

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2011 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: Colleen Million, Erik Raney, Brooke Blunt, Chrystine Urban, Leah Meyer, Kelly Scott, Leah Warson, Jim Brown (only voted on item 2a)**

**Absent: Joanne Rosenberg**

- 1) Public Comment - BB noted that pickup line after school is moving too slowly and asked CM to send out a reminder to parents regarding the pickup line rules
- 2) a) Approve November 15, 2011 minutes -CM motioned to approve, KS seconded, approved unanimously  
b) Approve warrants/POs- none presented, no vote taken
- 3) Standing Reports
  - a) PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) - no report given
  - b) Golf Tournament - no report given
  - c) Hot Lunch Program - CM presented report of lunches sold; for both schools combined, there is an average of 20 lunch per day increase compared to last year, but also a slight labor increase; we get a discount on commodities since Santa Ynez School is on the National School Lunch Program - we pass the entire savings on to Santa Ynez School
  - d) Auction - CM noted that a few families came to the auction meeting, another meeting is scheduled in January; June Pratt & Ceci Barboza are co-chairs, no other chairs yet
  - e) Director's Report - The audited financial statements are done with only two immaterial items noted by the auditors; CM has a corrective plan to correct these items in the future; the new sheds are installed and items are inside and organized; our custodian Brian had major surgery but will hopefully be back to work after winter break; a student's grandparent has donated funds to tune up/repair our band instruments; the Valley Schools Conference will be March 9<sup>th</sup> with inservice day for teachers & principals
  - f) Treasurer's Report - BB noted that everything is on track with the budget; no changes or discrepancies to report; will need to vote on 2<sup>nd</sup> interim budget adjustments in Jan '12
- 4) Overview of the meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> with Jim Brown, Frank Blundo, Don Hertel, ER and CM to discuss College School District Land Acquisition, funding history for SYVCS, and Phase III Construction - JB presented the following: in 2004/2005 the SY voters approved an (approximately) \$9M bond for three phases of construction for SY School and SYVCS, Phases I and II were completed, but there were not enough funds for Phase III; then the district applied for a charter school facilities grant in 2008, and we just got this grant for \$11M, except that the District has to come up with matching funds in order to spend the money; the district is making a presentation to the state to prove that the funds spent on Phase I and II should be considered matching funds; otherwise what we don't match, we will have to send back to the state; of the \$11M grant, \$5.5M has to go to land acquisition, of which we have already spent approximately \$1M on the 3 lots adjacent to

SYVCS. For now, the lots will be used as additional playground space for SYVCS, but in the future, we may add facilities there; The lots will be cleaned up and we will also get field improvements to our existing fields, which should all be done by the beginning of the 2012/2013 school year; the SY school board is looking at the master building plan for both campuses, then JB will share their discussion with us; they are considering moving the State Preschool to the front of College School, to help free up our location; and finally, even if they can prove they spent \$5.5M in matching funds, and can keep the \$5.5M matching grant, we still might need more than \$5.5M to finish Phase III.

- 5) Music/Art/Performing Arts Program expansion discussion - there is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade band, but no music after that, so CM would like to expand the music program and is looking into various ways that SYVCS could have music through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 6) Discuss and vote on expense for concrete sidewalk extension for stage shed access - CM will try to get items donated, so no vote is necessary to approve expense
- 7) Public comment on agenda items - none

Closed Session - No items discussed, no action taken