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 6:00 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve the agenda as presented after adding to District Reports F: Dr. Nehring’s update on CDE Data/frame works and amending action item C to update signatures to current signers on the two accounts at Rio Grande Savings and Loan. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.


C. Resignations/Transfer/Employment.

The Board accepted retirement resignation from Cynthia Baird as High School Language Arts Teacher, Dan Garcia as High School Art Teacher and Judi Golden with Food Service all effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Approve resignations of Laurel Heimstra as 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Shauna Ianson as DELTA/OLA Counselor both effective at the end of the 2016-17 School year; and Jake Prendergast as 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher effective February 27, 2017. The Board approved Rebekah Sparks as the Math Instructional Coach.

D. Purchased Service Agreement: The Board approved the Remote Online Teaching Position – Purchase Service Agreement for 2017-2018 School year with Ethan Huff.

The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

A. We will reschedule for Kendra Stonefield to present her short story at the next meeting.

B. Erika Medina and Emma DeHerrera presented details on the Senior Trip for 2017-2018. The fundraising is going well and they have more fundraising planned. They are asking students to bring and extra $50 for additional costs and parents to donate snacks and water for the trip. The students must be eligible the week of the trip, on track to graduate, and meet the 93% attendance for the year.

Mr. Reschke arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.

C. Kevin Morris with Clean Energy presented their proposal for the school to purchase part of the solar project down by La Jara. Clean Energy builds solar gardens across the country. Questions were answered as they arose.

D. Stacey Plane presented each Board member with a shirt designed by Jenny Noonan for Marsh.

DISTRICT REPORTS

A. BOCES Report. Mr. Reschke reported they have not had a meeting. The next meeting will be on March 15th.

B. Education Foundation Report. Mr. Wilkinson reported they received additional money for the Ritchey Scholarship. He reported on the funds that were received in memory of Harvey Sullivan.

C. City/District Conversations. Mr. Reschke reported they have not had a meeting.

D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Gary Wilkinson commended administration for their support with science fair.

Mr. Tichy presented on the 8th Grade end of the year field trip to the University of New Mexico. They will have more details at the next meeting.

E. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb had Leona present the letter from CDE that stated our audit was accepted with no problems. They commended our district for doing well.

Mr. Webb reported the satellite land is now ours pending Board approval tonight. The previous owner took care of the taxes. We are discussing uses for the land and covering a portion of it to store equipment.

We would like to use about twelve acers of the Middle School property to build a solar farm. They would start construction in September or October and would plan to be done in December. We have one concern, the land just west of the baseball field will become isolated from the other land that currently being lease for agriculture and its possible water. The students would have great educational opportunities.

The 3x3 team has met and they are looking further at salaries.
We are checking with CDE to see if we can use BEST money to pay for the roof at Marsh to be fixed, to fix the way the DELTA Center roof drains, and the heating at the Middle School. The roof at Marsh is leaking over the old part of the building and must be fixed this summer. The DELTA Center roof is not draining properly. The heating at the middle school is not working properly in all of the 7th and 8th grade rooms primarily because of their age and their classroom locations could be a bit of a concern.

Mr. Webb recommends we leave the two certificates of deposit with Rio Grande Savings and Loan. We can change these accounts to a one or two year term locking in a better interest rate. We do need to update the signatures on these accounts to current signers. We should close the sweep account with Sunflower Bank and transfer to a CSAFE account.

We had our SCAP site visit on Monday, March 6th. The parent’s responses to the visit were very positive. We are working on a presentation of the visit to include as part of the SCAP website. Mr. Web gave a demonstration of the website, which will be linked to our website.

We will have a CDE visit on April 24th. They will do the visit and then report on what they find. We will then make a plan accordingly and submit to CDE.

F. Dr. Nehring updated on his research on the CDE Data and the frame works they are using. Dr. Nehring has had several phone conversations with CDE and has a phone call scheduled with Michelle Murphy from Colorado Rural Alliance. He will meet with Alyssa Pearson with CDE on April 17th. Dr. Nehring will present at the next Superintendent’s Meeting and is willing to present to the staff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Policy GCBA-R Instructional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary Schedules. We reviewed the proposed changes and Mr. Webb explained the situation for teachers who topped out in experience in any lane, but who accumulate additional years may advance two steps if the succeeding lane allows for such a move. We will honor 11 years of experience outside of the district if that lane permits.

B. Policy Review. The Board reviewed and discussed the following policies:

- IHAM - Health and Family Life/Sex Education
- IKFA - Byron Syring DELTA Center Graduation Requirements (second reading)
- IKF - Monte Vista High School GPA and Graduation Requirements (first reading)
- IKF-R - Graduation Requirements Monte Vista High School (first reading)
- JGB-R - Assignment of Continuing Students to Classes (Grades 1-5)
- JGB-E - Monte Vista Elementary Third Grade Teacher Request (Sample Only)

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Policy Revision. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve the policy revision of policy GCBA-R Instructional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary. 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. Purchase Service Agreement. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the Clean Energy Purchase Service Agreement as purposed. 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. Update Signatures on the Two Accounts at Rio Grande Savings and Loan. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve updating the signatures on the two accounts at Rio Grande Savings and Loan to current signers. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

D. Resolution Letter to Sunflower Bank. A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve sending a letter of resolution to Sunflower Bank to close the general fund sweep account of $1,072,455.23 to transfer to a CSAFE account. 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. Land Donation. A motion was made by Elizabeth Conner and seconded by David Reschke to accept the land donation south of the bus garage (old satellite property) from Michael Trujillo. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

F. Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve the next regular meeting for April 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm. We will have an executive session prior to the regular session to discuss personnel at 5:30 p.m. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f):

A motion was made by Elizabeth Conner and seconded by David Reschke to move into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for discussion of personnel C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0. The Board returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Matt Nehring, President

Beverly Martinez, Secretary