



VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

Pioneering an Individualized - Alternative Approach to Learning

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March 19, 2014
Vista Charter School Library
Regular Meeting 4:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT**

BJ Brown-2014, Vice President
Russ Stone-2015, President
Brent Wareham-2016

**BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Linda Lake-2016, Secretary-Treasurer
Scott Stryker-2015

OTHERS PRESENT

Beth Sass, Administrator
LeAnna Spadafora, Admin. Asst.

CALL TO ORDER

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

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS**

Minutes/ Agenda: The January 15, 2014 minutes and the agenda were approved as presented.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was none.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

The board received the Principal's Report in advance. In addition, Beth Sass:

- explained new state testing and the change in state graduation requirements. She will email the link to board members and encouraged them to take the state practice tests. Colorado is leaning toward a state exit test prior to graduation. This year's 5th grade class will be the first class this will affect. Alternative schools may be able to use alternative measures.
- reported that teachers will not have summer curriculum work as they have had opportunity in staff development days during the school year to work on course updates. She is offering to pay for summer training and stated that there are experiential education classes and a technology conference she has approved for summer training. Brent Wareham has contact information for a teacher in Gunnison who uses experiential education if anyone is interested.
- answered a question regarding a stipend for Craig Palmer who works on the Erate funding. She stated that his student load is such that he has time to work on this during his regular work day so a stipend is not warranted.

BOARD REPORT

Bob Lee, alternative education liaison for the district, reported that the resolution to renew our charter contract for five more years was passed and signed. Language in the document specific to timing of closing the school and the appeals process in the event the charter is terminated is still being revised. It will be resubmitted to the district board when this process is completed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Social Network Policy: Beth Sass presented the board with a draft of a generic policy for social networking. After our attorney has approved the language, it will be included in the personnel policy handbook.

BEST Capital Reserve: The BEST Grant has revised the requirement that we must allocate \$40,000 per year for capital reserve. The new policy is \$100 per October Count FTE per year, i.e. about \$16,000 this year.

LeAnna Spadafora Retirement: LeAnna is planning on retiring on November 1, 2014. October 31, 2014 will be her last day. She and Bess Sass are revising the job description, paring it down by assigning some tasks to other staff members.

ACTION ITEMS

There were none.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Wareham to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be April 23, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.

A Retirement Open House will be held at the school for Debbie Lofton May 9, 2014, 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
She and LeAnna will both be recognized at the district reception May 8, 2014.