

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
2301 Evergreen Ave, West Sacramento, CA (Library)
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Sacramento Valley Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members online at <https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/board-meetings-2024---2025.html>
2. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting or to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications” will be able to join this meeting in person or using the following link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81563903552?pwd=brGDjZ93pYtgJmxNHap8inMuqj4xUJ.1>
Meeting ID: 815 6390 3552 Passcode: 055184
 - a. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
 - b. With regard to a specific agenda item, you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.

When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address when it is their turn to speak on an “Oral Communication” or a specific item and adhere to the time limits set forth.

3. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at Sacramento Valley Charter School in the School Office at 2399 Sellers Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and online at the supporting documents located at: <https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/board-meetings-2024---2025.html>

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

| | Present | Absent |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Narinder Thandi | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Daljit Ghuman | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Pritam Thind | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Tirath Pal Sandhu | <u>X</u> | _____ |
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II. OPEN SESSION

III. APPROVED THE MEETING AGENDA as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.

IV. APPROVED THE MEETING MINUTES: from the August 29, 2024 Special Meeting as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by T. Sandhu and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.

The Board tabled the August 29, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes* and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. With regard to a specific agenda item, you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes* when the Board discusses that item. *Persons requiring an interpreter shall receive a maximum of six (6) minutes.

Many members of the audience spoke and six request to speak forms were submitted.

1. Rajdeep Dosanjh (SVCS Teacher) asked the board to consider CalSTRS pension for certificated staff rather than the current 401(k) Plan.
2. Genora Whiting (SVCS Teacher) expressed concern about how open the campus is for the public to access, security especially for the elementary side and MPR.
3. Daljit Ghuman (Parent/SVCS Board Member) shared the security concern and mentioned the need for doors to be locked and closed fully to be locked.
4. Kulwinder_____ (_____) shared safety concerns about students playing the parking lot, active shooters and how to get kids to safety.
5. Jasmin Torres (SVCS IA) shared that the double doors at the office are left open.
6. Zowee Wittmore (SVCS Teacher) shared concern about who stays in the Temple apartment(s) that left the doors and gates open,
7. TK Teacher or IA commented about doors being left unlocked.
8. Inderbir Singh (TK and 3rd grade parent) shared concerns.

9. Did not get a name/affiliation of person asking for a LT plans for a playground that is secure.
10. Dharminder Singh – American Multicultural Network Alliance asked to be notified about meetings.
11. A member of the public/Temple volunteered to help with security.
12. Karmir Singh – interest in joining the Board and form.
13. Pavan Sandhu (Parent, via Zoom) expressed security concerns about security guards at the Board meeting but not during the school day and a lack of transparency for Board practices.
14. Deepti Chattha (Parent, via Zoom) asked about TK classrooms and restrooms; security at pick up/drop off and verifying approval to release a child to other than parent/guardian.

B. FOR INFORMATION: BOARD/STAFF DISCUSSIONS: Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

Staff requested 1) a Special Meeting on Oct. 3, 2024 for a comprehensive review and changes to staffing and 2) rescheduling the Oct. 9, 2024 Regular Meeting to Oct. 16, 2024 due to staff and board member schedule conflicts.

VI. ANNOUNCED ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION by D. Ghuman

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

1. Mercedes Velasquez (SVCS IA) spoke at this time about Action item C. 1. A. stating that Dr. Singh promised her \$24.50/hour, was never provided a pay stub.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION began at approximately 4:45 PM

A. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

B. Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54957.1)

Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Section 56956.9(b): 2 cases

IX. RECONVENED OPEN SESSION at approximately 6:25 PM

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

No action taken.

XI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS (40 minutes)

1. Approved the Revenue and Expense Reports as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
2. Approved the issuance of a US Bankcard – CalCard with a limit of \$15,000 for the SVCS Principal retroactive to September 5, 2024 as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.

3. Approved the 2023-24 Education Protection Account (EPA) results as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
4. Approved the 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals and final budget revision as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by T. Sandhu and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
5. Approved the purchase of two school bus with air conditioning and authorized a N. Thandi to execute purchase and financing documents for 50% financing at a competitive interest rate as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by T. Sandhu and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
6. Appointed two Board Members (T. Sandhu and P. Thind) and invited the PTO President to the Board Member Recommendation Committee to review candidates' statements of interest, meet/interview candidates and provide a list of recommended candidates to the Board as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
7. Approved September 16, 2024 as the start day for the 30-Day period for candidates to submit a completed Statement of Interest – Candidate for SVCS' Governing Board as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
8. Approved Dr. Vendetta Brown as authorized signer using the auto-sign feature for payroll checks processed online through ADP as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
9. Approved the Firewall Security Update per the quote from Serv3 Network as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (5 minutes)

1. Tabled review and approval of the performing arts after school program for the production Annie at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 plus after school program staffing costs.

C. PERSONNEL (30 minutes)

1. Approved classified pay rate increases for:
 - A. Instructional Aid (M. Velasquez) \$1.00 per hour effective 9/1/2024
 - B. Lead Bus Driver (K. Bagri) \$.25 per hour effective 7/16/2024
 as Motioned by N. Thandi, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.
2. Tabled the approval of new hires and terminations.

XII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. BUSINESS (5 minutes)

1. Update provided on the TK facility – a meeting with a Temple representative is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 12
 - A. Classrooms during the transition period

- B. 2255 Evergreen Lease and access to the playground
- C. Purchasing or leasing a building or portables

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (10 minutes)

1. Punjabi curriculum development update – need to revisit with Dr. Brown.
2. Principal's Report: A verbal update and written summary was provided of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

C. PERSONNEL

D. PUPIL SERVICES (10 minutes)

1. Update on Transportation Services – need to work on files
2. Special Education – SELPA visited, compliments received
3. Update on School Safety – the board heard the concerns from parents and staff, arrangements will be made to add two security guards during school hours (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM) and an agreement for security will be considered at a meeting for review and approval.

XIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Absent.