

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

Tuesday – December 14, 2021 – 6:00pm
Bonnie Gellerman 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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the Bonnie Gellerman Multipurpose Room at 13231 Pioneer Ave.

Roll Call

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

Administration Present: P Bill Slikker, Superintendent/Principal

Flag Salute: Emily Webster

Staff Present: Chellie Kovacs, Kelly Penning, Sheri Rathbun

Others Present: Parents, Community Members

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PUBLISHED/AMENDED

A. Approval of the Minutes from 11/9/2021 Regular Board Meeting
Julie Haynes made a motion to approve, seconded by Shanna Springer.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

B. Annual Organizational Meeting/Election of Board Members

- Chris Hempleman recommended Jessica Caudle for Board President and Emily Webster for Clerk. Ms. Webster stated that her job does not allow flexibility needed to sign documents during school hours, but she agrees to fill in as the interim Clerk until someone else is selected.

Julie Haynes made a motion to approve, seconded by Shanna Springer.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

At 1/11/22 board meeting positions were amended as follows:

Julie Haynes as president and Jessica Caudle as clerk.

III. SELPA Presentation

A. Matt Devins from SCOE to give 20 minute presentation to the Board

- Mr. Devins provided information about the Special Education services provided by SELPA with SCOE.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on agenda items only. **Maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker.** The Board is not permitted to act or hear comments on any matter not on the Agenda. If appropriate, a Board member may direct the questions to the Superintendent/Principal or schedule an item for a future board agenda.

A. Discussion on the student vaccine mandate.

Julie Haynes made a motion to hold public comment before closed session for this meeting.

Julie Haynes made a motion to approve, seconded by Chris Hempleton.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

- Sheri Rathbun states that she thinks the vaccine mandate letter should be discussed in open session and asked that the discussion be moved to open session.
- Erin Wells asked if the letter was sent in by a parent or if it is a letter that is being sent out from the school. Mr. Slikker stated that it is not a mandate letter, but a letter school districts are writing requesting to allow exemptions to the mandate. Mrs. Wells stated she watched part of the OJUSD Board meeting where they reworded the resolution recommending the vaccine be recommended, not required. Mr. Slikker expressed that he can't say everything that is in the letter, but it sounds similar. Mrs. Wells said that OJUSD discussed their letter in open session and allowed the public to give input.

V. CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Discussion on salary negotiations with the Valley Home Teachers Association
- B. Letter regarding vaccine mandate

Julie Haynes made a motion to move into open session, seconded by Shanna Springer at 7:03pm.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

VI. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – (If Needed)

- A. Julie Haynes explained that several districts are sharing the vaccine letter and adjusting it to fit their district. The Board cannot openly talk about the letter they have, because it belongs to Robert's Ferry and doesn't actually mention Valley Home. Ms. Haynes stated that the Board will use this letter as a guide to writing one for Valley Home and that medical and religious exemptions are a thought but could be trumped by the state. If so, the state could take away funding if we do not comply. Ms. Haynes stated that the letter will be added to the agenda for next month so that it can be presented with Valley Home's name on it. Ms. Haynes welcomed public comment on this matter even though public comment time has passed and nothing will be adopted at this time. Ms. Rathbun asked the Board to confirm that the letter will be added to the agenda for next month and public comment will be allowed.

- B. Mr. Slikker discussed the Educator Effectiveness Grant that would provide support for students and teachers in and out of the classroom. We would need to provide a proposed budget and would need to know the Board is in support of it. Mr. Slikker wants to move forward with preparing and applying for the grant. Shanna Springer made a motion to approve, seconded by Julie Haynes.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

VII. STAFF AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Superintendent/Principal may report to the Board about various matters involving the district.

- A. Volleyball and Football are over, Soccer has begun
- B. Christmas Play, 11:00am on 12/17
- C. Palm tree removal
 - Pioneer campus parking lot- scheduled to be done during the break
- D. IT upgrades during break
- E. Phone system change-over
 - Note that the number calling out appears different than before for parents. The number to call in to the school has not changed.
- F. School closed 12/18/21-1/3/22 Winter Break

VIII. 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.

IX. FINANCE / GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Bank of the West account issues have been resolved
 - Bill Slikker, Chellie Kovacs, Natalie Lopez are set up with access to bank accounts.
- B. Phone System update
 - Phone system successfully switched over with the exception of a few classroom phones. Ethernet connections to be installed for remaining lines over winter break.
- C. Quarterly Financial Report to be presented and accepted
 - 34% reserves for this year, 29% reserves for 2022-2023, 25% reserves for 2023-2024

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Letter regarding vaccine mandate
- B. Educator Effectiveness Grant

C. Approval of bills and warrants

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Julie Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shanna Springer at 7:16pm.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Next Regular Meeting date and time: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.