

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VISTA DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
9467 San Julian Road, Gaviota, CA 93117
August 14, 2019**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Vista Del Mar Union School Board of Trustees held in the
Library of Vista de Las Cruces School on **August 14, 2019 at 5:30 PM**

1. OPEN SESSION

A. Call to Order Meeting called to order at 5:34pm

B. Roll Call – All members present

C. Establish Order of the Agenda – Change moving to Board Member comments to the beginning of the meeting. Moving Item 9 to Item 3. Mr. Harrington talked about his reasoning for the moving of this item. Dr. Haggard will research the repercussions. Stephanie Mathis made a motion to move Item 9 to Item. 3. Nicole Jones Seconded the motion. The Ayes carries 3-0. Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, Yes Mr. Harrington

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Vista Del Mar Education Association/ CTA Dedicated Board Time – No comments

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS – No public comments

Subject to Board policy, the President of the Board will allow any individual or group representative to address the Board on any subject **not** covered by an item on the agenda under Public Comments/Staff Comments.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent/Principal will informally update the board on the progress of actions and events in the District.

Dr. Haggard shared the goals he shared with the VDM staff yesterday. His goals are to support instruction and staff, focus on academic instruction, and follow through on that and what can we do to maintain this beautiful school. He has been spending a lot of time on “facilities”. He spoke with Julie Avnit this afternoon on the issue of wastewater treatment and the other issues facing the district. He continued by saying that he submitted a grant for broadband infrastructure. Lisa Melby thanked the board for the very warm welcome she received. They have 4 teachers on staff. Delaney Sullivan is the new TK/K teacher. Lisa has placed her in the Teacher Induction Program and Caroline Esdaile will be her mentor. Caroline Esdaile will be the teacher in charge when Randy or Lisa are not around. Pablo has been a truly hard worked. Alex is a great asset to the school office. Jill is a professional with transportation. The CHP inspection was passed. Lisa said she invited the VDM staff to tag onto the Buellton staff for CPR/ 1st Aid training. Lexia training will be implemented at VDM at no charge. Vista volunteers will have a Back

to School BBQ. Lisa then reported on the events at Jonata for the VDM students who were at Jonata.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Unless the Board pulls and items for separate action, the items listed below are approved without discussion:

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board meeting, June 12, 2019
- B. Approval of Minutes from the June 12, 2019 Special Board Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes from the Special Board Workshop, June 24, 2019
- D. Approval of Budget Adoption Meeting, June 26, 2019
- E. Approval of Board Special Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2019
- F. Approval of Commercial Warrants
- G. Nicole Jones reviewed the Consent Agenda items. Stephanie Mathis made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Ryan Harrington seconded the motion. **The Ayes carries 3-0. Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, Yes Mr. Harrington**

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of short-term, at-will employment agreement

This action will approve an employment agreement between the district and Mr. William Banning. Dr. Haggard reported on the agreement to make Mr. William Banning as an at-will employee. Stephanie Mathis asked if Mr. Banning will need all 34 days. Dr. Haggard said he didn't think so but it would be a cushion. Mr. Banning's connections to the education community of basic aid districts would be really helpful. Working as an advisor for the Board of Trustees. Nicole Jones said she respects Mr. Banning and she doesn't feel that he isn't pushing lapsation but that his institutional knowledge is a tremendous help to VDM and to have continuity. Ms. Jones said she recognized that Mr. Banning has given countless hours of his time. We need to contain costs. Stephanie Mathis motioned to approve the short term, at will employment agreement with Mr. William Banning. Nicole Jones seconded the motion. **Ayes 2, Nays 1.**

Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, No Mr. Harrington

B. Certification of Evaluators for Certificated Staff

This action authorizes district administrative staff to serve as evaluators for Certificated staff members. Dr. Haggard brought forth a recommendation for the Board to certify himself and Lisa Melby to serve as evaluators. Mr. Harrington Motioned to approve the certification of evaluators. Nicole Jones seconded the motion. **The Ayes carries 3-0. Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, Yes Mr. Harrington**

C. Authorization of District Signature Forms

This action will approve district staff as authorized signers to conduct the business of the district. Dr. Haggard brought forth the authorized signature forms for board approval. Stephanie Mathis Motioned to approve the authorized signature forms. Ryan Harrington

seconded the motion. **The Ayes carried 3-0. Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, Yes Mr. Harrington**

D. Approve change of Board Meeting dates

This action would move two Board Meetings to accommodate staff attendance and meet Budget reporting deadlines as well as creating a special Joint Board Meeting with Buellton USD. Dr. Haggard brought forth a recommendation for the VDM board to move their September and December meetings to Thursdays. Included in this item is the joint board meeting of September 25th to be held at Vista Del Mar. Nicole Jones asked to have the county representatives be present at that meeting. Ryan Harrington motioned to approve the meeting dates. Stephanie Mathis seconded the motion. **The Ayes carries 3-0. Yes Stephanie Mathis, Yes Nicole Jones, Yes Mr. Harrington**

5. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Action Required)

6. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - Meeting adjourned at 6:47p.

a. Pending Litigation--Pursuant to Government Code 54957

b. Personnel Matters--Pursuant to Government Code 54957

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

No action taken.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Mr. Harrington thanked and once again welcomed Dr. Haggard to Vista Del Mar. He said that Dr. Haggard’s action on the bear and rattlesnake shows he has “rural” in him and is a welcome surprise. He continued by saying that the district needs to cut expenses. Volunteers for the library and garden are welcome. Fundraising campaign to save the school is something that needs to be followed up on in order to save Vista Del Mar.

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at: 8:10 pm