

MONTE VISTA CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Monte Vista, Colorado

February 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Monte Vista Consolidated School District No. 8 was held in the district boardroom.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Matt Nehring.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called. Board members present were Elizabeth Conner, Beverly Martinez, Matt Nehring, David Reschke, and Gary Wilkinson. Superintendent Bob Webb was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Matt Nehring led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve the agenda after amending it to add Action Item D *Exception to Senior Trip Policy*. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- A. Minutes. Approve minutes of the January 14, 2016, and January 28, 2016 meetings.
- B. Approve December 2015 Financial Reports and Quarterly Report.
- C. Resignations/Employment. Accept the retirement resignations of Mary Vigil as Executive Assistant for Special Projects effective April 24, 2016, and of Jerene Wilkinson as Accounting/Risk Manager effective June 30, 2016. Approve Maria Martinez as a guest teacher (1 year sub authorization) and Daniel Gallegos as a classified guest employee (bus driver).

The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- A. MVHS Senior Class. Class President Abigail Sanchez presented a request to the Board for an overnight senior trip.
- B. Comments from the Audience. There were no comments from the audience.

DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. BOCES Report. David Reschke reported on the January 20th meeting. It was an organizational meeting and David is now serving as vice president. The Teacher of the Year Recognition dinner will be held on April 27th.

BOCES needs to know how many districts will participate in Lindamood Bell; pricing is not yet available. The Board approved a 2% increase to the base salary of BOCES staff. An overview of BOCES funding was given, making the point that the BOCES runs programs, not students, and receives no federal or state funding for administration, only what the member districts pay. A Board member training will be provided on March 16th, with the topic to be determined. BOCES continues to encourage constituents to communicate with legislators using actual stories on the effects of school funding.

- B. Education Foundation. Gary Wilkinson reported the Foundation has not met since his last report. The HS STEM department has received the Chromebooks purchased with Foundation funds.
- C. City/District Conversations. Elizabeth Conner reported the City Manager asked if the district would write a letter of support for the proposed Rec District which would include Monte Vista, South Fork, and Del Norte. The group wishes to show the county commissioners the community supports a Rec District.

Conversation was had about the need for the Kids Connection to find a different location by August 5th in order for the district to prepare the area for the start of the school year. The City Manager called Mr. Webb wanting to discuss the August deadline further. David Reschke commented that he feels the district needs to work collaboratively with Kids Connection, as it serves district students.

- D. Follow-up to Principal Reports. Scott Wiedeman and Gary Wilkinson reported on the implementation of new award– the Melinda Pinkerton Award. Melinda is a Monte Vista High graduate and suffers from Neurofibromatosis Type II. She embodies the characteristics that all students should strive to meet. This prestigious award will be presented to a worthy senior each year.
- E. Superintendent Report. Bob Webb reported on his recent educator exchange trip to Mexico. He stated it was a valuable experience and he hopes it will lead to finding teachers to fill the teacher shortage in the state.

He updated the Board on the Curriculum Loft matter. The district's attorney has submitted a demand letter to Curriculum Loft and its insurance carrier, and is waiting for further comment from the insurance carrier.

The administration office staff met to discuss a transition plan for filling the vacant positions. It was determined that a replacement for the Executive Assistant for Special Projects should start by April 11th and the replacement for the Accounting/Risk Manager should start by mid-May.

Mr. Webb gave a budget update including the additional at-risk funding, an increase in ELPA funding, and he reported the House passed the Governor's supplemental budget without change. Work will begin on the 2016-2017 budget with Needs Based Budget spreadsheets sent to the principals and directors for completion.

Mr. Webb met with ABA representatives. District employees/families are heavy users of the insurance. An increase of 9% - 15% increase in premiums is anticipated for next year.

Mr. Webb gave an update on SCAP. The Admin Team as determined the dashboard pieces they will use.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Review of School Safety. Superintendent Bob Webb reviewed school safety and pulled out highlights from the Claire Davis study. The principals provided input regarding practices in their respective buildings. A Safety Committee is in place and working on a written plan. The plan will include training for principals and staff members.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Policy Revisions. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to approve the following policy revisions:

DAB-E	Financial Administration (Online Posting of Financial Information) – Exhibit
GBEE-R	Staff Use of District Technology
GBGAB	First Aid Training
GBJA	Disclosure of Information to Prospective Employers
IKA	Grading/Assessment Systems
JLCD-R	Administering Medications to Students – Regulation
JLCE	First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
KLG	Relations with State Agencies

The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

- B. Policy Repeal. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Elizabeth Conner to repeal Policy EBAB-R *Hazardous Materials – Regulation*. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- C. Next Meeting. A motion was made by David Reschke and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to schedule the next regular Board meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- D. Exception to Senior Trip Policy. A motion was made by Gary Wilkinson and seconded by Beverly Martinez to make an exception to Policy IJOA-1 and allow the MVHS senior class to take an overnight trip. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.
- E. Transportation Waiver. A motion was made by Elizabeth Conner and seconded by Gary Wilkinson to approve a transportation waiver request allowing the children of a guest teacher to ride the bus to the school she is working at, for the remainder of the school year. The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f):

A motion was made by Elizabeth Conner and seconded by David Reschke to move into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for discussion of personnel C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f). The vote was Elizabeth Conner, aye; Beverly Martinez, aye; Matt Nehring, aye; David Reschke, aye; and Gary Wilkinson, aye. Motion passed 5 to 0. The Board returned to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:15 p.m.



Matt Nehring, President

Beverly Martinez, Secretary