Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
5:30pm, Room 311

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1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President 5:32 PM
2) **ROLL CALL:**

(President position vacant)

Erin Pollaro (EP), Vice President (2025)	__X____
Christina Trujillo (CT), Secretary (2027)	__X____
Angela Osborne (AO), Treasurer (2026)	In 5:34PM_Out: 6:55PM
Justin Rodriguez (JR), Member at Large (2026)	__X____
Emily Tatomer (ET), Member at Large (2027)	__X____
Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2025)	__X____
Lara Schmeiser (LS), Elementary Teacher Rep (2025)	_____
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	_____
OTHER ATTENDEES:	
John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	__X____

3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for December 9, 2025
Motion:CT
Second:JR
5-0-0
*AO arrived after vote

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4) **Public Comment**
5) **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting October 21, 2025
   Motion:JR
   Second:ET
   5-0-1
6) **Standing Reports**
   a. Treasurer's Report
   Updated projected numbers for the year are reflected in the 1st Interim Budget. A slight deficit is visible in the budget, as expected.
   b. Director's Report
   Good start to the annual appeal. $20,305 raised, 18% of families participated to date. Close of appeal will be at the end of the academic year. Possible telethon after Spring Break. Update in Special Education Planning for 26-27 Academic year: Solvang and the SY High School are exploring the possibility of running their own, independent, programs for the upcoming school year. Los Olivos, Ballard, Vista, and College are currently reviewing options for providing Special Education services through the SBCEO. June 30th should be the date by which College District will notify if the district is pursuing services through SBCEO.
7) **Informational/Discussion**
   a. Updates on facilities correspondence/Prop 39 request with CSD
   SYVCS will reply to CSD by January 2nd with response to CSD's December 1st letter. CSD has until February 1st to reply to this follow up. JD coordinating a meeting with the SYVCS legal council. CSD plans to do a site visit in March as part of the charter renewal process. Renewal of charter contract takes place in 2028.
   b. Update on budget and spending - incl athletic track
   Changes to projected revenue and expenditure are: increased of 75K dollars in total revenue as a result of increases in state aid incl. increase in lottery

funds, expanded learning opportunities, and arts and music. Kitchen income is also moderately increased. Difference in expenditure comes from classified salaries, slight increases in employee benefits in alignment with increased staffing, and special education costs.

8) **Board Business**

a. Update from ad hoc committees

- Facilities - JU and JD share out on meeting with contractor and consultant for track, next focus area is kindergarten and first grade area for a general redesign for functionality, aesthetics, foot traffic, etc. JD suggest looking into landscape designers to help with updating and designing this space
- Vision - ET hosted the first meeting, AO and ET attended both following meetings. Feedback is to do a cultural values assessment school wide to help determine ways to highlight the vision that unifies and individualises SVYCS community. This survey has a cost, so the question is now where funding for such a survey would come from. AO will share the cost of the survey with the Board for a future Board meeting.

b. Approve new Board President and other officers if applicable

Nomination for Board President: AO nominates EP
Second of Nomination: JR
Motion: ET
Second: RU
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Nomination for Board Vice President:EP nominates JR
Second of Nomination: AO
Motion: EP
Second: AO
6-0-0

c. Process/timeline for appointing new Board member

Share open Board position with the SYVCS community through ParentSquare. Request Potential applicants to submit letters to JD, invite candidates to the January 2026 meeting, and determine the new Board member in the January meeting.

9) **Action Items**

a. Approve 1st Interim Budget

Motion: JR
Second: EP
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10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting January 20, 2026

Meeting prospective Board candidates, follow up on ad hoc committees, updates on Prop 39 Request

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.

RU Motion to table closed session item to future board meeting
Second: JR
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ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at _7:10_PM