

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

January 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the 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 Orlando DeHerrera, Matt Nehring, David Reschke and Gary Wilkinson. Kurt Holland was absent. Superintendent Robert Webb was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Matt Nehring requested an Item C – Discussion of Superintendent evaluation be added to the Agenda. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve the amended agenda. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting.
- B. November Financial Reports.
- C. Employment.

The Board approved Greg Jones as MS Wrestling. The Board approved Guest teacher Wanetta Tipsword (pending receipt of license) and classified guest employee Kristy Jumel.

The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- A. Colleen Vanderpool – 4th grade teacher – asked for permission from the Board to take approximately 70 4th grade students and 10 adults on an overnight trip in April to the Denver Museum of Natural History. There will be hands on workshops covering space, health, biology and other topics relevant to the 4th grade science curriculum. The following day they will spend time at the IMAX theater and the zoo before coming home. They also asked for permission to conduct a read-a-thon to raise money to offset the costs of the trip.

- B. A junior student asked the Board to consider adding a Chemistry elective to the course schedule for the high school. The Board said they would take under consideration and stated that students are able to take college courses through the local colleges.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. BOCES Report. No Report.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Mr. Wilkinson reported they met today and awarded two grant requests: one to the elementary music program for bass bars and one to the BME counseling program for food and supplies for evening program for 5th grade boys and girls on bullying and appropriate behavior. Mr. Wilkinson also talked about some changes being made in the Richey scholarship program. He reminded everyone of the February 13, 2018 ceremony to reveal the board recognizing international science fair participants.
- C. City/District Conversations. Mr. Webb reported they have a tentative meeting scheduled for the 1st Wednesday in February.
- D. Principal Reports. All principals have been working on mid-year evaluations of teaching staff. Rebekah Sparks, Math Instructional Coach, reported that interventionist teams had met with students concerning the math program and she is now compiling the data from those interviews. Tom Tichy, Middle School Principal, reported that he is planning an assembly with the students celebrating the Center of Excellence Award and would like to get t-shirts made celebrating this achievement. Kevin Wright, Delta/OLA Director, reported that he is working with staff to reach their professional goals. He is also looking at changing the application process for the On-line school since they had more applications this year than the staff is able to serve. Dirk Oden is offering classes to other teachers in the District on teaching on-line classes. Three employees have recently passed the principal test: Stacey Plane, Dena Jaminet and Kellyn Ross.
- E. Board Report. Dr. Nehring has been looking at data for teachers salaries over the last 20-25 years. He found that the teachers pay has been dropping when it is adjusted for inflation. Statewide the drop has been approximately 17% statewide and 25% for our District. Mr. Reschke complimented the Marsh Messenger and calendar that is put out each month and encouraged all to look at it. Mr. Reschke, Mr. Wilkinson and Dr. DeHerrera enjoyed visiting the buildings to deliver the staff bonuses and speaking with the staff in person.
- F. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb read a letter from the parent of a Sargent student complimenting Loree Harvey on working so diligently with her child to prepare her for the National Science and Engineering Fair. Mr. Wilkinson was also part of the support for her child and inspired her to start a Science Club at Sargent. Mr. Webb also reported that the superintendents' group has been working with legislators on a bill to change how the state allocates the school funding. They have the support of most of the school districts to proceed with this bill. The superintendents will be meeting with various groups to discuss this proposal and get support from them for this legislation. Tomorrow will be the first meeting of the WISH Grant Task Force to discuss the health of our staff, students and community. Three high school boilers malfunctioned over the Christmas break and Joey is working on getting the repairs done and protection for the boilers in case of a brown-out or power surge. Mr. Woodke is working with his students who are working with elementary students on various elective projects. Mr. Webb is also working with Mr. Woodke on getting a board set up recognizing the growth/achievements by the various schools and groups in our District. Mr. Webb will be attending a conference in San Diego next week.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Student Drug Testing. Mr. Webb, Mr. Wiedeman and Mr. Jones have been looking policies from other school districts and are working on the language for the policy to be considered this Spring. They will be sharing their draft with the DIT and the SIT to get their input. Mr. Webb also stated that at the IOG meeting yesterday that human trafficking is an issue in the Vally.
- B. Looking at Policies (See attached list). These policies were reviewed and discussed.
- C. Superintendent Evaluation. Dr. Nehring will be sending surveys out this weekend to various groups to evaluate and comment on the Superintendent performance. The surveys will close on January 25th. The Board will then look at a summary of the results and have them for the February meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

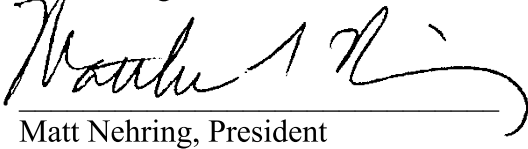
- A. Policy Revisions. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to adopt policies DAC – Federal Fiscal compliance and DJB – Federal Procurement. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B. Two Non-Eligible Transportation Requests. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the Non-Eligible Transportation Requests. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Special Board Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to schedule a Special Board Meeting for Thursday January 25, 2018 at 7:00 am to consider the revised budget. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- D. Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to schedule the next regular meeting for February 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- E. 4th Grade Field Trip. A motion was made by Orlando DeHerrera and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the overnight 4th Grade Field Trip in April and the read-a-thon to raise funds. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.


EXECUTIVE SESSION for discussion of Personnel C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f):

A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to move into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, absent; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:40 p.m.


Matt Nehring, President


Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary