

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

September 10, 2015

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 Corinna Garcia, Beverly Martinez, Matt Nehring, and David Reschke. Board member Elizabeth Quintana was absent. Also present was Superintendent Bob Webb.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Matt Nehring led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Corinna Garcia to approve the agenda after amending it to add Action Item D *Letter in Support of Boettcher Teacher Program*. The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Corinna Garcia and seconded by David Reschke to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the August 13, 2015, and September 2, 2015, meetings.
- B. Financial Reports. Approve July 2015 Financial Reports.
- C. Resignations/Employment. Accept resignation of Eric Gutierrez as Food Service Delivery Driver and Cathy Sullivan as MS Flag Coach. Employ Raul Montoya, Jr. as Food Service Delivery Driver, Samantha Cordero as MS Flag Coach, Phinel Garcia as HS Asst Boys' Basketball Coach, and HS Students Taryn Burt-Bailey, Kathylee Duran, and Felix Ortega as temporary food service employees. Approve Garrett Marquez and Dorothy Medina as certified guest teachers and Marjorie (Valarie) Maestas and Dorothy Medina as classified guest employees (secretarial).
- D. Requisitions. Approve requisition to Center for Restorative Programs in the amount of \$118,750.00 for Restorative Discipline Services for the 2015-16 school year from the EARSS Grant.

The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- A. Comments from the Audience. There were no comments from the audience.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. BOCES Report. There have been no BOCES meetings since the last report.
- B. Athletic Facilities Committee Report. David Reschke reported on the dedication of the athletic facility and final work to be completed by the committee before disbanding. The committee will attend the October Board meeting to give a final report.
- C. Education Foundation. Beverly Martinez reported the Education Foundation provided funds for books for the BME 5th grade book club. Everything is now set up for donations to be made to the foundation through a portal on the district web site. Employees may also make contributions through a payroll deduction.
- D. City/District Conversations. David Reschke and Bob Webb reported on the last “conversation” meeting with City reps regarding the proposal for a new pool/rec development area, work on a building to house the Kids Connection, a HS student to serve on the Art Council Board, the need for students to work on theater teams, and the economic summit to be held in Creede.
- E. Superintendent Report. Superintendent Bob Webb reported on higher student enrollment. It is still fluctuating, but enrollment has increased by approximately 55-60 students.

Mr. Webb gave an overview of the District Teams that will meet during PLC days and informed the Board that it will receive regular updates on this work.

Mr. Webb gave an update on the potential litigation with Curriculum Loft on the Kuno devices. Mr. Webb expects a recommendation from attorneys at Caplan and Earnest in the near future. Curriculum Loft sent an email offering to trade in Kunos for an HP stream device at a price comparable to retail. Patrick Sewell is concerned about HP stream and the Windows 8 platform which has been problematic.

The Board heard an update on state assessments.

Bob Webb, Kristin Steed, Dirk Oden, and Tom Tichy attended a meeting with other districts on the Student Accountability Program proposal. The group will work to prepare a presentation for the State Board of Education in November. The Commissioner voiced strong support for the proposal but noted a hurdle will be the legislative language. The group has had conversations with two retired superintendents that may be interested in taking the lead for the proposal.

Mr. Webb met with the Appeal Committee for staff blackout days. The committee should have a recommendation ready for the October Board meeting. Three days have already been used that may require going through the appeal process. Mr. Webb’s recommendation is to wait until the appeal process is in place and the three employees have an opportunity to appeal their absences, before deducting the day from their salary. Board members gave their consensus to approve the superintendent’s recommendation since there is no policy in place.

Mr. Webb gave a budget update including the increase to salaries of approximately \$20,500 for salary advancements. Eleven teachers requested and received approval for education advancement on the salary schedule.

Discussion was had on the negative factor and the need to continue conversations with legislators about the detrimental effect it has on schools. CASB is suggesting districts develop a position paper that includes specifics on how the negative factor has impacted the district.

- F. Follow-up to Principal Reports. There were no questions, but both David Reschke and Matt Nehring voiced their appreciation of the written reports they receive each month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Transportation Waivers. Discussion was had on eleven transportation waiver requests received from parents of Kindergarten students. The parents are all requesting their children be transported from Marsh to Bill Metz Elementary after school to meet up with older siblings or to go to daycare providers. Bob Webb, Kristin Steed and Mark Hotz met to review the waiver requests and made a recommendation to the Board they be approved for safety reasons, given the age of the children involved. The only problem that could arise from approving the waivers is buses may reach capacity with regular riders. If this should happen, the waivers would need to be rescinded. Everyone involved felt this would be an unlikely occurrence in the current year, but could become a problem in future years. Next year parents will be informed of transportation waivers during spring registration allowing them to request a waiver earlier in the summer, so the Board will have an opportunity to act on the requests prior to the start of the school year.
- B. Policy Review. The Board reviewed and discussed the following policies:
- EF Food Services Management
 - EHC Student Use of the Internet
 - EHD Staff Use of the Internet
 - EI Insurance Program/Risk Management
 - JICA Student Dress Code

ACTION ITEMS:

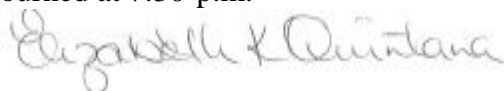
- A. Transportation Waivers. A motion was made by Corinna Garcia and seconded by David Reschke to approve the eleven requests for transportation waivers for the 2015-16 school year. The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B. Policy Revisions. A motion was made by Beverly Martinez and seconded by Corinna Garcia to approve the following policy revisions:
- IKA Grading/Assessment Systems
 - IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems (Regulation)
- The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Next Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Beverly Martinez to schedule the next regular Board meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. for regular session, and to schedule a Board Work Session on Saturday, November 7, 2015, starting at 8:00 a.m. The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- D. Letter in Support of Boettcher Teacher Program. A motion was made by Corinna Garcia and seconded by Beverly Martinez to approve drafting a letter to Adams State University in support of the Boettcher Teacher Program. The vote was Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Corinna Garcia, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; and David Reschke, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Matt Nehring, President



Elizabeth Quintana, Secretary