

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

January 17, 2019

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:

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

- A. Approve minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting
- B. November Financial Reports.
- C. Employment

The Board accepted the resignation of Unica Archuleta as a Part-time Food Service. The Board approved Tony Kechter as High School Baseball Head Coach. The Board approved Logan Culver, Valentina Loza (pending receipt of Authorization) Gregory Richardson and Natalie Wheelock (pending receipt of Authorization) as Guest Teachers. The Board approved Tom Sanderson as a Classified guest employee.

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. Danielle Gibbs – Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences. Middle School staff would like permission from the Board to change the format of their Parent/Teacher conferences to mimic Bill Metz Elementary's current format. The grade level core teachers would be in one location/room and would schedule times for the parents to meet with them. There would also be a drop-in time in the evening from 5 pm to 7pm. The parents have complained about the wait time to see teachers and hearing the same thing from each teacher regarding their child's progress. Mr. Webb suggested doing a parent survey to be sure any changes would meet the parents' needs.
- B. Comments from the Audience. Teacher, Taylor Johnson updated the Board on the History Fair. There will be 14 students from the High School and 14-15 students from the Middle School participating in the Fair on Saturday, January 26th. The Student Council is holding barbecues before the home games to encourage students to attend and be involved.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. BOCES Report. Kurt Holland was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was short with 8 in attendance. Budget issues will be addressed at the February meeting and the process of evaluating the Director will begin.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported that there were no completed requests for funds to consider. The Foundation did receive a sizable donation from Rio Grande Savings and Loan. Teacher John Camponeschi will be joining the Foundation to represent the staff of the District and is considering taking on the social media functions for the Foundation.
- C. City/District Conversations. David Reschke and Gay Wilkinson met with the police chief and others. The police department is considering participating in the LEAP program – a diversion program directed towards youth. Mr. Webb will be meeting with Chief Rosecrans concerning how this program works and will be used. The City is working to have cameras placed in strategic locations to monitor activity in areas like the Skate Park.
- D. Principal Reports Follow-Up. David Reschke expressed appreciation for the time taken to prepare the reports and the efforts to keep the Board informed. Matt Nehring filed an open records request with CDE to see the rubric used for the BME rating and received the information requested. After reviewing the information, the calculations for the ratings continue to appear unfair and arbitrary.
- E. Board Report. Gary Wilkinson reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and heard about SLVoices operated by Ryan and Martha Lock. They are producing podcasts highlighting events and organizations in the San Luis Valley and would be interested in working with the School District on some podcasts. Dr. Nehring will begin the Superintendent evaluation process this next week.
- F. Superintendent Report. Mr. Webb spoke with Lisa Medler with CDE concerning the ratings received by the schools and the inconsistent language and application of the ratings. There are other schools that are having issues with the ratings and the way they are calculated. The District can have a State Review Panel consisting of 2 people come in the Spring. The District can request panel members that understand rural issues and the demographics of the District. The District has received a letter from Damian Arellano with the Leavitt Group (worker's comp insurance) congratulating the District on the reduction in worker comp claims. This has a direct impact on the premiums paid and there is the possibility of a rebate on the premiums. The staff is to be congratulated on their commitment to a safe work place. TSJC is still exploring their options for a new facility. The heating issues at the Middle School still need to be addressed. Bob Grondin with RLH Engineering is still willing to work on the design for the Middle School. The BEST deadline is February 15th. Mr. Webb requested that an Action Item D be added to the Agenda to approve proceeding with the RLH contract for the Middle School remodel. The state licensing inspector was at Marsh this week and discussed the need for facilities to care for 18 month old to 3 year old children in Monte Vista. The annex buildings at Marsh could be used for this purpose and a portion of the playground would need to be fenced for the younger children to use. Mr. Webb reported the Food Service Fund has some extra funds that need to be spent. Bonnie Hunter and Mark Hotz are looking at replacing the van with a panel van with a lift that would make it possible to transport heating units to keep the food hot. The Science Fair is experiencing some conflicts with dates. It has been suggested to move the fair to Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week in 2020 to avoid future conflicts. The Career and Technical education audit has accepted the correction plan for the issues that were identified in

the audit. The legislation is looking at various funding for education. The Governor is in favor of funding full day Kindergarten. They are looking at funding for emotional wellness for kindergarten through first grade by providing personnel to work at those grade levels and funding for bonuses for educators with “highly effective” evaluations. Mr. Webb will share the “State of Education” executive summary review with the Board. The review speaks the same language that is part of the S-CAP principles and goals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. 2018-19 Revised budget. No questions or comments.
- B. New Policy. Policy JLCDB – Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students was read.
- C. Policy Revisions. The first reading, second and third readings of various policy revisions. See the attached list.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approval of Revised 2018-19 Budget. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the Revised 2018-19 Budget. 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. Policy Revisions. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Kurtis Holland to adopt revisions to IHBD – Equivalence of Services (Title I), JFABB – Admission of Non-immigrant Foreign Exchange Students, JFABB-R – Admission of Non-immigrant Foreign Exchange Students – Regulation, JICEA – School-Related Student Publications and JICEA-R – School-Related Student publications (School Publications Code) - Regulation. 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. The Next Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Orlando DeHerrera and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to schedule the next Regular Board Meeting for Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 5:30 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.
- D. RLH Engineering Contract. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the contract with RLH Engineering pending conversation with TSJC on Monday. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

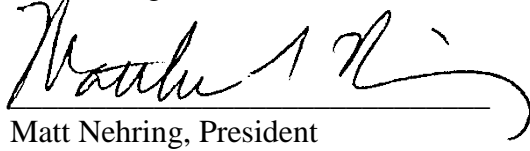
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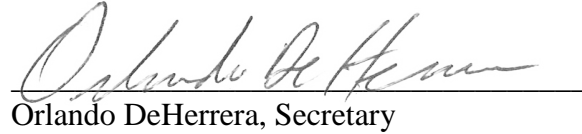
A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Kurtis Holland to go into executive session for discussion of personnel and legal advice per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) at 7:45 p.m.

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 8:25 p.m.


Matt Nehring, President


Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary