

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
5:30pm, PE Room**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President 5:34 pm

- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Kelly O'Connor (KO), Vice President (2024)	__x__
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)	__x__ left at 6:45pm
Matt Stockton (MS), Member at Large (2025)	__x__
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	__x__
Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)	__x__
Katy Dunlap-Castillo (KD), Member at Large (2025)	__x__
Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2023)	__x__
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2023)	__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 December 6, 2022
Motion to approve Agenda: CT
Second: MS
Discussion:
Vote: 8-0-0

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- 4) **Public Comment**

- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting October 25, 2022
Motion to approve Minutes for Meeting October 25, 2022: KO
Second: MS
Discussion: None
Vote: 7-0-1

- 6) **Standing Reports**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
Report included in packet. Nothing significant at the present time as pertains to the fund Balance. MS asked about the tree trimming. JD clarified that no trees were cut down but the tree company gifted the school some stumps that are now arranged along the side of the field.

 - b. Director's Report
Report included in packet. School is a buzz with the holiday show - this Thursday at 10:15.
Open enrollment begins in February and the ad (created by Kevin Donnelly) that is going to be released to the newspapers is enclosed in the packet. The Annual Appeal is at \$36,800 and 92%. Expect 100% participation by the end of the year. JD has not been using the work from home part of his contract at the rate that he expected (on about 8 at this point).
RU agreed that from the middle school perspective it is working well. EP agrees from the elementary grades as well. KK just wanted to check in at this point in the year since that was a part of the contract being approved. College School District requests JD to attend

their upcoming board meeting on Tuesday, December 13. CT and RU will attend as well. The district would like to ask questions regarding the MOU and the budget and the decision to begin our own TK. The Halloween early release time was questioned by a parent. KK suggested that having the early released all marked on the official calendar at the beginning of the year.

7) **Informational/Discussion**

a. Proposed 'town hall meeting' with middle school parents to gain feedback
KK explained the hope of getting information. Staff are not required to attend. The plan is a date in January at BT's home. Some concerns that it could turn into a gripe session. KK reassured that the discussion will be guided carefully. Suggestion to ask the parents of younger grades for their expectations re: middle school. NB reminded the board that there used to be a meeting for 4th grade parents so they know what to expect with their student entering middle school in 5th grade. MS suggested having exit interviews with the 8th graders.

8) **Board Business**

a. Report from Bond Measure Ad Hoc Ctee
Unfortunately, 55% yes votes needed, but only got 52.2% yes votes. We would need about 169 votes which seems unlikely in the remaining uncounted ballots. Plan to put similar measure on the ballot in 2024.

9) **Action Items**

a. Approve 1st interim budget 2022-23
*Motion to approve 1st Interim budget 2022-23: BT
Second: KO
Discussion: Report included in packet. One of the main reasons the 1st Interim Budget only breaks even is in large part decreased enrollment. Interestingly, we had 14 Kinder applications withdrawn by the start of school.
Vote: 8-0-0*

b. Approve changes to Memorandum of Understanding and Facilities Use Agreement to reflect TK addition.
*Motion to approve change to MOU and FUA: CT
Second: NB
Discussion: Will need to share this update with the CSD board in their next meeting.
Vote: 7-0-0*

c. Approve overnight field trip, 4th grade to SB Zoo May 11-12, 2023
*Motion to approve overnight field trip: RU
Second: NB
Discussion: Asked if there are chaperones needed. Parents and zoo staff members are chaperones.
Vote: 7-0-0*

10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting January 24, 2023
Report back from town hall meeting, discussion, and next steps
Update on TK 23-24 plan and update from CSD board meeting

11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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12) a. None

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13) Report out from Closed Session
None

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm