

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

December 13, 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 regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Matt Nehring

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Webb requested that action Item F – Staff Holiday Bonuses be added to the Agenda. Mr. Wilkinson requested that action Item G – Renaming the Central Auditorium be added to the Agenda.

A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve the agenda as amended. 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 Kurtis Holland and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting
- B. October Financial Reports.
- C. Employment

The Board approved Bonnie Hunter as Food Service Director and Moises Juarez-Paredes as High Assistant Wrestling Coach. The approved Kaitlyn Sachs (pending receipt of Authorization), Jared Simpson, and Kayla Villagomez (pending receipt of Authorization) as Guest Teachers. The Board approved Jazmin Pena and Kayla Villagomez as Classified guest employees.

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. Jill Gosar and Tate Smith presented their request for the 6th Grade to take an out of state field trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico at the end of the school year. The students would visit Meow Wolf Museum and the Harrell House Bug Museum. The trip would be similar to the trip taken last year. If time allows they may visit a third museum on the Plaza. The trip last year was a success and they would like to take the students again.
- B. Jason Paschall, the Band Director gave a “State of Band” address. When he stepped into the position last year he faced the challenges not the least of which was the various changes of directors over the last few years. The marching band had a successful season: winning two first place prizes and 2nd place at state. He developed some goals for the program that he is continuing to work towards. One goal was a strong community presence that will build community support for the program. They have worked on this goal by participating in

community parades and celebrations, performing at the Veteran's Center and at two retirement communities in town, and playing in a combined concert with the SLV Big Band. Another goal is repairing and purchasing instruments. There is not anyone locally able to perform the repairs in a timely manner. Mr. Paschall attended a workshop to learn how to make some repairs on the woodwind and brass instruments. He needs to replenish supplies and get some tools to be able to make the repairs if the budget allows. Another goal is for students to take charge of their own musical growth and practice more. He has found the students have a wide range of abilities from not being able to read music at all to being able to perform at grade level. He has purchased some practice software for the students to use as they practice. Parental support and encouragement are vital in motivating students. The program is growing with 54 students in marching band this year and more expected in the coming years. There are 126 students participating the band program District wide. The purchase of instruments is important to support the growth of the program – the students cannot learn if there are not enough instruments for them to take home and practice. For the percussionists to audition at the state level a marimba is needed because it is a required instrument for the auditions. Mr. Paschall is working to start an after-school Jazz Band Club, possibly a drum club and offer an off-season Marching Band camp on Fridays. The students are excited about the program. Mr. Paschall would like to grow a successful program but is limited in what he can accomplish as one person. Mr. Paschall stated on a few occasions that he hopes to remain with the District but if there is not personnel help that might not be possible. Mr. Paschall would like to expose the students to more experiences by attending symphonies, jazz concerts, or bringing in performers to share with the students. Mr. Paschall answered a few questions from the Board regarding the band program.

A. Comments from the Audience. No comments.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. BOCES Report. Kurt Holland reported committees are being formed. Mr. Webb is on the committee to find the replacement for the Director that will be retiring. The BOCES is a vital part of our District in providing to services for 42 students at Bill Metz Elementary, 26 students at the Middle School and 17 students at the High School. These numbers do not include the Extended Service students at our schools. The BOCES is facing the challenge of finding specialists in various areas with the non-competitive wages that the budget allows. The District contribution to the BOCES is about \$200,000 each year.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported the next meeting will be held on the second Thursday in January.
- C. City/District Conversations. No meeting.
- D. Principal Reports Follow-Up. Mr. Futrell shared a note written by a guest employee commenting on how the staff treated the students with patience and love and that it was a pleasure to work in the building. A question was asked regarding AEDs being available in the District. There is one at the Middle School and one at the High School. Mr. Webb has been working with County Health on the possibility of getting more for the District.
- E. Board Report. Four Board members and Mr. Webb attended the CASB conference last week. Mr. Reschke attending the workshop with the legislators and found the new legislators are not real familiar with the education issues. The legislators need to hear stories from parents, students and educators about making education a priority for the State. Governor-elect Polis voiced support for education funding during the campaign and will be meeting with the Great Education Colorado

Group and the superintendents to discuss funding for education. Mr. Wilkinson attended a workshop concerning social media and school districts. Some of the bigger districts have a full-time person who monitors and takes care of social media pages. Mr. Webb sat in on a Webinar today about the liability issues concerning social media and the District participating in social media sites such as Facebook, snapchat, etc. He will be sharing a white paper with the Board.

- F. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb has met with representatives for TSJC concerning their vision to create a stronger vocational education presence in the Valley. They want to build a facility for diesel mechanics, hydroponics, etc. The TSJC administration has determined that, in their opinion, THE best place for their program expansion is the area around the Monte Vista Middle School and hope to move forward with those plans in partnership with the District. Mr. Webb received a proposal from Robert Grondin with RLH Engineering regarding replacing the Middle School heating system, adding card access entries, more security cameras and the roof at the Delta Center for no more than \$34,000 plus reimbursables. Mr. Webb asked the Board if they want to pursue extensive repairs at the Middle School and do they want to explore the possibilities of TSJC using the property for their vocational program. The Board is interested in having more conversations with TSJC concerning their project and seeing where that may lead since it would have an effect on what happens to the Middle School building. The District has applied for a Security Grant to upgrade the radio systems and get training on their use to improve communications in an emergency situation. The LED lighting project is proceeding with equipment and supplies being delivered. The project may begin during the Christmas break. Joey Montoya, Facilities Director is working with EOS in locating local people to provide labor for this project. There was an expulsion of a student this week and recently there was an arrest of a High School student at the High School. Due to the shortage of guest Teachers, a new form has been developed to allow teachers to get paid the guest teacher pay when they take over the duties of the absent teacher. The state has responded to the requests for reconsideration of the ratings for Bill Metz Elementary and the Delta Center. The Delta Center's request was granted since schools are not supposed to be penalized due to low student participation in testing. Bill Metz Elementary's request was denied. Mr. Futrell and Mrs. Plane had requested a rubric back in October when they began the process of requesting reconsideration and were told the State does not use rubric. When the school was informed that the request had been denied because the rubric did not allow the change. When the State was questioned about using a rubric, they stated that it was for internal use only and not released to the schools. Mr. Futrell stated that through I-Station and Galileo the growth targets were met in 11 out of 17 areas. The narrative from the State does not support their decision to deny the reconsideration. The State does not provide the information with enough time for the District to plan on meeting with the State Board to provide a rebuttal for their decision. Mr. Nehring and Mr. Webb would like to pursue appealing this decision further. The District will be receiving an \$87,000 grant to implement bullying prevention programs. The staff will be trained along with a parent cadre to go out into the community to train community organizations involved with children. Using the same language and approach will re-enforce the message to the students.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

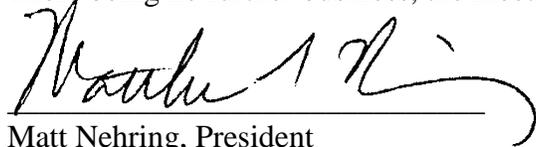
- A. New Policy. Policy EF-E-2. No discussion.
- B. Policy Revisions. The first reading, second and third readings of various policy revisions. See the attached list.

ACTION ITEMS:

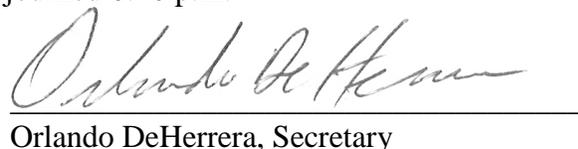
- A. Certification of the FY19 Mill Levy. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Dave Reschke to certify the FY19 Mill Levy. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- B. Approval of Release Day for Marsh and BME students on January 21, 2019 for Data work. A motion was made by Orlando DeHerrera and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve the release day for Marsh and BME students on January 21, 2019 for Data Work. The was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Food Service Director Salary Schedule. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by David Reschke to approve the Food Service Salary Schedule. 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. Policy Revisions. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to adopt revisions to EEAE – Bus Safety Program, EEAEAA-R – Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers (Regulation), EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles and EEAG-E – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles (MOU). 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. The Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by David Reschke to schedule the next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:00 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.
- F. Holiday Bonus for Staff. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve a \$100 Holiday Bonus for each staff member. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- G. Rename the Central Auditorium. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Kurtis Holland to support renaming the Central Auditorium “The Jean Ritchie Central Auditorium” and the Monte Vista Education Foundation to pursue the steps to make this change. 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 8:40 p.m.



Matt Nehring, President



Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary