Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
5:30pm, Room 311

OPEN SESSION

1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President 5:33 PM
2) **ROLL CALL:**

Matt Stockton (MS), Board President (2025)	_X_____
Erin Pollaro (EP), Vice President (2025)	_X_____
Christina Trujillo (CT), Secretary (2027)	_X_____
Angela Osborne (AO), Treasurer (2026)	_X_____
Justin Rodriguez (JR), Member at Large (2026)	X 5:34___
Emily Tatomer (ET), Member at Large (2027)	_X__Out at 7:23_
Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2025)	_X_____
Lara Schmeiser (LS), Elementary Teacher Rep (2025)	_X_____
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	_____
OTHER ATTENDEES:	
John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	__X____

3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for September 23, 2025
Motion: LS
Second: JR
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4) **Public Comment**
Eric Swinchock - Question about when meeting minutes are available online.Questions about safety concerns.
Ashley Stribling - Question about when admin is here after hours for the aftercare program. Concerned about follow-up outreach.

5) **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting August 26, 2025
      Motion: ET
      Second: RU
      8-0-0
6) **Standing Reports**
   a. Treasurer's Report

Purchases a kitchen range and Chrome Books. No other notable large purchases were made at this time.

   b. Director's Report

Planting and landscaping done at the front of the school were donated by Juan Santos. Special Education cost is now $100k over budget. Ii part this increase is a result of additional one-on-one support for students, but this increase is shared across the valley schools working with the consortium. Test scores improved over ten percentage points from last year, noting that 8th grade class was too small a sample size to be reported in 24-25 academic year.

7) **Informational/Discussion**
   a. Updates on facilities correspondence/Prop 39 request with CSD
      Meeting scheduled between SYVCS and District and respective attorneys week of Oct. 1 2025. JD located a potential arbitrator and forwarded potential name to MD.
   b. Proposed athletic track and field on campus
      Quote prepared by Great Western Recreation. The track will be synthetic with concrete curb around the track to enclose it. The quote includes the installation and

excavation and removal.Three lanes of track quote approximately $195,420.50. Should the Board give approval, JD will take the proposal to the district for next steps. MS suggests this quote goes to the Facilities adhoc committee for feedback. Suggest trying to get the Facilities adhoc committee to meet within two weeks.

c. Street Traffic flow

Questions about how to alleviate traffic during pick up time. A crossing guard of some kind at the pick up time would help support safety during this time. Edison and Pine a particular concern. ET questioned what support can or should come from the district. MS suggests JD look into setting up crossing guards. SYVCS can reach out to the county to ask about crosswalk coloring and address sign coverage. JR asks if this is also a topic that the Facilities adhoc committee can support action on. JD reached out to the county about the trees which block safety views.

d. 8th Grade career exploration prog

JD proposes that while the 7th grade is off campus for their Big Sur trip, the 8th grade would get to do a Career Exploration Internship Program for three days. 8th grade students would identify a placement to shadow and then have a following week of reflection. Potentially do a call out to families at Charter to help families and students find placements. JR wants to be sure that the internship location is appropriate in relation to safety. MS notes that this can be an opportunity to introduce students to career exploration opportunities. RU notes that she used to do something like this as an elective in the past at Charter, so there have been partnerships with local businesses in the past.

e. 4th/5th Sacramento Trip proposed

RU shares that student to adult ratio will be 3-to-1, 62 students in total. Would need to get two buses in order to accommodate the number of students and adults. A parent shared with RU that they knew of a potential grant to help alleviate $10,000 in overall cost. Current cost per student is approximately $765. Tentatively scheduled for May 4th - 5th. This trip would be coordinated by Educational Discovery Tours. Meals are provided through the trip. Group of 3 teachers between the 4th/5th grade students, so one teacher would stay and two teachers would attend the trip. The teacher who remains will provide curriculum for any students who do not elect to attend the trip.

8) **Board Business**

a. Approve new June meeting date - June 4

Motion: CT
Second: MS
8-0-0

b. Update on ad hoc committees

Vision Committee, Facilities Committee, Funding Committee shared with parents. Three parents signed up for the Facilities Committee, six parents signed up for the Vision Committee, and no one signed up for the Funding committee. LS notes that there is interest amongst the teachers to join the committees, so she will follow up with them in more detail. AO and ET volunteers for Vision, JR volunteers for Facilities. The next step is for the assigned board member for each committee to reach out to the committee to get the conversation started and to begin the work of the committee. MS suggests that there is a standing update from the committee on the agenda. MS suggests the Vision committee looks at student voice, staff voice, parent voice, teacher voice.

9) **Action Items**

a. Approve Unaudited Actuals 24-25

The projected deficit is in part a result of increased costs in special education funds.

Motion: LS
Second: JR
7-0-0

b. Approve overnight field trips

i. Camp Ocean Pines 6th grade Oct 15-17

ii. Big Sur 7th grade Oct 22-24
iii. Joshua Tree 8th grade Jan 13-16
Motion: RU
Second: AO
7-0-0

c. Approve Annual Prop 28 Report - Arts & Music in Schools
Motion: EP
Second: JR
7-0-0

10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting October 21, 2025

Agenda items for future meeting will include student supervision and safety, updates from adhoc committees

11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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12) a. Litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privilege as authorized by Govt Code 54956.

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at _7:41_PM

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ADJOURNMENT Adjourned at _8:15_PM