



**Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of
Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School
Held March 19, 2009**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School was held at 6:30 p.m. on March 19, 2009 at 28049 Smyth Drive, Valencia, CA 91355.

MINUTES
Open Session

1. CALL TO ORDER

Amber Raskin called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL AND RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM:

President – Amber Raskin- present
Vice President – Andy Hetzel- present
Secretary – Open
Treasurer – Sharlene Atwood- present
Board Member – Dawn Evenson- present
Board Member – Courtney Lackey- absent
Board Member – Linda Krystek-present
Five Board Members were present; a quorum.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dawn Evenson motioned to approve the agenda.
Andy Hetzel seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 5:0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharlene Atwood motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 19, 2009.
Andy Hetzel seconded the motion.
Motion carried, 5:0.

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. FACILITIES

Discussed at closed session directly prior to open session.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Revolving Charter School Loan Fund applied for with the State of California. This is a low interest rate, straight loan. Most charter schools apply due to the low rate.

Andy Hetzel motioned to approve Revolving Charter School Loan Fund Application.

Dawn Evenson seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5:0.

Board report – budget to actual. SCVi received 60,000 from grant. Class size reduction money pushed back until September. Trying to get more grants and donations. Budgeted for \$50,000 in donations and grants and we only have \$5,000 right now. We need these funds so that we have a reserve.

Expenses have been online. We are applying for an increase in our line of credit. The state is very unpredictable. Mission Valley Bank has been very supportive and helpful as our community bank.

8. Parent Participation Pledge

SCVi is asking for approximately \$300.00 per student. We have approximately 20 families out of approximately 80 families who have donated. Sharlene Atwood asked for board approval to phone families as part of the pledge drive. There were no objections.

Kristy Robinson working on family puzzle to show family participation.

If we can show 100% participation, it helps with grants.

9. Uniform Policy

See attached proposal

Dawn Evenson suggested to survey student population as well as parents so that everyone has a voice.

Andy Hetzel suggested calling it a "Dress Code".

10. Board Member Replacement

Board member replacement approved for Tae Chang, to fill open position as Secretary, which replaces Franca Campopiano, beginning March 19, 2009.

In closed session directly prior to open session, the Board ratified Linda Krystek to represent the teachers.

11. Discussion of IB presentation

Andy Motion to have a meeting Tuesday, March 24, at 6:30 pm for presentation of IB.

Dawn Evenson seconded the motion

Motion carried 5:0

12. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

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Dawn Walker spoke regarding school uniforms. She experienced uniform dress codes growing up. The ACLU opposes uniforms. She feels uniforms aren't right for SCVi. In understanding the vision SCVi understands diversity. Look alike clothing goes against this vision. We want to find the uniqueness in each student. She believes older students need to have a stake in the decision. She does not want conformity at SCVi with education or uniforms.

It was suggest to have 7th graders do a project researching the pros and cons of school uniforms.

Lisa Nevolo agrees with Dawn Walker adding older kids dress themselves and makes individual choices and agrees that it goes against the grain of the school.

13. Personnel Report

Dawn Evenson made a motion to approve the consent item of the personnel report

Sharlene Atwood seconded the motion.

Andy Hetzel abstained

Motion carried 4:1

14. ADJOURNMENT

Amber Raskin motioned to adjourn.

Andy Hetzel seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5:0

Amber Raskin adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.