

# **Santa Ynez Valley Charter School Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in Room 310, 6:00 p.m.**

Public Comment during Public Communications is encouraged and welcomed. Total time per speaker is limited to three minutes. Please be advised that, pursuant to State Law, any member of the public may address the Board of Directors concerning any item within the jurisdiction of the Board. Please be aware that Items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are normally enacted by one vote of the Board of Directors. If you wish to speak on a Consent Calendar Item, please do so during the Public Communications.

**Present:** E.Raney, L.Meyer, C.Million, C.Durant, B.Blunt, C.Urban, K.Affolter and K.Franson

**Absent:** J.Brown

## **Open Session**

- 1) Board Development - *discussed main points of the handout, such as the reasons that most charters school fail, and how this applies to SYVCS*
- 2) Public Comment - *parent Debbie Keck appreciates our teachers and wants to make sure they have enough teacher's aides; parent Catherine Affolter discussed last week's bullying incident, and that the Level Ones given out were reduced to warnings, which she did not agree with, she also stated that a teacher knew about the bullying and did not stop it; parent Tonya Crandall wants to know if there is a school policy regarding national news events on television and when it is deemed appropriate to show these in the classrooms*
- 3) a) Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2009 - *KA motioned to approve, CM seconded, approved unanimously*  
b) Approval of warrants/purchase orders- *KA motioned to approve, CM seconded, approved unanimously*
- 4) Standing Reports
  - a) PTSO- *president Tonya Crandall shared report - cash balance at this date is \$10,669; the Harvest Festival is this Friday*
  - b) Auction- *no report given*
  - c) M.E.A.T.- *LM asked what is happening this year with the program, as no monthly flyers have gone out - CM is working on it already, also discussed changing the name of the program and informing the parents of the particular importance of the program this year due to the unexpected budget cuts that happened in September*

- d) Golf Tournament - *no report given*
- e) Director's Report - *CM reports that she has started AVID (Advanced via Individual Determination) for struggling students, and it is doing well so far; she presented the API scores by demographic*
- f) Treasurer's Report - *BB presented monthly reports - this year's budget deficit is now \$147K due to the recent funding decreases; next meeting we will appoint a new board committee, a budget committee, to find a way to reduce the deficit; beginning of year cash reserve is \$582K*

5) Presentation of June, 2009 parent survey results - *CM presented the results of survey - 31 of approx. 120 families participated; the Board discussed that the survey would be more useful if questions were more specific, including what grade the student is in - CM will work on revising the survey, and also doing a mid-year survey as well*

6) Teacher presentation of Factswise Program - *teacher Genevieve Beaird explained and gave a presentation of this math learning program, which was used in the classroom and extended days for 20 students last year; this year it is being utilized in the classrooms but not extended days because there are less teacher aide hours, the program is being expanded this year to include students through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

7) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between SYVCS and College School - *still in process, no action taken*

8) Approval of classified kitchen employee job description and salary - *CM is discussing legalities of hiring the classified employee with the school attorneys - no action taken*

#### **Closed Session**

- 1) Personnel - Employee Handbook: Section; Sick days & Personal time off
- 2) Discipline - SYVCS Handbook: Section; Zero tolerance

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**Personnel** - no items discussed

**Discipline** - discussed item from public comment, *CM* feels that it brought to light some discrepancies in the discipline policy and how it is interpreted, she will work on making changes to the policy with teacher input

