

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

Tuesday – September 29, 2020 – 6:00pm
Multipurpose Room @ Pioneer Campus
13231 Pioneer Ave. Valley Home, Ca

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

The special meeting of the Valley Home Joint School District Governing Board is called to order by Julie Haynes at 6:00 p.m. on September 29, 2020, in the multipurpose room at 13231 Pioneer Ave, Valley Home.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: P Julie Haynes, President
 P Chris Hempleman, Clerk
 P Onan Rice, Member
 P Erin Wells, Member
 P Shanna Springer, Member

Administration Present: P Debra Boggs, Superintendent/Principal

Flag Salute: Julie Haynes led the flag salute

Staff Present: Kristin Lovejoy, Sheri Rathbun, Holly Benkula, Linda Thrall

Others Present: N/A

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PUBLISHED/AMENDED

Shanna Springer made a motion to approve the Agenda as published, seconded by Onan Rice.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

At 6:05pm, Chris Hempleman made a motion to convene into **Closed Session**, seconded by Onan Rice.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

III. CLOSED SESSION:

A. Employment: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

At 6:40pm, Onan Rice made a motion to convene back into **Open Session**, seconded by Shanna Springer.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

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IV. PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No action to report.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- Holly Benkula, teacher, wanted it on record that she is against mandatory COVID testing of asymptomatic staff members. She is concerned about the infrequency of testing (only every 2 months). Since staff is self screening every day, why do asymptomatic staff still need to get tested? She objects to using COVID funds towards testing of staff – she believes it could be used for more beneficial things for students. She also spoke of concern about substitutes and wants to know if they are also being tested prior to exposure to students in a classroom.
- Linda Thrall, teacher, brought up concerns about mandatory COVID testing of staff. She believes the money can be better utilized towards the needs of students during this time. According to the schedule, testing will be done on Wednesdays and she is opposed to taking that time away from working with small groups, one on one teaching and prep time. She also questioned the need for testing of asymptomatic staff when even people in the medical field are not required to test.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Nothing to report

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Board Approval – Final Adoption of the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Erin Wells made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, Seconded by Chris Hempleman.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Onan Rice made a motion to adjourn the September 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting at 6:50pm, seconded by Shanna Springer.

Next Regular Meeting date and time: Tuesday October 13, 2020 6:00 p.m.