

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

December 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the district boardroom.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called. Board members present were Elizabeth Conner, Beverly Martinez, Matt Nehring, David Reschke, and Gary Wilkinson. Superintendent Robert Webb was also present.

WORK SESSION:

Kimberley Temple of Wall, Smith, Bateman and Associates presented the 2016 financial audit. Questions were answered as they surfaced.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Matt Nehring led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Elizabeth Conner and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve the agenda. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting.
- B. Approve October 2016 Financial Reports.
- C. Resignations/Transfer/Employment.

The Board accepted the resignation of Cassandra Medina from Food Service. The Board approved Juan Archuleta as Food Service Employee and Denise Gomez as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. They also approved Armando Avila, David Maurice Hirsch and John Lomashey (pending receipt of authorization) as Guest Teachers (Certified). Board also approved Felicia Acosta and Carol Manzanares as Guest (Classified).

The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

GOOD NEWS: Mr. Webb reported Honey Stoechen brought to his attention that Lorree Harvey had a great restorative conversation with a difficult student and Mr. Wiedeman has also been doing well with these conversations.

The Winter Band Concert was great.

Cammie Newmyer, who is a member of the National Alternative Education Association, reported that student Gracie Steele created a video for the contest "Unleashing Your Inner Star." Her video was about her brother who has autism and his name is Matthew Steele. Cammie showed the video. In addition to living with autism, Matthew is writing a Science Fiction Novel and this quote is from his writings: "Have you ever had a dream that at first seems real, but then it all bends out of shape, starting a few feet away from you, with somethings way to large and others in unnatural shapes, yet they loosely resemble the world you know and call, Reality?"

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- A. Erika Medina, Junior Class President, presented on the senior trip for Class of 2018 going to Disneyland. Admission into Disneyland will be \$92 per person. We are planning to do fund raising for \$400 per student. We are looking into documents that would support good grades and behavior to be eligible for this trip. Currently they have 65 students and plan for around 50 to attend. We would need to reserve our Disneyland tickets in September of 2017. The Board asked for them to look into the cost closer (airline discounts), a plan for the students who could not afford their portion, and insurance restrictions. They are to come back mid next semester with more information.
- B. Noel Heredia, Senior Class President, presented on the senior trip for Class of 2017 to Denver. They would like to go to the State Capitol, Aquarium, Elitch Gardens, and the Garden of the Gods. The total being about \$4,767. They plan to ask the students for a \$20 deposit. They sent out a form and had 86% of the senior class respond. They are planning to have six chaperones.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. BOCES Report. David Reschke reported they had a good presentation by Susan from Great Education Colorado.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported they have not had a meeting.
- C. City/District Conversations. David Reschke reported the Kids Connection has moved to its new building and they greatly appreciated the help. The new facility is very nice with lots of space. They also appreciated the help with the Holiday Festival. Next year they would like to have the parade go down Prospect and end at the High School football field and watch the fireworks from there. They again talked about expanding the bon fire for homecoming. The city is working to make the world's biggest s'more and enter into the Guinness Book of World Records.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Mr. Futrell reported the ski trips went well.
- E. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb reported a back flow preventer at Bill Metz was destroyed by rocks and gravel that are in the city fresh water. The back flow preventer is \$1200 and we have requested the city pay for this. The City is looking into this. We will hold off installing the other back flow preventers until we know what causes this and that this will not happen again.

The Middle School is going to change their PLC day from February 3rd to February 10th.

We had a conference call with CDE on the reconsideration requests. They are denying the district's request. They are still reviewing the information for the Middle School and Bill Metz.

They did grant the OLA request. We hope to have their final decision by the end of next week. If we do not receive it next week it will be in January.

Mr. Webb learned at the CASB Convention that CDE is planning to have another curriculum tour to gather people's feelings and data. They are looking at changing PARCC test and the standards. The tour is to start in the spring time.

ESSA changes the Title program funding. The funding formula is based on the census within our district boundaries. Monte Vista is projected to lose 15% of funding next year. CDE states that the Federal Government sends out census questions every year. Compared to the other districts within our county we do not believe this information could be correct. CDE told us to appeal the census data but it takes a government entity to do so. We might have a chance to make a comment to the ESSA Program and would like to suggest they also factor in the free and reduced lunch information.

Mr. Webb suggests that we table the approval of the satellite land, until we can look into the title insurance.

- F. CASB Convention Report. Gary Wilkinson and Beverly Martinez reported it was very good conference. The Colorado School of the Blind and Deaf performed and it was very impressive.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Graduation Requirements. Mr. Wiedeman and Ms. Gordon presented on the graduation requirements that will start with next year's freshman class. Mr. Wiedeman believes the change in graduation requirements is a good thing and will have the students workforce and college ready. The students will start testing as freshman. If they do not pass they will have time to address the problem and other avenues to meet the standards. We will expect more from the students. The classes will be harder and it will be harder to get good grades. We are encouraging the students to take college classes, online classes, and internships in their fields. We will have an update for the February Board meeting.
- B. Letter from Sargent School District. Mr. Webb shared the letter requesting permission for them to pick up kids who live within our district and bus them to Sargent. The Board denied this request and asked Mr. Webb to draft a denial letter.
- C. Policy Review. The Board reviewed and discussed the following polices.

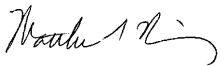
JD	School Census
JGB	Assignment of Continuing Students to Classes (Grades 1-5)
JGB-E	Monte Vista Elementary Third Grade Teacher Request (Sample Only)
JGB-R	Assignment of Continuing Students to Classes (Grades 1-5)
JHBB	Attendance Monitoring/Accounting

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Certification of FY17 Mill Levy. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve the 2017 mill levy of 41.642 mills which includes a general fund mill levy of 30.892 mills (includes .146 for abatement and 3.60 voter approved override) and a bond redemption mill levy of 10.75. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- B. Revision of policy GDBA-E-4 Transportation Personnel 2016-17 Annual Wage Schedule. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve revision of policy GDBA-E-4 Transportation Personnel 2016-17 Annual Wage Schedule. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Revision of Policy GDGF Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave. The Board tabled policy GDGF Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave.
- D. Approve Repeal of IJND Technology. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve the repeal of IJND Technology. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- E. Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve the next regular meeting for January 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:10 p.m.



Matt Nehring, President



Beverly Martinez, Secretary