

APPROVED

Vista Real Charter High School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Vista Real Public Charter, Inc., A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Thursday May 25, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Location

Meeting Location: 106 North 8th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060

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MEETING LOGISTICS

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Please see the "Accommodations" notice below.

Directors Present

Ernie Villegas, Gary Cushing, Marybeth Jacobsen, Randell Lawrence, Victoria Hancock

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Lawrence read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics and accommodations.

Randell Lawrence called a meeting of the board of directors of Vista Real Charter High School to order on Thursday May 25, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board President Lawrence introduced Vanessa Mendoza, who performed a roll call of the learning center locations that joined the meeting via a two-way teleconference line.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Jacobsen led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Corrine Manley, CEO and Area Superintendent
Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary
Cece Dullam, Principal
Josephine Nguyen, State and Federal Programs Coordinator
Jeff Martineau, V.P. of Charter Relations
Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel
Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the May 25, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Gary Cushing made a motion to approve Agenda for the May 25, 2023, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marybeth Jacobsen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Gary Cushing	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen	Aye
Ernie Villegas	Aye
Randell Lawrence	Aye

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board President Lawrence read the following announcement for members of the public:

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, unless a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time, but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Lawrence asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

III. Public Hearing

A. Open Public Hearing

Victoria Hancock made a motion to open the public hearing.

Ernie Villegas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ernie Villegas	Aye
Gary Cushing	Aye
Marybeth Jacobsen	Aye
Randell Lawrence	Aye
Victoria Hancock	Aye

B. **The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the Budget Overview for Parents and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), including the specific actions and expenditures proposed to be included in the school's LCAP, with Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan for the 2023-2024 school year**

Board President Lawrence announced the public hearing opened at 4:16 p.m.

Josephine Nguyen provided a presentation on the Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) with a Comprehensive Support and Improvement Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Nguyen then reviewed the projected revenue chart, which explains the projected revenue for the school by each fund source: LCFF funds with both supplemental and

concentration grants, and local, state and federal funds. Ms. Nguyen discussed the estimated budgeted expenditures for the school and the corresponding actions and services in the LCAP.

Next, Ms. Nguyen reviewed the school's proposed four LCAP goals for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Goal 1 – Increase Academic Progress: Actions will include support for English language learners, academic interventions, tutoring, counseling, student activities, and professional developments geared towards English learners.
- Goal 2 – Students Will Gain Skills for College and Career Readiness: Actions will include providing college and career opportunities for high-needs students through dual enrollment and CTE opportunities, professional developments, and providing technology such as laptops and hotspots.
- Goal 3 – Increase Student Retention: The school will utilize funds to pay for student retention personnel, social- emotional learning needs, transportation, and to provide access to nutrition for our high-needs students.
- Goal 4 – Increase Educational Partner Engagement: The school's community liaison to organize meaningful school activities, provide translation and other contracted outreach services, and by holding educational partner events that promote engagement with the school.

Ms. Nguyen then explained the school reflected on their progress and community partner input on the school's 2022-2023 LCAP goals when developing the 2023-2024 LCAP. Ms. Nguyen then shared the following school successes and needs identified during the reflection process:

- Reflection Successes: Student success rate, increased student retention rate, decreased student non-complete rate and recent survey showed students feel extremely safe and connected to the school.
- Reflection Needs Identified: Academic indicator for mathematics for all all-student groups was below standard, English Learner Performance index based on ELPAC scores was considered low growth, English Learner reclassification rate was below the state standard, credit completion rate was below the school's goal and the school was identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement as a result of the low 4-5 cohort graduation rate.

Ms. Nguyen then discussed the recent change due to the federal government denying the California State School Board of Education waiver to use the 1-year cohort graduation rate for its DASS schools, which is now required to use a 4–5-year cohort graduation rate. Ms. Nguyen then reviewed the CSI plan built into the LCAP report and explained that with guidance and training from the CDE and the school's local professional network, staff conducted a needs assessment and data revealed students who participated in tutoring had 50% more credits completed, which increased the graduation rates. Ms.

Nguyen explained that based on data from the school's LCAP Goal 1, action 3 provides for intensive tutoring.

Finally, Ms. Nguyen summarized the LCAP goals, actions, proposed expenditures, and increased budget for tutoring services.

Ms. Nguyen then requested input from the board and public on the school's BOP and LCAP plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

Board Member Jacobsen asked which category had the largest difference from the previous year. Ms. Nguyen informed the board the transportation budget was underspent and therefore rolled into the social-emotional category for this year. She informed the board that tutoring has also increased to encourage growth in the graduation rate.

Board President Lawrence asked for additional discussion regarding the low test scores. Ms. Nguyen discussed with the board state testing and informed the board that students are scoring 140% below grade level. Ms. Manley discussed the state requirements and the Dashboard reporting requirements. Additionally, she discussed the school's specific program and the reality of where students are when they come to Vista Real. Ms. Manley reminded the board the school uses NWEA testing to determine where students are academically, whereas the CASSP testing is just a snap shot of students in the 11th grade, required by the State. She assured the board the school would continue working on improving math scores.

Board Member Cushing asked if "grade 11" is based on age or credits. Ms. Manley informed the board grade level based on credits. Ms. Manley informed the board that the majority of students attending Vista Real are below their expected grade level.

Board Member Villegas discussed the importance of measuring the school's success against other similar schools. Ms. Manley informed the board that Vista Real out performs other DASS schools. Mr. Cushing expressed the importance of looking at what level students are at when they graduate as well. Ms. Manley commented on the importance of looking at a student's individual growth. Mr. Villegas requested to see more growth data at future meetings.

Hearing no comments from the public, Board President Lawrence asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

C. Close Public Hearing

Ernie Villegas made a motion to close the public hearing.

Marybeth Jacobsen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ernie Villegas Aye

Roll Call

Marybeth Jacobsen Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

Randell Lawrence Aye

Gary Cushing Aye

Board President Lawrence announced the public hearing closed at 4:36 p.m.

IV. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments

A. Observations and Comments

Jeri Vincent praised the intensive tutoring included in the plan. She also commented on student growth and the importance of focusing on adequate progress.

Board President Lawrence shared that he is also glad to see the push for tutoring.

Board Member Villegas shared with the board some community outreach ideas, including reaching out to newly elected officials to invite them to see the school.

Board Member Jacobson suggested staff provide the board with a sheet of information they could use to share details about the school. Ms. Jacobsen also suggested reaching out to the Mayor and other local officials.

The board discussed various ideas on how to reach out to the community.

V. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: May 30, 2023, 4:00pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Victoria Hancock made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Gary Cushing seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marybeth Jacobsen Aye

Gary Cushing Aye

Ernie Villegas Aye

Randell Lawrence Aye

Victoria Hancock Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Hancock

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