

# 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  
January 25th, 2016---5:00 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:12 PM**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present**

*Hasty Arnold  
Joe Rubio  
Don Wilson  
Jody Molodow*

**Members Not Present**

*Todd Clark  
Jack Bagwell  
Paul Vieyra*

**C. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda**

*There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.*

**D. Student Recognition – Vista Champion of the month**

- Students from Vista Charter Middle School in Los Angeles were recognized for their hard work and achievement.*
- Students from Vista Heritage will be recognized at a special awards assembly hosted by Orange County Board of Education President Robert Hammond next week.*

**E. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra			
J. Molodow	X		

**A. COMMUNICATIONS & ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Presentations from the Public**

*Mr. Agustine Sarmiento, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Vista Charter Middle School in Los Angeles gave a description of the school’s Science Fair scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> and invited the board members to assist with the judging of the projects.*

**B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

*Vahe Markarian presented the Executive Director’s report which included:*

- 1. Vista Charter Public Schools Expansion in the city of Anaheim*
- 2. Replacement of the NCLB by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*
- 3. Legislative Update for Charter Schools*
- 4. LAUSD Board Resolutions*
  - a. Board member Ratliff’s Resolution “Keeping Parents Informed: Charter Transparency”*
  - b. Board member Schmerelson’s “Excellent Public Schools for Every Student”*
- 5. LAUSD’s January Board meeting update on Charter petition approvals*
- 6. LAUSD’s new superintendent, Dr. Michelle King*

**C. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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

- 1. Enrollment update*
- 2. Response to data (Teacher formative data results)*
- 3. Weekly data dives*
- 4. LAUSD’s District Validation Review (DVR) update*
- 5. Professional Capital Development*
- 6. Staffing update*
- 7. Family Night*
- 8. Grade level collaboration forum*
- 9. Upcoming events.*

#### **D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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

- 1. Enrollment update*
- 2. Student transportation update*
- 3. Shelter & Homeless Student update*
- 4. Parent engagement Events*
- 5. Student activities & Involvement update*
- 6. Recruitment and community outreach*
- 7. Student assessment data update*
- 8. Teacher professional development update*
- 9. 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*

*Consolidated Financials for VCPS*

#### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

##### **A. Proposition 39 Energy Act Application**

*Vista Charter Middle School has qualified for a state grant of \$281,000 through Prop 39 which will allow Vista to upgrade its facility (Energy efficient lighting, HVAC system upgrades, solar panels, etc...)*

##### **B. CIPA Compliance Public Hearing**

The Child Internet Protection Act [CIPA] addresses concerns about children's access to offensive Internet content. E-Rate funded schools/libraries must comply with the CIPA requirements.

A review of the CIPA compliance was conducted and the E-rate and technology plans were reviewed by the board.

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

*The DVR report was presented by Karen Amaya and reviewed by the board. The DVR report was very positive as a reflection on our Special Education program. There were two recommendations which the administrative team is working on with the staff and will submit documents to LAUSD.*

D. Vista Charter Public Schools applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,894 to upgrade and purchase new equipment for school kitchens and cafeterias.

Vista Charter Middle School was granted	\$12,567
Vista Heritage Charter Middle School was granted	\$13,327

**II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Authority To Submit A Charter Petition to Anaheim City School District For The Operation Of Palm Lane Elementary School, If VCPS Is Selected To Operate Palm Lane Elementary.**

*The board authorized the submission of an elementary charter petition to ACSD for Palm Lane Elementary if VCPS is selected to operate Palm Lane Elementary under the Parent Trigger Law.*

Motion: \_\_\_D. Wilson\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_J. Rubio\_\_\_

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

**B. Authority To Negotiate With The Anaheim City School District (ACSD) On Behalf of VCPS, If VCPS Is Selected For The Operation Of Palm Lane Elementary School.**

*The board authorized the Executive Director to negotiate with and enter into an agreement with ACSD regarding Palm Lane Elementary.*

Motion: \_\_\_J. Molodow\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_J. Rubio\_\_\_

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

**C. Revised Vista Charter Public Schools Truancy Policy**

VCPS’s truancy policy has been updated to provide clear expectations for parents in case of absences and step by step directions which site administrators must follow.

**D.**

Motion: \_\_\_ H. Arnold \_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_ D. Wilson \_\_\_

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

**A. Vista Charter Public Schools Administrative Staff Position Review & Possible Changes**

*The Board discussed several administrative positions but no action was taken.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM