

**Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of
Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School
Held April 16, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School was held at 6:30 p.m. on April 16, 2009 at 28049 Smyth Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Amber Raskin at 6:25 p.m.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:

President – Amber Raskin- present
Vice President – Andy Hetzel- present
Treasurer – Sharlene Atwood- present
Board Member – Dawn Evenson- present
Board Member – Courtney Lackey- present
Board Member – Linda Krystek-present
Board Member – Tae Chang - present
All eight Board Members were present; a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dawn Evenson motioned to approve the agenda.
Linda Krystek seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 7:0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharlene Atwood motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2009.
Courtney Lackey seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 7:0.

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

This portion of the meeting is set aside for the purpose of allowing an opportunity for individuals to address the Board of Directors regarding matters not on the agenda.
None.

6. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Principal's Report: (See written report.)

7. Dress Code/Uniform Update

Small group of parents have an interest in having uniforms. Live survey was conducted. If it goes to the answering machine, they called in their vote. So far: 49 against; 12 in favor; 4 request more information.

Amber Raskin formally welcomed Tae Chang as SCVi's new Board Member.

8. DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL BACCALUREATE MEETING AND PROGRAM

We had a public presentation to the board. Sharlene Atwood put together a cost projection for the program. (See cost projection.) Teacher training begins after interest application is submitted. A majority of the teachers would have to be trained by May 1, 2010.

Second part of application due in another year. Teacher training is about \$1,000/subject. One teacher has to be trained in every subject and then can train the remaining teachers. A trainer can come into the school for primary years for \$2,000. If we wanted to have all our teachers trained so that our 8th graders can graduate with an IB diploma, we would need to start training now. We could teach the material but we might not be able to give IB diplomas.

Website for International Baccalaureate is www.IBO.org.

Courtney Lackey asked if students could work with or test at another IB school and receives the IB diploma if SCVi is still an applicant school at graduation.

Sharlene Atwood suggested submitting the interest application since there is no cost for the application.

Primary years they can come to us for training. A teacher can also be the Coordinator for the IB program. Middle years they cannot come to us for training, we have to go to them for training. While training, you can be called an IB applicant school. Once you are trained then you can be approved.

K-12 is considered private with IB. There is a grant program for about \$4,000. Development Committee is trying to get a sponsor. Student body size does not change the price. We need approximately \$25,000 by May 2010.

Amber Raskin motioned to approve submitting the Interest Application.

Courtney Lackey seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 7:0.

9. CONSENT ITEMS

Legal Service Agreement with Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP
SCVi retained a lawyer for our team to look over contacts, etc.

Personnel Report (See report)

Linda Krystek motioned to approve the consent items.
Courtney Lackey seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 7:0.

11. INDEPENDENT STUDY PROPOSAL

Looking at Independent Study Program for next year. We are legally able to have 20% of our student body do independent study. They meet with a credentialed teacher every 20 days. The parent implements the program. We have a teacher from the Saugus School district that is familiar with the Independent Study program. We have started forming an interest list. We would work with a team to offer a stipend for the year for curriculum and site classes. We could offer the students being able to join us for lunch and field trips. We do receive ADA for independent study.

Marla Leighton mentioned we have at this time 35 students on the interest list for all grades excluding 5th. 23 from the home-schooling community and the rest are off the SCVi waiting list. There is a lot of excitement from the home-schooling community.

Amber Raskin asked if there are any objections to moving forward with is program.

No objections so SCVi will move forward with the program.

12. HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROPOSED POLICY DISCUSSION

Dawn Walker and committee presented policy. (See attached.)

Dawn Walker will make modifications and the Board will vote on the policy at the next meeting.

13. BOARD ITEMS

Amber Raskin nominated Tae Chang for Secretary.
Andy Hetzel seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 7:0

Term limits for Board Members (read from the official Charter).
The Board of Directors, Make up of the Board of Directors page 28
Election, Term and Removal Process for board Member page 28

How to stagger board members since they all started at the same time will be discussed in closed session following open session.

Application or Agreement for Board Members approval
The community member application to be modified and presented with an application for elected members.

14. TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharlene Atwood gave the Treasurer's report. (See report.)

15. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

This portion of the meeting is set aside for the purpose of allowing an opportunity for individuals to address the Board of Directors.

Parent asked if SCVi had a Discipline policy in the Charter? Education Code is in the Charter. Discipline policy is in SCVi family handbook.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 21, 2009

Health and Wellness Policy
Application or Agreement for Board Members
Application for Elected Members

17. ADJOURNMENT

Amber Raskin adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Closed session immediately followed.