MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 Monte Vista, Colorado

October 8, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the Board Room with the audience attending by ZOOM.

REGULAR MEETING:

Gary Wilkinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called. Board members present were Orlando DeHerrera, Kurtis Holland, Carly Santi Lozoya, and Gary Wilkinson. Elizabeth Quintana was absent. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Carly Santi Lozoya and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve the agenda. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Gary Wilkinson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Carly Santi Lozoya to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting
- B. August Financial Reports
- C. Resignation/Employment List:

The Board accepted the resignations of Blanca Medina – One-on-One Para at BME and Christopher Montoya – Maintenance Employee.

The Board approved certified substitute Anfernee Romero (pending receipt of authorization) and Melinda Viescas.

The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

A. Comments from the Audience. None.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- A. BOCES Report. Kurtis Holland reported the BOCES office was closed for a few days due to positive COVID tests of a couple employees that work off site at one of the school districts.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Carly Santi Lozoya reported that Mrs. Dameworth is raising funds to purchase instruments for the Bill Metz Elementary students. Bill Metz has passed away and a memorial service will be held in the Central Auditorium on October 24th. Contributions are being requested in lieu of flowers for the Bill Metz Funds to be used for the benefit of the students at the Elementary School.
- C. City/District Conversations. The City Recreation Department is working on beginning peewee volleyball program. The SRO is working on home visits during these first nine weeks.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Gary Wilkinson complimented the Middle School on supporting local businesses by using them in the Middle School PBIS program.
- E. Board Report. CASB is looking for candidates to service on their Board for the coming year.
- F. Superintendent Report. Scott Wiedeman shared the results of the resent survey comparing the results to the survey taken before school started. There is an increase in the number of parents and teachers wanting to return to in-person education. The remote education is not going well for some students and would benefit from returning to classrooms full-time. The hybrid model we have been using is doing well and will continue through the rest of the first semester. The goal of continuing the hybrid model is to avoid having to move the full District to remote education because of the increase in COVID cases. The maintenance department is working on getting the heating issues resolved. The department is short-handed and working hard to keep up with everything. The SAT/ACT will be given this Spring. CMAS may not be done this Spring because of the effect of the pandemic in closing schools last Spring. The Board needs to waive the state testing and Capstone project requirements for graduation for this year's Seniors because the opportunity for testing and the Capstone project were not available last Spring. Student enrollment is up about 17 FTE students. The first football game of the season will be held tomorrow with guidelines in place to maintain social distance. A volleyball tournament was held last weekend and the participants worked well with the guidelines for masks and social distancing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. CASB Convention (Virtual). Check on how the recordings for the breakout sessions will work. The networking is more important than the breakout sessions thus paying for registrations for all the Board members may not be the best use of funds at this time.
- B. Policy. See the attached list for policies read and reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution to Change the Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the Resolution. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B. Policy Adoptions and Revisions. A motion was made by Carly Santi Lozoya and seconded by Kurtis Holland to adopt new policies AC-R-2 Sex-Based Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures; GBAB Workplace Health and Safety Protection and amended policies AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity; AC-R-1 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Complaint and Compliance Process); AC-E-1 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Sample Notice); AC-E-2 Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (Complaint Form); ADC Tobacco-Free Schools; EBBA-R Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling of Body Fluids); EBCE School Closings and Cancellations; GBA Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity; GCE/GCF Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring; GDE/GDF Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring; IKA Grading/Assessment Systems; JB Equal Educational Opportunities; JBB Sexual Harassment; JF Admission and Denial of Admission; JFBB Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment; JICDD Violent and Aggressive Behavior; JICDE Bullying Prevention and Education; JII Student Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances; and LBD Relations with District Charter Schools. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Next Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Carly Santi Lozoya to schedule the next regular board meeting for November 12th at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, absent; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Gary Wilkinson, President

Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary