

Board of Directors' Meeting Agenda
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
Music Room at 6:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President: 6:05
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Leah Warson (LW), Board President (2016)		__P__
Elizabeth Dowhower(BD), Secretary (2017)		__P__
Melanie Sutton Hodgdon (MSH), Member at Large (2015)		__AB__
John Porter (JP), Member at Large (2015)		__P__
Mark Swanitz (MS), Member at Large (2016)		__P__
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2015)		__P__
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2015)		__P Left @ 7:55__
Jim Brown (JB), Superintendent College School District		__AB__
OTHER ATTENDEES:		
Mark Palmerston (MP), Executive Director		__P__
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for February 24, 2015
MS moved to approve; JP 2nd; Discussion EP move #14 to #7 and #7 tabled until the next meeting; All approved as revised 6-0
- 4) **Public Comment**, See page 1 for instructions
No Comment
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting December 16, 2014
 - b. Approval of Minutes for Meeting January 27, 2015
 - c. Approval of Minutes for Meeting January 31, 2015JP moved to approve; MS 2nd; Discussion 16c change Repor to Report: All approved 6-0
- 6) **Standing Reports**
 - a. Teacher's Report- EP discuss highlights for K-4, DT reported on 5-8 some highlights include 5-8 reports: 5th Country reports, 6th Egypt projects, 7th Medieval research project, and 8th President reports. MP commented on how 2nd grade have become masters on Chrome Books learning with the Typing Club and learning the "home row". 4th grade is excelling as well. K-1 are using the iPads.
 - b. Treasurer's Report- LW stated that the SYVCS account has been balanced and is up to date. MP- \$934,000 is in the account, expenditures are on track and the District is hiring two business manager positions.
 - c. PTSO Report- MP, the school is collecting a lot of change
 - d. Santa Ynez Education Foundation Report- JP reported that the Auction (March 28) has had a positive response in the community and ticket sales are starting to rise. The Golf Tournament (May 22) planning will start after the Auction. It will take place on the Ranch Course at the Alisal.
 - e. Director's Report- MP reported that SYVCS is working on getting coached fingerprinted. There were many students out for sickness about 10% last week. 4th grade made a basket to take to the hospital for a student who is currently under the hospital's care. Open enrollment ends this Friday. MP is enjoying meeting new families on campus tours. 210 will be the cap.
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
 - a. RE: Reading Intervention
Joanne Rosenberg will give a presentation updating the board on the Reading Intervention program
Tabled until the next Board Meeting
- 14) Discuss 2015-2016 Staffing Planning
 - a. Hiring Plan- MP discussed Intent to Return by staff members. There will be 3 open positions for next school year in middle school and we are looking for the best possible candidates. A handout was passed to Board members for next year. MP recommended to approve contract for those teachers who plan to return.
 - b. Certificated Teacher Negotiations- DT presented "Graduated Contracts" which show job security. Teachers will bring back at the next meeting more information on Valley School salaries. There was also discussion on the importance of more aide time in the lower grades. March 12 will be a meeting

with Board Members and Staff. The Board asked teachers to come back with a more prioritized list for “other items”. Negotiations will meet again on March 11th.

- 8) Conduct Board Candidate Interviews
Elysia Lewis was asked questions about becoming a Board Member and Treasurer
- 9) Discuss and Vote on Appointment of new SYVCS Board Members for 2014-2015
No vote at this time. Legal advice is needed based on the fact that the candidate is a staff family member.
MS moved to table vote pending legal advice; JP 2nd; no discussion, all approved 5-0
- 10) Discuss and Vote on 401 Account Signers
MS moved to table until next meeting; JP 2nd, no discussion; all approved 5-0
- 11) Discuss and Vote on Access to Online Accounts
MS moved to table until next meeting; JP 2nd, no discussion; all approved 5-0
- 12) Discuss and Vote on the 2015-2016 School Calendar
BD moved to approve; MS 2nd, no discussion; all approved 5-0
- 13) Discuss and Vote on 2014-2015 2nd Interim Budget
MS moved to approve; JP 2nd, no discussion; all approved 5-0
- 14) Discuss 2015-2016 Staffing Planning
 - a. Hiring Plan
 - b. Certificated Teacher Negotiations
Moved to #7 on agenda
- 15) Discuss and Select Auditor for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year
MP- stay with Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP
JP moved to approve; BD 2nd, no discussion, all approved 5-0
- 16) Discuss CCSA Conference Attendees, Board Members and Teachers
The following staff members will be attending March 16-19 in Sacramento: Torey Beerman, Debbie Trujillo, Eugenis Pappas, Mary Howell and Mark Palmerston.
- 17) Public Comment on Agenda items:
Denicia Gills commented on a teacher wish list and Employee Handbook about procedures for “letting teachers go”

CLOSED SESSION: 8:20PM

- 1) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION—Executive Director
- 2) Certificated Teacher Negotiation

OPEN SESSION: 9:18PM

- 18) Report from Closed Session
 - 1) Nothing to report
 - 2) Board interested in asking about teacher stipends.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM