

BUENA VISTA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

CALLED MEETING

MARCH 12, 2020

Board Members Present: Mr. Flint, Teresa Ellison, John Rice, John Roberts, Mr. Butler and Lisa Kerr. Also present were Dr. Keeler, Sherrie Wheeler, Mary Buchanan and Sandra Mohler. Mr. Mohler was absent.

Ms. Ellison called the meeting to order and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and observing a moment of silence.

AGENDA

Dr. Keeler said that we need to discuss a Payroll change the City wants us to make. The Agenda was approved by a motion from Mr. Flint and second by Mrs. Kerr. All board members present voted yes.

WELCOME

Ms. Ellison read the guide line for comments from visitors. Kari Bowser introduced herself and said that she had met Dr. Keeler. I just wanted see what was going on. She had no other comments.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Dr. Keeler handed out information on the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021. Budget was built on 850 students. Mr. Butler asked how many students we have. Dr. Keeler said we have 837 current students. We based this budget on level funding from the City. Information from Richmond indicates we are in line for a 2 per cent raise. There was a provision for loss of enrollment that was new to this year and this was for about \$137,000. There was also a small CIP allotment for us for capital improvements for \$40,000. I think we have a strong foundation for our budget. We have some part time people that we took on. Most are experienced

teachers who wanted a part time job. None of these people get benefits. If we have to make cuts I recommend cutting one job at the high school. I also reduced my salary line. We had several veteran teachers retire along with 1 other teacher. We will need to replace Mrs. Frazier. If we can't hire anyone for the figure provided, then we will have to see if we can get someone to do an overload with one of our tech teachers. The library position will become 10 months. We have found a person who lives in BV who will be taking over that position with a lower salary. I don't want to touch materials and supplies or maintenance. We took a lot out of those last years. If we don't get cut, we can decide what we can keep. We need to purchase a couple of buses. We have one more payment on our buses in December of 2021. The state is going to fund the 2% raise. It will cost us about \$16,000. All line items are about the same. We have two girls that would like to be in the nursing program. Melissa has talked to Shenandoah Dance Academy and she is willing to teach two sections of dance. She said she would do it for \$5,000 a year. I would like to offer one section athletic training in the last period of the day and Mr. Sorrels will teach it. We are getting more girls in technology. We will send the budget to the City on March 30, 2020. We will have the Public Hearing at our next meeting.

The City would like us to stop paying our staff on the 4th Friday and start paying them on the last day of the month. They said this would help them with their finances because they don't get their money from the State until that day. We have a policy on this, and it would have to be changed.

Dr. Keeler said several schools have already closed.

INFORMATION ITEM

Ms. Ellison said that we met last Thursday and worked on the qualifications for our new Superintendent. The VSBA is helping us with this process. We came up with one qualification of our own. We want to know that students' children come first. The other was residency in the school division within a year is required; experience as a principal; experience as a Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent or Central Office Administrator is required; leadership and

management skills; Board and Superintendent relations, staff relations, community relations and school finance. Notice went out on Monday morning and they are in the process of collecting the application thru the first of April. We have scheduled a meeting for April 14th to meet with VSBA to give us some feedback. Ms. Ellison said we also have a meeting on March 16, 2020 with RRMM. Dr. Keeler said Mary Poe is working out the details to have bagged lunches picked up.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Flint and second by Mrs. Kerr.

Teresa R. Ellison

Teresa Ellison, Chairman

Sandra Mokes

Mary Buchanan
Clerk to School Board