

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday April 25, 2023  
5:30pm, PE Room**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by *Board President at 5:37pm*
  
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Kelly O'Connor (KO), Board President (2024)	___X___
Matt Stockton (MS), Vice President (2025)	___X___
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)	___arrived 6:35pm___
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	___X___
Katy Castillo-Dunlap (KC), Member at Large (2026)	___X___
Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)	___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 April 25, 2023  
*Motion to approve Agenda: MS*  
*Second: RU*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Vote: 7-0-0*

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- 4) **Public Comment**  
*None*
  
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting March 21, 2023  
*Motion to approve Minutes: MS*  
*Second: CT*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Vote: 6-0-1*
  
- 6) **Standing Reports**
  - a. Treasurer's Report  
*Report included in board packet.*
  
  - b. Director's Report  
*Report included in board packet.*
  
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
  - a. Update/progress on Transitional Kindergarten and changes to the MOU  
*Action: a letter from the chair will be shared with the College School District.*
  
  - b. Discussion on progress with Facilities Plan  
*JD met with the contractor to consult about facilities maintenance. Advice was to draft a detailed list of facilities repair and upkeep needs. Discussion of additional avenues for*

*fundraising to address facilities needs for both SYVCS and College  
Action item: to create a list of needed repairs to document and present to District as needed for future action*

c. Presentation re: Middle School electives  
*RU presented past Middle School electives and suggestions to call the program Middle School Enrichment. Have been doing cheer, cooking, music/drums requested by students in addition to a number of other options not limited to ceramics, stock market, garden, journalist, Pixar storytelling, and more. Study hall and intervention also offered. Still lack of student engagement - students leaving early, not submitting work, etc. New requests from students are Spanish and CPR/First Aid. Plan to give students a letter grade instead of just E, M, N.*

8) **Board Business**

a. Discussion of upcoming open position(s)/timeline  
*BT will not be returning next year.*

*Action item: Notify constituents about upcoming vacancy and solicit letters of interest before the end of the school year via ParentSquare from the Board President.*

9) **Action Items**

a. Approval of Auditor for Fiscal Year 2022-23  
*Motion to approve Auditor for Fiscal Year 2022-23: EP  
Second: CT  
Discussion: None  
Vote: 8-0-0*

10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting May 23, 2023  
*TK Update, Budget 23-24, Board Candidates*

11) **Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

*None*

**CLOSED SESSION**

- 12) a. Negotiations as authorized by Government code 3549.1  
b. Personnel as authorized by Government code 54957 (Exec Director Eval)

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- 13) Report out from Closed Session  
a. Tabled  
B. *Vote to approve the terms of Dr Dewey's employment contract for 23-24 & 24-25*  
*KO aye*  
*MS aye*  
*BT aye*  
*NB aye*  
*KC aye*  
*CT aye*  
*RU aye*  
*EP aye*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM*