

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School  
Board of Directors' Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
5:30pm, PE Room \*311**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - Kelly O'Connor (KO), Board President (2024)   X
  - Matt Stockton (MS), Vice President (2025)   X
  - Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)   X   (arr 6:10)
  - Angela Osborne, Member at Large (2026)   X
  - Erin Pollaro, Member at Large (2026)   X   (dep 6:30)
  - Justin Rodriguez, Member at Large (2026)   X
  - Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2024)   X
  - Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2024)   ab
  - Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District   X
- OTHER ATTENDEES:
  - John Dewey (JD), Executive Director   X
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for August 22, 2023
  - Motion to approve agenda: RU*
  - Second: MS*
  - 7-0-0*

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- 4) **Public Comment**
  - No public comment*
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting June 20, 2023
    - Motion to approve minutes: MS*
    - Second: KO*
    - 3-0-4*
- 6) **Standing Reports**
  - a. Treasurer's Report
    - LCFF budgeted revenue reflects increase, based on 168 enrollment.*
  - b. Director's Report
    - June 30, 2028 renewal date of charter.*
    - Strong start to school year.*
    - K enrollment dropped since June.*
    - MS commended John on hire of quality new teachers. Expressed concern about enrollment numbers in middle school. Emphasized importance of retaining 23 5th graders as they enter middle school.*
    - RU shared that middle school is introducing a buddy program between 4th graders and 7th graders, student-led conferences in middle school, combining 7th and 8th grade students in science, PE and electives and opportunities for cool field trips with small class sizes.*
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
  - a. Installation of shade sails
    - JD proposed tying the purpose of the annual appeal to the purchase and installation of shade sails.*
    - Annual appeal typically raises \$40k for the year. JD thinks we might be able raise \$50k.*
    - Anticipates PTSO will be willing to contribute.*

- 8) **Board Business**
- a. Approval of Officers for 23-24  
*President: CT motions for Kelly; JR seconds. 7-0-1*  
*Vice President: RU motions for Matt; CT second. 7-0-1*  
*Secretary: KO motions for Christina; RU: second. 7-0-1*  
*Treasurer: KO motion for Angela; JR second. 7-0-1*
  - b. Board goals for the year  
*Retain rising elementary school students in middle school*  
*Build bridges with CSD*  
*Facilities needs, improvements and expansion*
  - c. Joint board meeting in October with CSD  
*Scheduled for October 19th. Joint session followed by SYVCS board meeting.*

- 9) **Action Items**
- a. Approval of Science Specialist Position  
*Motion to approve Science Specialist position: RU*  
*Second: MS*  
*Discussion:*  
*Vote: 6-0-1*
  - b. Approval of new certificated hire  
*Motion to approve hire of Kelly McDonald: KO*  
*Second: CT*  
*Discussion:*  
*Vote: 7-0-0*

- 10) **Future Agenda Items**
- a. Board Meeting September 19, 2023  
*Update on annual appeal in director's report*  
*Topics for discussion at joint meeting with CSD*  
*Plan for landscaping front of school*

- 11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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- 12) a.

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM