

Board Highlights

Matt Nehring-Pres, Corinna Garcia-Vice Pres, Elizabeth Quintana-Sec, David Reschke-Treas, Beverly Martinez-Asst Sec/Treas

Meeting of April 9, 2015

Monte Vista Teacher of the Year. Christy Treinen was chosen as Monte Vista's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Treinen is currently a 4th grade teacher at BME and will work as a Special Education teacher next year. Mrs. Treinen has provided great service to the district for the past ten years and has a passion for educating students, particularly struggling learners. Mrs. Treinen and other valley teachers will be honored at an Award Ceremony on April 22nd. Congratulations Mrs. Treinen on this well-deserved honor!

Retirement/Resignation. The Board accepted the retirement resignation of Eric Gutierrez as a custodian, and the resignations of Karen Steward as a BME Title I teacher and Virginia Valle as a BME Title I paraprofessional, all effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Transfer. The Board approved the transfer of Christy Treinen from BME 4th grade teacher to BME Special Education teacher for the 2015-16 school year.

Employment. The Board approved extending principal contracts and teacher continuing contracts. The Board employed Elizabeth Garcia as a 4th grade teacher, and approved Jennifer Beckner as a certified guest teacher (pending receipt of license).

Purchased Service Agreement. The Board approved the renewal of a purchased service agreement with Ethan Huff for remote online teaching services for the 2015-16 school year.

HS Band Uniforms. The Board approved a bid for new HS band uniforms, from DeMoulin Brothers & Company.

HS Weighted AP Classes. The Board approved weighting HS AP classes (a common practice in other districts), and further approved the revision of Policy IKF *Graduation Requirements*.

Athletic Facilities Committee. David Reschke gave an update on the HS athletic facilities project. The field house should be completed in the next few weeks. The Colorado Health Foundation is excited about the playground equipment that is going to be installed and is sending a crew to film the installation of the pirate ship. The committee plans to hold a dedication ceremony in July. The grand opening will be at the first football game in the fall. Kudos to Brent Logan and Jerene Wilkinson for their work on the project.

Education Foundation. Beverly Martinez reported on the Monte Vista Education Foundation regarding fundraising ideas and brochures that are being produced by Mrs. Condon's class.

City/District Conversations. Elizabeth Quintana reported on the last "conversation" meeting held with representatives of the city. The city will provide the high school with a list of areas for Pirate Pride Day. The group discussed the opening of the Vali 3 Theater. The city is sponsoring a 5K run on April 18th. Other possible shared projects were also discussed.

Superintendent Report. Superintendent Bob Webb gave kudos to Gloria Gutierrez and Tami Sims for the excellent results of an Office of School Nutrition review. He quoted the reviewer, "Breakfast in the Classroom (BIC) is run very well. . . . This is the best BIC program this reviewer has observed so far! The whole district community (high school and elementary) is a very pleasant, welcoming, and warm environment. It is clear that there is a good sense of community here, and that staff have worked hard to build relationships, which of course makes everything run more smoothly."

Mr. Webb reported on the latest budget updates, fiscal accountability through the State Auditor's office, state assessments, work on a boundary dispute between Centauri, Alamosa and Monte Vista, and an offer received to donate property and a structure near Marsh school. Mr. Webb also reported on a meeting of rural districts trying to take advantage of federal accountability measures through a pilot program. Representatives of the committee will present the pilot accountability program to the State Board at its May meeting for approval.

Voluntary Separation Plan. A forum was held to inform staff members of likely changes to the Voluntary Separation Plan. At least a two year window would be required in order to eliminate the program. Other possible options would include a longevity bonus or using the funds from the plan to increase base salaries. Changes will not take effect next year.

Other Discussion Items. Other discussion items included a report by Dirk Oden on the renewal application for the Alternative Education Campus Designation for the DELTA Center; and a number of policies were reviewed.

Other Action Items. The Board adopted Policy GBGAB *First Aid Training* and approved a number of policy revisions, February 2015 financial reports, and minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting.

Next Meetings. The next regular Board of Education meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015, with regular session at 7:00 p.m.

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