

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

September 9, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the District Board Room.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

Vice President Kurtis Holland called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the agenda after amending it to add Discussion Item D *Retention and Recruitment Bonus*, Discussion Item E *Middle School Parking Lot*, and Action Item C *Recruitment and Retention Bonus*. The vote was: Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Kurtis Holland led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Approved minutes from the August 12, 2021 meetings after correcting the vote on the Consent Agenda to show Gary Wilkinson abstained.
- B. Approved July Financial Reports.
- C. Resignation/Employment List: The Board accepted the resignation of Louie Sandoval as a part-time custodian, and approved the following employees:
  - Emma DeHerrera – HS Science Teacher (2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)
  - Daniel Gallegos – Bus Driver
  - Cobi Garcia – HS Asst Football Coach
  - Edwin (Teddy) Leinbach – HS Boys' Golf Coach
  - Mariah Barbosa – Classified Substitute
  - Guadalupe Martinez – Classified Substitute
- D. Approved Non-Eligible Student Transportation Requests for Aric Bucholz, Eddward Hagedorn, Jacey Ramirez, and Leslye Hernandez.

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

**ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- A. Comments from the Audience. There were no comments from the audience.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

- A. BOCES Report. Kurtis Holland reported the September BOCES meeting will be held next week.
- B. Education Foundation Report. Gary Wilkinson reported the next Education Foundation meeting will be in October.
- C. City/District Conversations. Representatives from the City and the District have not met.
- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Gary Wilkinson stated he appreciates the information provided in the principal reports.
- E. Board Report. There was no Board report.
- F. Superintendent Report. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman reported on the following: 1) there has been miscommunication circulating about state testing, there will be state testing this year; 2) He, Mark Hotz, and Leona Holland met with representatives of Schneider Electric for a kick-off project viewing the buildings for energy saving opportunities; 3) Prop 119 is a new proposition that would increase the marijuana tax for after school tutoring to be run by an independent company. Both CASE and CASB are opposed to the proposition due to the lack of accountability and the amount that would go to the independent company for administrative salaries; and 4) The middle school land lease has been split into two contracts.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- A. COVID Protocols. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman reported on the quarantines that have taken place this year – at this point none of the positive COVID cases were from school exposure. He reported on the daily steps he takes to keep informed of the COVID numbers, conversations with our school nurses, public health and other school districts in Rio Grande County. He gave kudos to our school nurses, Briana Villagomez and Marka Clark, for their work in dealing with COVID. He also informed the Board of the increased cleaning steps the maintenance department is taking. Sixth through 12<sup>th</sup> graders may receive free COVID tests in the district, with parent permission. Dr. DeHerrera voiced his concerns around the Delta Variant and precautionary measures. He feels strongly on educating individuals about the vaccine. Dr. DeHerrera will be writing an article for posting on the district website.
- B. Update on Purchase of Building. Accounting/Risk Manager Leona Holland presented the contract for the purchase of the old Community Bank Building. She reported that Attorney Gene Farish reviewed the contract. The purchase price of the building is \$309,000 which is \$5,000 less than the assessed value and works out to approximately \$103 per sq. ft. The agreement with Community Banks is they will be allowed to keep their ATM in the drive through at the north of the building. Contact has been made with Ciello on internet connectivity to the building and Ciello has agreed to run the necessary line at no cost if the district displays an SLV REC/Ciello banner.
- C. Policy – The Board discussed and had second reading on the following policies.

CBB	Recruitment of Superintendent
IHCDA	Concurrent Enrollment
JLCB	Immunization of Students
JLCB-R	Immunization of Students (Regulation)
JLCD	Administering Medication to Students
JLCD-R	Administering Medication to Students – Regulation
JLCD-E	Administering Medication to Students - Exhibit
JLCDB	Administration of Medical Marijuana
JLCDB-E-1	Administration of Medical Marijuana (Primary Caregiver Form)

- D. Retention and Recruitment Bonus. The Board received a request for an exception to the retention bonus. The bonus was paid from ESSER III grant funds and written specifically for returning employees, but not those working in extra-duty positions. Discussion was had about the intent of the bonus and who should be eligible to receive it. The Board members noted their thoughts were strictly around the bonus and they were appreciative of the individual requesting the bonus.
- E. Middle School Parking Lot. Board member Elizabeth Quintana asked if something could be done to the flow pattern when leaving the middle school parking lot. Superintendent Scott Wiedeman said he would take care of the matter.

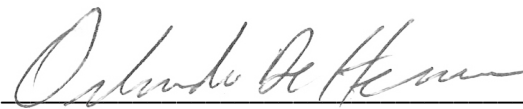
**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Approval of Contract for Purchase of Building. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Elizabeth Quintana to approve the Contract for the purchase of the old Community Bank Building. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to schedule the next regular board meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.
- C. Retention and Recruitment Bonus. A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Orlando DeHerrera to maintain the original intent of the Retention and Recruitment Bonus specified in the grant application and deny the request for a retention bonus by an employee working in an extra-duty position. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 4 to 0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. A motion was made by Elizabeth Quintana and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) for the Discussion of Personnel –Maintenance/Transportation Director Mark Hotz. The vote was Orlando DeHerrera, aye; Kurtis Holland, aye; Elizabeth Quintana, aye; Carly Santi Lozoya, absent; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0. The Board went into executive session at 7:00 p.m. and returned to regular session at 7:11 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

  
Kurtis Holland, Vice President  
Orlando DeHerrera, Secretary