

BUENA VISTA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

BUDGET WORK SESSION

March 14, 2019

5:30 P. M.

Board Members Present: Wayne Flint, Teresa Ellison and John Rice, Mrs. Kerr, Mr. Mohler and Mrs. Baker. Mr. Roberts was absent. Also present were Dr. John Keeler, Superintendent, Sherrie Wheeler, Director of Administration, Mary Buchanan, Clerk of the School Board and Sandra Mohler, Finance.

Mrs. Baker called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence.

Mrs. Baker read the public comments guidelines. There were no comments.

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Dr. Keeler went over the budget again and stated what his goals were: Give a 3% raise, health insurance increase will cost \$84,000 and I would like to hire a nurse/trainer and I put in \$45,000 for this position. Have an additional PreK teacher at zero dollars. I have 4 Kindergarten teachers right now. We had two days of kindergarten registration and I told them we would like to have at least 70 and 80 would be even better. We got 31 students. I am not cutting registration off. We are trying to get as many kids as we can. If we can get more Prek I will move one of my teachers down to teach this class. If we get them in to Prek they will more than likely go into kindergarten. I am looking at doing a half of day Prek. This won't cost us anything. I will slide an aide over there to help. Mr. Flint asked if the salary for the Nurse/Trainer was included benefits he said it probably would, he was a young man. We got a great deal of carpet from Mohawk. Our summer workers will put the carpet down. We have 100 kids graduating. If I get 70 kids that would make us 30 kids off. I know I would be \$180,000 down ADM. Last year we made the budget on 920 and we are down 40 and we made this budget on 880. I had to make cuts but I haven't done them on the budget sheet. Mr. Mohler asked if we got ADM for Prek. Dr. Keeler said no. He said that he was asking for level funding from the City. We are going to get more money at 880 than 920. He went over what amount was in each category. I have to look at who is leaving who is retiring. We have a reading specialist leaving and I don't need a full time reading specialist for 120 kids. We will split the one with Kling with the Middle School. I have a high school teacher that I am not renewing the contract. We have one person who is ill and I do know when they are coming back and they are on FMLA and have used all of their time. We have another one that has just gone out. I don't know if they will come back. I moved aides out of state money to federal money. A custodian at the high school left and that position will not be replaced. If we have a teacher out for a day let the aide teach. The middle school has a couple of subs that work two days a week. They cover classes, the secretary, etc. We will come back with the final budget. We will do more advertising about Kindergarten registration. Dr. Keeler said that recruiting teachers is down

60%. They are going to Northern Virginia and the beach areas. Wayne said that the cost of living is higher in these areas. Dr. Keeler said the average cost of housing in Northern Virginia is \$800,000. Dr. Keeler also told the board that he had his note book for his evaluation.

A motion was made by Ms. Ellison to adjourn the meeting and this motion was second by Mrs. Kerr. All other members present voted yes.

Brooke Baker, Chairman

Mary Buchanan,
Clerk of School Board