

VALLEY HOME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Tuesday – April 13, 2021 – 6:00pm
Multipurpose Room @ Pioneer Ave Campus
13231 Pioneer Ave Valley Home, Ca

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. / Establishment of Quorum

The regular meeting of the Valley Home Joint School District Governing Board is called to order by Chris Hempleman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, in the Multipurpose Room at 13231 Pioneer Ave

Roll Call

Board Members Present: P Chris Hempleman, President
 P Jessica Caudle, Clerk
 P Julie Haynes, Member
 P Shanna Springer, Member
 A Emily Webster, Member

Administration Present: P Debra Boggs, Superintendent/Principal

Flag Salute: Jessica Caudle

Staff Present: Natalie Lopez, Kelly Penning, Sandra Moore, Sheri Rathbun, Linda Thrall, Amanda Gong-Chun, Debbie Stewart, Holly Benkula, Emma Cornett.

Others Present: Parents and community members

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PUBLISHED/AMENDED

Jessica Caudle made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendment to pull item 7B under Finance/General Business, seconded by Julie Haynes.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. **Maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker.** The Board is not permitted to act on any matter not on the Agenda. If appropriate, a Board member may direct the Superintendent/Principal to schedule an item for a future board agenda. Members of the public may comment on agenda items at the time the Board addresses that agenda item.

- Winnie Mullins said she is grateful to the family for the new sign on the gym in memory of Bonnie.

IV. STAFF AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Superintendent/Principal and members of the staff may report to the Board about various matters involving the district. The Board may ask questions or refer matters to staff.

Mrs. Boggs reported:

- This week students returned to school 5 days per week and the staff is excited.
- Mr. Cassinetto is helping the distant learners. There are currently 16. They will get their time with the teacher in the morning and get extra support during the day.
- Bonnie's closet is doing great with lots of donations. They have organized clothing

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- and are now looking for families in need. Contact Mrs. Benkula or Mrs. Boggs.
- Sixth graders are working on raising chickens. They hope to provide eggs to the community in the future.
 - There is a graduation committee for kindergarten and 8th grade. They will be meeting next week and plan graduation with safe state guidelines. Looking for volunteers to also help.
 - A.J. is our new custodian as of 4/1. He's doing a good job so far.
 - LCAP plan is moving forward. Survey will be coming out soon in an email.
 - COVID money spent: 50 new chromebooks, new chromebook cases and insurance, new windows and hot water on Pioneer campus, paid for professional development, hotspots for internet access, and classroom supplies.
- Mrs. Boggs said the expense register shows how the money is spent and to feel free to ask her for a copy.

V. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members may report on any matter involving the district. No action may be taken unless a matter is listed on a subsequent agenda.

No report from board members.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

All matters listed under Consent Items are considered to be routine and all will be enacted by one motion and voice vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Board of Trustees requests items to be removed from the Consent Items list for separate action. Any such items will be considered after the motion to approve the items on the Consent Items list.

- A.1 Approval of the Minutes from the 3/9/2021 Regular Board Meeting.
- A.2 Approval of the Minutes from the 3/17/2021 Emergency Board Meeting.
- A.2 Approval of the bills and warrants through 3/24/2021.
- A.3 Accept the Resignation Letter from Kristin Lovejoy, Administrative Assistant
- A.4 Accept the Resignation Letter from Michelle Alves, Administrative Secretary
- A.5 Accept the Resignation Letter from Dylan Mendes, Custodian
- A.6 Accept the Resignation Letter from Alexandra Kozicki, Instructional Aide
- A.7 Accept the employment of Anthony Guida, Full Time Custodian, effective 4/1/2021

Julie Haynes made a motion to approve the items A1-A7 under Regular Agenda Items, seconded by Shanna Springer.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

VII. FINANCE / GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Board Approval 2021-22 Master Agreement with Stanislaus County Office of Education

Mrs. Boggs explained that the Master Agreement is with SCOE and it is something they sign yearly for internet access and legal support. VH is moving tech support

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from DataPath to SCOE because they are cheaper, and will provide better service.

Jessica Caudle made a motion to approve, seconded by Shanna Springer.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

B. Discussion / Board Approval MOU with VTA Regarding The Covid-19 Pandemic And School Opening During The 2020-2021 School Year

C. Discussion / Board Approval Workers' Compensation Annual Certification

Mrs. Boggs said it is a legal requirement and gave numbers.

Shanna Springer made a motion to approve, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

D. Discussion / Board Approval Employment Contract between Valley Home Joint School District and Erica Curtis, Speech pathologist, effective April 14th, 2021.

Shelby Volante is stepping down at the end of the year and focusing on Oakdale. She recommended Erica Curtis. Their work time will overlap for training. Erica will be in person and on campus.

Julie Haynes made a motion to approve, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

E. Discussion / Information Only Valley Home Joint School District Annual Financial Report

There was an audit for financials that happens annually. There were no unusual findings.

Jessica Caudle made a motion to approve, seconded by Julie Haynes.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A. Complaints/Charges Against District Employee (Pursuant to Government Code 54957)

B. Discipline/Dismissal/Release

C. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Initiation of Litigation:
Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) - One case.

At 6:12 p.m. Julie Haynes made a motion to approve going into closed session, seconded by Shanna Springer.

X. OPEN SESSION

_____ At 7:36 Julie Haynes made a motion to move back into open session, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

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XI. PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

_____ The Board has voted 4-0 to place Mrs. Boggs on paid administrative leave. The investigation report received was incomplete and was still needing two more witnesses. In order to make a thoughtful decision they have scheduled a special board meeting on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 at 6pm.

Motion passed: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Julie Haynes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Next Special Board Meeting: Wednesday April 21st, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting date and time: Tuesday, May 11 , 2021 at 6:00 p.m.