



VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

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Vista Charter School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012
Vista Charter School Library
Regular Meeting 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

BJ Brown-2014, Vice President
Linda Lake-2013, Secretary-Treasurer
Carol Parker-2013 (late)
Russ Stone-2012, President
Sharon Watkins-2012

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Duran, Student
Marty Fevrier, Teacher
Michelle Nawrocki, Student
Trinity Sandoval, Student
Beth Sass, Administrator
LeAnna Spadafora, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by president, Russ Stone, at 4:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes: The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved as presented and will be filed. Moved by Lake; seconded by Watkins; 4-0
Agenda: The agenda was amended to add Food for Vista under Discussion

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Russ Stone asked the students in attendance to introduce themselves and share some information about their experience at Vista. All three intend to graduate this year.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The Board received the Principal's Report in advance. Beth Sass answered questions regarding:

- Lack of middle school students: While we are expecting five students next week, there are a variety of reasons this new program might not have taken off yet and we are looking at some changes for next year. For example, waiting until second quarter to transfer students in would give the middle schools more time to evaluate and select students.
- Punch list: Our contingency money will be withheld until Chamberlin signs off on the punch list.
- Solar Panel for greenhouse: It's purpose is to run the fans
- Trane Heating/Cooling: Beth Sass expressed frustration at not being able to control the heating and cooling in the building. There was confusion about the software and where it would be housed, at Vista or on the district server. Beth and John Potter are working at solving the problem.

- Outdoor Furniture: We expect to take delivery of the outdoor furniture by the end of the month.
- Financials: Beth Sass apologized that the packets did not contain copies of financial statements. The District is being audited and were unable to put them together for us.
- It was noted that the picture in the Daily Press of Representative Don Coram presenting a state flag to the school was wonderful.

BOARD REPORT

The contact list information was updated. LeAnna will email a copy to everyone.

Sharon Watkins and Russ Stone both submitted letters of interest for reappointment to the Board for another term. *It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to accept their letters and appoint each of them to another term. Motion passed 4-0.*

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Watkins that the slate of officers- Russ Stone, President; BJ Brown, Vice President; and Linda Lake, Secretary-Treasure, remain the same for the coming year. Motion passed 4-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Course Approval: Marty Fevrier presented a course proposal for a volleyball class. This would be a pull-out class for the last 30 minutes of his regular class time. The class will not start until spring and he estimates the cost to be \$300-\$900 depending on the quality of equipment he purchases. Mr. Fevrier also presented a course proposal for “The History of Hip Hop”, a self-paced class students would take independently as elective credit. The Board will have a second reading and vote on these courses at the next meeting.

Facility Use Policy: The Board received a revised copy of the District’s facility use policy and application. After discussion, it was recommended that we consult David Price. It was also noted that we may need to request a waiver to board policy at a school district board meeting.

Sewer Tap Fee: The city has billed us \$19,000 for a sewer tap fee. After discussion about who should be responsible, requesting the funds from the BEST grant, whether it would be reasonable to assume that the sewer tap fees were included in the water tap fees, and whether this is in the normal range of a public facility fee, it was recommended that Beth Sass turn this over to our attorney or to John Potter, The Blythe Group, to research, and that a letter of clarification from the city is in order.

ACTION ITEMS

After following the RFP process, Beth Sass recommended Deeply-Digital be awarded the technology contract for Vista. They are not only a proven entity, they went above and beyond to prepare for the school’s open house. *It was moved by Lake and seconded by Watkins to award Deeply-Digital our technology contract, and to pay an additional \$1000 for unlisted, overtime services provided prior to our open house. Motion approved 4-0*

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to approve the recommendation of Tom Mantos as full-time custodial/maintenance. Motion passed 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS

BJ Brown reminded Beth Sass that she has authority to spend up to \$5000 without prior board approval.

Carol Parker praised our students for their behavior at the Live Well meeting. The next meeting of Live Well will be “Image to Action” night on November

29, 2012. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served, RSVP to Carol. The location has yet to be announced.

Carol Parker was not prepared to discuss at this meeting, but would like to discuss the topic of food for the school, including a “grab and go” program offered by the school district. Beth Sass has emailed Kathy Deltonto but has not heard back from her. We will add this to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Parker and seconded by Lake to adjourn. Motion approved 5 -0. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be October 17, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
The board is providing a pot-luck BBQ for staff, Friday, September 28, 4:00, at the home of Russ Stone.