

Board Highlights

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

Meeting of May 14, 2015

Recognition of Monte Vista Teacher of the Year. Christy Treinen was recognized as Monte Vista's Teacher of the Year and presented with a \$500 check. 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. Congratulations Mrs. Treinen on this well-deserved honor!

Resignations. The Board accepted the resignations of Jessica Gennari as DELTA/OLA Counselor, Andy Schon as MS Social Studies Teacher and HS Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Jerica Schon as a Kindergarten teacher, and Juan Archuleta as the Food Service Delivery Driver, all effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Transfers. The Board approved the following transfers:

Cathy Armstrong – from BME 4th Grade Teacher to BME Title I Teacher

Adam Atencio – from BME 5th Grade Teacher to MS Special Ed Teacher

Devon Davey – from MS Special Ed/Reading Teacher to OLA Elementary Teacher

Gina Randolph – from MS 8th Grade Science Teacher to HS STEM Teacher

Darlene Sanchez – from part-time BME Para and part-time MS Secretary to full-time MS Secretary

Employment. The Board employed the following:

Brooke Claunch as a BME 4th Grade Teacher

Brittany Kwiatkowski as a MS Social Studies Teacher

Shauna Ianson as DELTA/OLA Counselor

Rachael Torres as a BME 4th Grade Teacher

Bruce Velasquez as MS 8th Grade Science Teacher

Tammy Gallegos as a BME Title I Paraprofessional

Kirsten Grasmick as BME Paraprofessional and Café Monitor

Robert Siemering as HS Head Boys' Basketball Coach.

Approval of Negotiated Agreement. The Board approved the negotiated agreement which was ratified by teachers. The agreement calls for a 3% increase to the base of all salary schedules, grants experience steps, includes a .9% increase to the portion of PERA paid by the district, and the increase of 7.34% in premiums for individual health insurance coverage for full-time employees.

Key Club. High School student, Steven Valdez, gave a presentation on the functions and activities of Key Club. Steven currently serves as Lt. Governor for this district.

HS Students – Washington DC Trip. HS teacher Amy Gutierrez and a group of migrant students from surrounding districts provided a presentation on their recent trip to Washington DC.

Athletic Facilities Committee. David Reschke gave an update on the HS athletic facilities project. The field house is near completion. The first track meet was recently hosted at the new facility.

Education Foundation. Bob Webb reported on the Monte Vista Education Foundation meeting, regarding the funding of fitness devices for the Middle School in the amount of \$3,500, a \$1,000 donation from Rio Grande Savings & Loan for band uniforms, approval of \$10,000 for funding band uniforms, and work on promotional brochures by HS students.

City/District Conversations. Elizabeth Quintana reported on the last “conversation” meeting held with representatives of the city. The City’s adult basketball league was discussed. Representatives of the Athletic Facilities Committee arranged a meeting between Kids Connection officials and Daniels Fund representatives regarding grant opportunities. The groups further discussed the possibility of the HS STEM class creating apps with stories about veterans and the PBIS facilitator providing information on PBIS training to local businesses.

Superintendent Report. Superintendent Bob Webb reported on a favorable reaction by the State Board of Education on the proposed *Student Centered Accountability Project*. Representatives of ABA provided updates on health coverage. Mr. Webb reported that the TELL survey showed very good results and gave an update on budget issues.

Leave Days. The Board had a discussion on the increased use of leave days by staff members, the loss of instruction time for students, and the cost to the district for substitutes. Conversations were held by the 3 x 3 committee regarding blackout days before and after holidays. A panel will be set up and an appeal process developed in regard to absences on blackout days. This will be implemented during the fall of the 2015-16 school year.

Voluntary Separation Plan. The Voluntary Separation Plan will be changed to require employees to have at least 15 years in the district to be eligible. The plan will most likely be eliminated, but a window will be available for eligible employees to participate prior to the elimination of the plan. Other possible options would include a longevity bonus or using the funds from the plan to increase base salaries.

Other Action Items. The Board approved minutes of the previous meeting, March Financial and Quarterly Reports, contracts with Computer Lab Consulting for the 2015-16 school year, and a number of policy revisions.

Next Meetings. A special Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 6:00 pm, for the 2015-16 budget presentation. The next regular Board of Education meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015, with regular session at 6:00 p.m.

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