

Vista School Board Meeting

April 25, 2024 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Webex Link: <https://www.vistautah.com/board/board-meeting-live-stream/>

Board members present: Peter Dawson, Kelly Geary, Alicia Maldonado, Jacqueline Powell, Scott Smith, Michelle Walter

Others present: Michelle Andes, Terrilyn Balaszi, Dr. Justin Blasko, Troy Bradshaw, Michael Hale, Grace Paget, via Webex: Kim Bowler, Mersadies Ebert, Rebekah Rogers, Terra Thornley, Kristen Yunker, Alexis, Lindsey, H

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions - Michelle Walter

6:01 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES Scott Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for March. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

6:01 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS Grace Paget, representing the PTO, wanted to thank all the volunteers/vendors/board members who helped with or attended the spring carnival. She also invited people to be part of the PTO next year. Nominations and elections for the PTO board will be in May. She would also like roles to be clarified within the different organizations on the school website for the PTO, Vista Foundation, and the board. Alicia Maldonado spoke about the survey she did while at the carnival.

6:09 PM BOARD CALENDAR

Next Board Meeting - May 22nd @ 6 pm (Moved from May 23rd)

6:11 PM REPORTS

Director's Report - Justin Blasko

Enrollment and Lottery Update - Dr. Blasko reported that 1094 students are currently enrolled. In the 2024-25 school year there are 1181 students enrolled with 98 students on the waiting list. The target for the next school year is 1122.

Academic Progress - RISE Assessments begin next week. The school will be hosting a summer school this year. Vista is looking to expand its 95% program.

Faculty/Staff Changes - The school has hired several new teachers for the upcoming school year. Carolina Miller, the school's attendance administrative assistant, will be leaving in May. Abe Nickle will be leaving to pursue a new career which has started a change in the MDT program. Lacey Williams will be replacing him as the choir teacher. Barry Burr, Hailey Rowe, Sue Eyring, and Lindsey Stalling will be leaving at the end of the year.

Upcoming and Past Events - The Advanced Orchestra performed at the SUPAF awards ceremony. The spring dance concert, with kindergarten to 9th graders, was last week. VCE's SAINT Contemporary Ballet (9th-12th grade) will be performing a ballet version of Alice in Wonderland this weekend.

6:40 PM Financial Report - Troy Bradshaw reported on this month's profit and loss. There will be upcoming spending on further safety measures that will be discussed in future closed sessions.

6:56 PM Committee Reports (Finance, Audit, Governance) Michelle Walter shared some legislative updates from a meeting the night prior, including bonuses for the top 25% of teachers, safety mandates including a required school resource officer, and funding. No reports from the finance or audit committee. Chair Maldonado commented on the recent UAPCS training meeting.

7:01 PM DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2024-25 School Calendar - Peter Dawson made a motion to approve the updated 2024-2025 school calendar. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

Appeal and review process for instructional materials - Michelle Walter made a motion to approve the appeal and review process for instructional materials. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

Attendance Policy - Alicia Maldonado is working with the school and staff to put together a strong attendance policy.

Board Secretary - Scott Smith made a motion to approve the board secretary posting. Alicia Maldonado seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

Fee Schedule for 2024-25 - Troy Bradshaw presented the fee schedule for the 2024-2025 school year. The fee schedule will be on the agenda for May to approve.

Frogtummy Website - Mr. Bradshaw spoke to the board about progress on the new website, theme, and logo. The school administration will decide on the design before the next meeting.

iReady Math Curriculum - Dr. Blasko reported on the K-8th grade iReady Math Curriculum that will be adopted.

Land Trust - Dr Blasko reported that the members of the Land Trust Committee signed off on the plan for next year.

8:06 PM COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM None

8:06 PM Michelle Walter moved to adjourn the meeting and go into a closed session. Peter Dawson seconded the motion. "Aye," Peter Dawson, "Aye," Alicia Maldonado, "Aye," Jacqueline Powell, "Aye," Scott Smith, "Aye," Michelle Walter. Approved unanimously.

8:07 PM CLOSED SESSION for reasons stated in Utah Code 54-4-204 to review the competency or character of an individual.