

VISTA CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

VISTA students have power in the establishment of their identities. They create the vision of who they are, the path they choose in life, and the reason they have chosen it. They are Critical constructors of knowledge in an ever changing and interconnected society. Their learning and development is constructed and fostered in an environment that focuses upon individual strengths, needs, and desires through a differentiated approach.

**Vista Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2900 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026
October 26th, 2015---5:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:08 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Hasty Arnold
Joe Rubio
Jack Bagwell
Paul Vieyra
Jody Molodow

Members Not Present

Todd Clark
Don Wilson

C. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

Item C from Items Scheduled for Information will be withdrawn and scheduled for next month

D. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the August 28th Board of Directors Meeting
(Motion to Approve)

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: ___J. Molodow___ Second: ___H. Arnold___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold	X		
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			

J. Bagwell	X		
D. Wilson			
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

A. COMMUNICATIONS & ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vahe Markarian presented the Executive Director's report which included:

1. *Legislative Update for Charter Schools*
2. *Vista Charter Public Schools expansion options*
3. *Truth about charters campaign*
4. *Prop. 39 application for Vista Anaheim Charter Middle School*

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jose Kubes presented the Principal's report for Vista Charter Middle School which included:

1. *Enrollment update*
2. *SBAC Results*
3. *Professional Capital Development*
4. *Staffing & Teacher Support*
5. *LAUSD's DVR Visit*
6. *Family Night*
7. *Benchmark Assessments*
8. *School Site Council*
9. *Adopt-A-Block*
10. *Upcoming events.*

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Lauri Martin presented the Principal's report for Vista Heritage Charter Middle School which included:

1. *Enrollment updates*
2. *Community Partners*
3. *Parent engagement Events*
4. *El Dorado SELPA update*
5. *NR Summer Programs*
6. *Assessment Data*
7. *Teacher Development, PD and Observations*
8. *School Site Council*

E. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW - CBO

Paul Khoury presented the financials.

The following items were reviewed for the following schools:

- 1. Vista Charter Middle School*
- 2. Vista Heritage Charter Middle School*

Financial Summary & Revised Forecast

Budget VS Actuals

Balance Sheet

Cash Flow

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

A. Brown Act Training for Board of Directors

Board of Directors will complete a refresher Brown Act Training by the end of January 2016.

B. LAUSD's SELPA Compliance Problems

LAUSD's SELPA is not in compliance with Federal IDEA requirements and must become compliant by November 1st, 2015 or risk losing \$130 million dollars in IDEA funding.

VCMS is 100% in compliance with its IEPs and with its special education program, however, since we operate within the LAUSD SELPA we are at risk of losing our IDEA funding as well.

Charter schools authorized by LAUSD are required to operate as a school of the district for the purpose of special education, as such, their special education funding, including federal IDEA funds flow through LAUSD. This means that if LAUSD loses partial or complete IDEA funding, Vista Charter Middle School and all charters authorized by LAUSD will be impacted negatively. Vista Charter Middle School risks losing up to \$73K in IDEA funding. Please see attached email from LAUSD.

C. LAUSD's District Validation Review (DVR) Report

This Item was removed from the agenda and will be placed on next month's Board Meeting Agenda.

The DVR report was not submitted on time by LAUSD to Vista Charter Middle School.

D. Stakeholder Survey Results for the 2014-2015 School Year.

The stakeholder survey results were shared with the board. 53% of families responded to the survey which was by in large very positive of Vista Charter Middle School.

This survey will be administered to the students, parents and staff of both Vista Charter Middle School and Vista Heritage Charter Middle School.

II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Revised budget for Vista Charter Middle School for the 2015-2016 School Year.

The revised budget was presented by Paul Khoury, CBO. The Board of Directors adopted the revised budget for VCMS for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion: ___J. Bagwell___ Second: ___J. Rubio___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold	X		
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell	X		
D. Wilson			
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

B. Food Service Equipment Capitalization Threshold

The food service equipment capitalization threshold recommendation was adopted by the Board of Directors.

Motion: ___J. Rubio___ Second: ___H. Arnold ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold	X		
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell	X		
D. Wilson			
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

C. Proposition 39 Application for Vista Anaheim Charter Middle School

The Board of Directors approved the submission of the Prop. 39 application for Vista Anaheim Charter Middle School.

Motion: ___ J. Molodow ___ Second: ___ J. Bagwell ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold	X		
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell	X		
D. Wilson			
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

III. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board of Directors will move into closed session to discuss matters described in this section. Matters to be discussed are those permitted by Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95, 54957, and 54957.6 – personnel, litigation and/or real property.

There were no closed session items

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM