

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

November 10, 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 6:00 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

ROLL CALL:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Matt Nehring asked Stacy Plane to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance while seven kindergartners (Alexis Gonzales, Braylyn Sims, Kaylynn Medina, Caleb Gallegos, Rylen Ross, Matix Resendiz and Maleigh Blount) participated by doing the Pledge of Allegiance in Sign Language.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by David Reschke 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 October 13, 2016 meeting after amending.
- B. Approve September 2016 Financial Reports.
- C. Quarterly Financial Report.
- D. Resignations/Transfer/Employment.

The Board approved David Judd as High School Girls Basketball Coach, Cheyenne Siemering as High School Boys Basketball Coach and Heather Smith as Paraprofessional and Cafeteria Monitor at Bill Metz. They also approved Briana Bromley (pending receipt of authorization) and Kimberley Rosenbach as Guest Teachers (Certified). Board also approved Peggy Manzanares and Sasha Trujillo 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.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Nita McAuliffe presented on BOCES Services. Nita went over some of the history of BOCES. She covered the programs they offer and explained their December 1st count has shown growth for the past several years. She also went over their finances, grants and funding opportunities.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. BOCES Report. David Reschke reminded the Board members of the Board Governance Collaborative and asked who is planning to attend.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported they have not had a meeting.
- C. City/District Conversations. David Reschke reported that they felt like the bonfire was a success. The City has resurfaced the Pickle Ball courts by sonic. The Kids Connection is still on schedule to move into their new location by Thanksgiving.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Matt thanked the principals for the work that went into the appeals for the state.
- E. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb showed a video from CHASA on the InSide Out Initiative and values of Education-Based Athletics. It was discussed this would be good to share with the City Parks and Recreation league also.

The SCAP is the Unified Improvement Plan. This will come up first on the state website for us and is live now. The priorities may change. The District Improvement Team is coming up with a survey to get feedback from parents and staff on what is important for them to see. The counselors will assist in getting this information to staff. There will still be links for state information on our district.

The district is experiencing some issues with the district app on getting information to parents with the correct phone number for the parents to call back. Right now we have a lot of parents who do not listen to the voicemail and call the number back on the caller id, which is the district administration office, instead of the specific school. Some parents are receiving numerous voicemails for the same issue instead of just one.

Mr. Webb reported that math has been our weak link and last year's testing results are no different. The goal is to improve our math instruction but not to lose what we have done with reading and writing. Mr. Webb would like to look at adding a math instructional coach. Mr. Webb discussed a couple of options to fund this position. We would like to put together a job description and get the notice out to the district employees. We would like to have this person well trained and ready to go at the beginning of the school year. The Board agrees with this plan but would like to make sure we do not lose ground with our reading program.

Mr. Webb received a call from Senator Michael Bennet's office. They stated they had received a call from a concerned citizen that we are not providing free lunch to all of our students. Mr. Webb explained how much we would have to contribute from our general fund to be able to do this and how much we would have to cut from instructional services.

Mr. Webb has also received two calls from organizations that would like to use our facility for different activities. One would like to use our kitchen and the other would like to use four classrooms, two for boys and two for girls with access to showers for a week in the summer. The concern is the liability. We do require them to have the liability insurance. Our kitchen staff has gone through specific training for some of the equipment in the kitchen. Having people use the kitchen who have not been fully trained could also pose a problem with health regulations. The Board agreed that we would not allow this.

Mr. Webb reviewed the budget. The audit will be ready to present at the next Board meeting. The minimum wage raise did pass and he shared a projection of what this will look like for the classified employees. We are okay for the current fiscal year. Candy put together a scenario for the next three years to that would make sure we are meeting the minimum wage requirements and increasing all of the classified staff by the same. This was reviewed and discussed. We will also have to do something with the teacher's salaries. The Board agreed we should plan for the most difficult situation and see what we can do from there. This increase along with the insurance increase will be very hard to meet.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Consolidated Budget Update and Approval. We reviewed the revised consolidated budget that was approved by the state. The schools we have to serve with Title I funds are based on the poverty rate percentage at each school. We get this percentage from our free and reduced lunch information. We must serve Bill Metz, Marsh, Middle School, and the DELTA Center.
- B. Maternity Leave – Policy GBGF Federally Mandated Family and Medical Leave – According to this policy we do not allow intermittent leave for maternity leave. We do have request for intermittent maternity leave. We are having a hard time finding qualified guest teachers. This policy was reviewed and discussed by the Board.
- C. The Board discussed employee Christmas cards.
- D. Policy Review. The Board reviewed and discussed the following policies.

GDBA-E-4	Transportation Personnel 2016-17 Annual Wage Schedule
IJND	Technology
IKAB	Report Cards/Progress Reports
IMDA	Patriotic Exercises
JC	School Attendance Areas

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Next Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to schedule the next regular Board meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 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.
- B. Approve revision of policy GDBA-E-4 Transportation Personnel 2016-17 Annual Wage Schedule and repeal of policy IJND Technology. 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 and repeal policy 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.

- C. Employee Christmas Cards to include \$100 bonus. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to give employees a Christmas card with \$100 bonus. 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. Exemption of policy GBGF Federally Mandated Family and Medical Leave was made for Danielle Gibbs for intermittent maternity leave. A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve an exemption of policy GBGF Federally Mandated Family and Medical Leave for Danielle Gibbs for intermittent maternity leave. 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 8:00 p.m.



Matt Nehring, President



Beverly Martinez, Secretary