Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
5:30pm, Room 311

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1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President 5:34
2) **ROLL CALL:**

Erin Pollaro (EP), President (2028)	_X_____
Justin Rodriguez (JR), Vice President (2026)	_X_____
Christina Trujillo (CT), Secretary (2027)	_X_____
Angela Osborne (AO), Treasurer (2026)	_X_____
Emily Tatomer (ET), Member at Large (2027)	_X_____
Tyler Sprague (TS), Member at Large (2029)	_X_____
Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2026)	_X_____
Lara Schmeiser (LS), Elementary Teacher Rep (2026)	_X_____
Ian Trejo (IT), Superintendent College School District	_X____
OTHER ATTENDEES:	
John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	_X____

3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for May 19, 2026
Motion: CT
Second: AO
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4) **Public Comment**
5) **Consent Agenda**
a. Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2026
Motion: AO
Second: LS
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6) **Standing Reports**
a. Treasurer's Report
No major changes to budget from last report.
b. Director's Report
$44,345 raised via the Annual Appeal. 67% of families contributed, with a $312 average Gift. The track update has begun. Still have a few items outstanding with the flash online auction that have not yet been purchased, so the total raised will likely reach $80K. Graduation is 5/29 at 9am. Reminder that 4th of June is our next Board meeting, on a Thursday rather than a Tuesday.
7) **Informational/Discussion**
a.
8) **Public Hearing**
The Board of Directors shall consider, in a public hearing:
a. The Local Control and Accountability Plan
Three goals identified in the LCAP: academic, students support, and stakeholder involvement in school activities. LCAP is structured as a three year plan through 2027. Question about time of year Parent Survey is distributed, with note the spring distribution of survey is needed. No additional questions regarding LCAP shared via public.
b. 2026-27 Budget
Very few changes from proposed 2026-2027 budget between now and finalized budget expected, with exception for the LCFF funding. JR asks how consortium shift will impact Budget. IT notes that cost should be comparable to last year. IT asks if SYCS receives

discretionary block grant. Waiting to hear back from Gary to confirm if these funds are also being distributed to SYCS. Will not know until July 1st if these funds are dispersed from the state. Should these funds be dispersed, it may be used across three years. JD will update dates in the summary section to accurately reflect dates.

9) **Board Business**

a. Update from ad hoc committees

- Facilities -JR shared he's reached out to parents regarding joining the subcommittee. A meeting will be set up with an architect to potentially draw designs for the area between kindergarten and first grade classroom to bring forward potential updates to the space.
- Vision - Still speaking with the data survey company. Looking at potentially 5 questions to share with parents and staff, costing about $2250. Data cut will allow more disaggregated understanding of feedback to distinguish parent feedback and staff feedback. JD suggests this cost is included in the upcoming budget for review and approval.

10) **Action Items**

a. Approve 2-year probationary period for newly hired teachers

JR asks for more clarification around the extended timeline for probation. JD shares this will help give teachers more time to acclimate to SYVCS and give. LS asks if this will impact current re-hires; JD says this will take effect for new hires, not for current probationary hires.

Motion: JR
Second: ET
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b. Approve AB49 Policy

Update is meant to clarify the difference between a judicial warrant and administrative warrant. The state requires adherence to judicial warrants and this brings us in alignment with AB49.

Motion: CT
Second: AO
9-0-0

c. Approve Academic Integrity Policy

Policy is meant to help clarify rules, examples, and definitions with students to help support their overall educational growth. Teachers helped develop the policy. Students and parents would sign to acknowledge the policy at the beginning of the academic year.

Motion: JR
Second: CT
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d. Approve Graduation Requirements Policy

Two changes from existing policy: 1) Cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all four core classes, students who do not meet requirement may be eligible for academic probation to meet requirement, and no F grade in any class for the 8th grade year; 2) Not earn a level 2 or be suspended within the final trimester of the 8th grade year.

Motion: JR
Second: AO
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11) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting June 4, 2026

12) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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13) a.

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:39__PM