

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8  
Monte Vista, Colorado  
May 10, 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 5:33 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called. Board members present were Orlando DeHerrera, Kurt Holland, Matt Nehring, and Gary Wilkinson. David Reschke was absent. Superintendent Robert Webb was also present.

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

A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to move into executive session at 5:34 p.m. regarding personnel issues C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

David Reschke arrived at 5:55 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

The open session was called to order at 6:18 p.m. by President Matt Nehring

**ROLL CALL:**

The roll was called. Board members present were Orlando DeHerrera, Kurt Holland, Matt Nehring, David Reschke and Gary Wilkinson. Superintendent Robert Webb was also present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by David Reschke to approve the amended agenda by adding Kayla Hensley, 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher to the consent agenda. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, 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 Kurt Holland to approve the following amended consent agenda:

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the April 12 and May 1, 2018 meetings.
- B. Quarterly and March Financial Reports.

The Board approved the resignations of Brandi Barbosa as District ELL Co-Coordinator, Elizabeth Haga as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher and Angela Montoya as Marsh Teacher. The Board approved the transfer of Heather Smith from BME Para to BME 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher. The Board approved Cheryl Bishop as the High School Art Teacher, Jocelyn Boyd as BME 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher and Kayla Hensley as 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher. The Board approved Shanalle Archuleta as a classified guest employee for Food Service.

The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

A. Skills USA Presentation – High school students (Andres Villa, Brantlee Webster, Daniel Miller, and Irene Aguilera) gave a presentation about the Skills USA organization and the competitions at the state level. They are excited about this organization and skills they are developing in the carpentry and electrical areas. The organization also helps with job interview skills and public speaking. They are hoping to increase the membership in the local chapter this coming year and want to ask for sponsorship from the local businesses. Daniel Miller qualified to go to Nationals this year in Electrical Construction Wiring.

#### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- A. BOCES Report. Kurt reported at last meeting that most of the discussion was about security of the schools and what some of the school districts are doing to improve school security such as a bullying program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, armed teachers, etc.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson no meeting has been held. They will be looking at fund raising and noted that the Skills USA Chapter should talk to the education foundation regarding funds for their chapter.
- C. City/District Conversations. Pirate Pride Day was held today and was a success. The City has talked to Mr. Shank regarding the railroad cars and getting them removed. There are some new businesses coming to town.
- D. Principal Reports. Everyone is busy wrapping up the end of the school year. The Board appreciated the pictures that were shared with them. Mr. Wiedeman reported that 29 Seniors will be going on the Senior Trip this year.
- E. Board Report. Mr. Wilkinson gave a word of appreciation for the Transportation Department and the great job they do covering all the trips with drivers especially this time of year. Tracy Simon was chosen as Educator of the year for the San Luis Valley. Mr. Reschke is participating in the Senior Exit interviews and they are going well.
- F. Superintendent Report. Crane Festival gave a plaque of appreciation to the District for supporting the Crane Festival. Mr. Webb had a sample of the plastic covering (8 mils thick) for the windows. The purpose of the covering is to slow an intruder to allow time for law enforcement to arrive. Teaching and Learning Conditions in Colorado (TLCC) survey results are available. Mr. Webb highlighted a few of the areas in the survey and will send the complete report to the Board for them to review. The State Legislators have approved a 2% increase for the employee contribution to PERA to be phased in over 3 years, .25% increase in the employer contribution for the 2019-2020 school year and an increased minimum retirement age of 64 years + 30 years of service for full

retirement benefits. The Marsh roof will cost less than expected after looking at the various options available and what needs to be done on the roof. The District does need to replace the heaters in part of the Middle School as they are a safety issue. The District has staff members that will pursue training in the grant writing process so more grants can be pursued especially in the area of school safety and security. Mr. Webb went over the budget numbers for next year and various increases/decreases in funding that may impact the budget. Additional positions are adding to the salary costs as well as the increases in Guest employee rates because of the mandatory minimum wages increases.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. Math Curriculum Final Presentation. Dirk Oden thanked the staff that were part of the process in choosing the Math curriculum. Mr. Oden showed where the information regarding the Math Curriculum is located on the District Website for teachers, parents and other interested parties. A survey will be sent to the Math team members about the process this year so the process can be improved in the future. The math curriculum has been arriving and is being inventoried as it comes in preparing for distribution. Rebekah will continue to meet and work with the math team to keep the momentum going forward. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the kick off meeting for the science team members. The Board thanked Mr. Oden for his work this year on the Math curriculum.
- B. New Policy – Third Reading. See attached list. The random testing process was discussed regarding the methods that may be used to choose the students for testing. The drug testing will use saliva swabs and Mark Hotz will be the program coordinator since he is already trained in the process of the collecting samples.

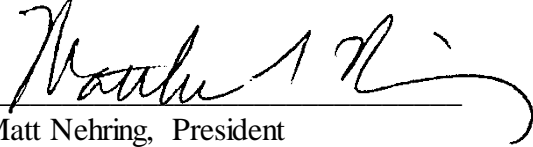
#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Teacher Request for a Leave of Absence by Cammie Newmyer A motion was made by Kurt Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to deny the request for a leave of absence. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- B. High School Early Release Day on May 14, 2018 for Middle School students to visit the high school. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the early release day for the High School Students on May 14, 2018. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Colorado Potato Administrative Committee (CPAC) – Request for Use of School Bus. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera for use of the school bus. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- D. New Policy. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to adopt policy JJJA-R-1 – Random Drug Testing Guidelines and JJJA-R-1-E Random Drug Testing Guideline Definitions (Exhibit to JJJA-R-1). The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

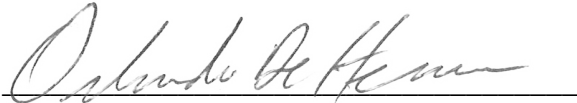
- E. Transportation Waiver Requests. A motion was made by Kurt Holland and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the transportation waiver requests. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- F. Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to schedule the Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, 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 8:17 p.m.



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Matt Nehring, President



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Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary