



VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

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Vista Charter School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2013
Vista Charter School Library
Regular Meeting 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

BJ Brown-2014, Vice President
Linda Lake-2013, Secretary-Treasurer
Russ Stone-2015, President
Vacant-2015

**BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Brent Wareham-interim through 9/2013

OTHERS PRESENT

Beth Sass, Administrator
Tivin Baize, Student
Amairany Bustamante, Student
Nick Knowles, Student
Roberto Macias, Student
Cheltsie Silcox, Student
LeAnna Spadafora, Admin. Asst

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting, rescheduled from September 18, was called to order by president, Russ Stone, at 4:01 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS**

Minutes/ Agenda: August 21, 2013 minutes were approved as corrected and the agenda was amended to add "Board Member Vacancy" under Discussion Items.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Russ Stone asked the students in attendance to introduce themselves and share their future plans. All of them intend to graduate this school year and will either continue working in their current employment, or attend a post-secondary institution.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Board received the Principal's Report in advance. Further discussion included:

- **District Enrollment:** It is early in the count window, but we are "in the ballpark" with our budget. The board discussed PEAK's effect on both Vista and Passage enrollment.
- **State of the District Meeting:** Beth reported back on the State of the District meeting held earlier this week.
- **School Finance Bill Amendment 66:** Beth Sass shared what she had learned at the Charter School Finance Seminar last week.
- **Charter Renewal:** Beth Sass reported there is a discrepancy in the number of waivers we have and the number listed on CDE's website. She assured the board she is working on sorting this out, adding additional automatic waivers and replacement plan protocols.

- **BEST Reserve:** Beth Sass reported it has come to her attention that our BEST Grant requires we set aside \$40,000 per year for the purpose of maintaining the building. CDE approval is required to spend the funds and there is no sunset date. Beth is reviewing all of the grant documents and has contacted BEST for clarification. The board recommended using our reserves in ColoTrust, then budgeting next year if required.

BOARD REPORT

There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Attendance Advocate: Angelique Chavez described her new position as attendance advocate. She stated she is in the process of making connections with students and offering services to them and their families to encourage and facilitate students coming to school. She has offered solutions such as home-study for a pregnant girl on bed rest and bus passes to students with transportation issues.

Board Vacancy: The board will follow protocol and search for new board member candidates for the remainder of Sharon Watkins term, 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

Fotopedia: *It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to approve the Fotopedia course as presented by Marty Fevrier at the last board meeting. Motion approved 3-0*

It was moved by Lake and seconded by Brown to appoint Brent Wareham to a 3-year term, through September 2016. Motion approved 3-0

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0
The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be October 16, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.