

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

September 10, 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 6:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to amend the agenda by adding discussion B. Graduation Requirements. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 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 Carly Santi Lozoya and seconded by Kurtis Holland to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approve minutes from the August 6, 2020 meeting
- B. July Financial Reports
- C. Resignation/Employment List:

The Board accepted the resignations of Haley Gonzales – Part-time Food Service Server and Paloma Mestas – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher.

The Board approved certified employee Janene Mondragon – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher.

The Board approved classified employees Lauren Cook – HS Mobility Specialist Paraprofessional, Cheryl Garcia – Part-time Food Service Server, and Blanca Medina – BME Paraprofessional.

The Board approved certified substitute Ginger Freel and classified substitute employees Joseph Atencio and Monica Medina.

The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- A. Comments from the Audience. None.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- A. BOCES Report. Kurtis Holland reported the new directors Tina Goar and Stacey Holland met with the Board via Zoom. The breakfast held to honor Nita McAuliffe as she retired was well attended.
- B. Education Foundation Report. The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October.
- C. City/District Conversations. None.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Gary Wilkinson complimented the Principals on their reports and said they were exactly what the Board needed.
- E. Board Report. Gary Wilkinson reported that he has received many positive comments from the community regarding the school leadership and how well school is proceeding this year.
- F. Superintendent Report. Scott Wiedeman reported with the uncertainty of the situation this year it has been hard to look at future plans for the District. The first snow day was called on September 9<sup>th</sup>. One good thing that happened with the pandemic situation is the secondary students and teachers were able to go to a virtual education format and not lose the day of instruction. The Elementary in-person students did have a snow day with no instruction. The District will need to review how to handle employee absences on snow days with the virtual option available. CHSAA is planning to continue with the calendar that came out in August. The District is looking at the possibility of using some the MIH grant funds for intramural activities after school. The students need the interaction for their social and emotional well-being. The boilers are down for the High School. Mark Hotz is working to get the parts needed to get them repaired as quickly as possible. There will be a COVID matrix using scientific data provided by the CDPHE. The matrix will be updated daily to show the level of concern regarding COVID19 and when the school would be required to switch to virtual classrooms. The District will be able to provide free lunches for all students until December 30<sup>th</sup>. Remote learners will be able to call the kitchen and request lunch/breakfast and pick them up in front of the High School each day.

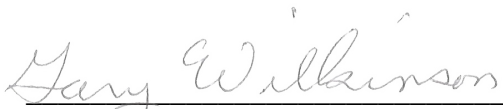
**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

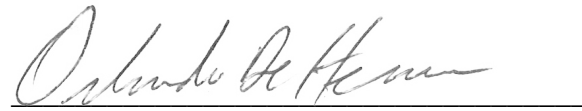
- A. Policy Revisions. Several policies were read and reviewed. See the attached list.
- B. Graduation Requirements. Mr. Ortega reported that since last year's Juniors were unable to take the SAT or ACT tests due to the pandemic, the state is offering to let this year's Seniors take the SAT test at no cost. The Board needs to waive the testing and Capstone requirement for graduation for this year's seniors because the opportunity for testing and the Capstone project were not available in the Spring.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Non-eligible Student Transportation Request. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Carly Santi Lozoya to approve the Non-eligible Student Transportation Request. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Kurtis Holland and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to schedule the next regular board meeting for October 8th at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurt Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Gary Wilkinson, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary