported on School Land Trust funding, planning, and process at Vista School.

8:04 PM COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM - None

8:04 PM Meeting adjourned by Michelle Walter. A closed session was not needed.