

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
3:30pm via Zoom**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President *at 3:33 PM*
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)	x
Kelly Kay (KK), Vice President (2024)	x
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)	x
Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2024)	x
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	<i>arrived at 3:36pm</i>
Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)	x
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2022)	x
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2022)	x
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	ab

OTHER ATTENDEES:

John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	x
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- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for January 25, 2022
Motion to approve Minutes: KD
Second: DT
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0-0

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- 4) **Public Comment**
None
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting December 7, 2021
Motion to approve Minutes for December 7, 2021: CT
Second: KD
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0-1
 - b. Approval of Minutes for Meeting December 15, 2021
Motion to approve Minutes for December 15, 2021: DT
Second: KK
Discussion: None
Vote: 6-0-2
- 6) **Standing Reports**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
Report included in packet. Summary year-to-date. Not much new to report; on track for the year.
 - b. Director's Report
Report included in packet. Received grant for technology of \$9,000 from SY Band of Chumash Indians. BT thanked Director and staff for how tirelessly they have worked through the newest wave of COVID.
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
 - a. Universal TK
Powerpoint presentation included in board packet. State is opening up TK to all four year olds with a phased in approach. Next school year (2022-23) the cut off date will be February 2 , then April 2 and so on. All schools are required to offer this TK program to eligible students. Currently SYVCS

has a shared TK program within the College School District per our MOU run by the district. JD spoke to MD about leaving things as is until current MOU expires on June 30, 2023. JD suggests to the board the possibility of starting our own TK (2023-24) and put on the Board agenda to discuss at the October 2022 meeting. Would need to hire a TK teacher and designate a classroom to house the program. ADA will be received for each student. KK asked if it would be half day or full. JD said it would be half day. A survey will be conducted to forecast enrollment. RF glad that we have time to plan and is concerned about staffing and enrollment. JD thinks we would at least break even in the first year.

b. Board Retreat

Previously scheduled for February 5, 2022. JD has had feedback that having an in person retreat doesn't seem like the best idea in the current stage of the pandemic. CT asked what the agenda for the board retreat has been in the past. JD explained that the retreat is typically used for long term planning and vision casting. KK suggested that we postpone the retreat so we can meet in person in April or May - possibly outside. RF suggests April 30, 2022 as the new date.

c. Covid situation/enrollment

JD updated the board that the two weeks right after Winter Break Charter school was hit hard by number of cases. January 15th the number of cases rose exponentially and is now following the wider community curve and is declining. Every class had a positive case except for 3rd and 4th. Staff are exhausted but spirits are good and the whole school community has pulled together during adversity. KK felt the messaging has been good and appreciates all the efforts to keep the school open. Having the free Aptitude testing in Buellton has been really helpful. KK wants to know what the communication should be regarding the vaccine mandate coming from the state. JD emphasized that there isn't a current vaccine mandate. JD thinks it would only be about 5-10% of our families that would not want to enroll their children in school. RF feels that without more certain information from the government we cannot plan well. KK agrees that it is helpful to have a statement for the school community saying that we are monitoring the situation, etc. JD suggested putting a contingency in the budget. We have 10 applications already and enrollment hasn't opened yet - 11 Kinder spots will be filled before February 1st. We may need a lottery for Kinder this year. The school will do all the regular newspaper ads and outreach to the preschools, etc.

8) Board Business

a. Representatives at CSD Board Meetings

Superintendent has asked JD if we would have representatives at the District Board meetings. BT will send out a sign up sheet for the upcoming district meetings. Would be great if every board member would attend at least one of the district meetings.

9) Action Items

a. Accept Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2021

Motion to accept Audit Report: DT

Second: KK

Discussion: JD explained that in future he will make sure to not have an individual sign a check for themselves. The PPP loans have both been forgiven. A number of positive things happened financially in 2020-21. We ended the year with a \$286,000 increase in assets.

Vote: 8-0-0

10) Future Agenda Items

a. Board Retreat February 5, 2022

Has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 30, 2022.

b. Board Meeting February 15, 2022 at 5:30pm in the PE room

11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

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12) a. Personnel as authorized by Government code 54957 (Exec Director Eval)

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- 13) Report out from Closed Session
The Executive Director Evaluation was discussed. An ad hoc committee, consisting of CT, KK and BT, was formed to implement the evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM