

Yosemite Valley Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes



October 27, 2021 at 5:15 PM | 3610 E. Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/4183238475>

Meeting ID: 418 323 8475

Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833

Directors Present

Dr. Larry Jarocki, Jennifer McQueen (remote), Dr. Angela Tos (remote), & Carrie Stumpfhauser (remote)

Directors Absent

Jonna Durst

Guests Present

Dr. Laurie Goodman, Steph Johnson (remote), Jim Surmeian (remote), Yolanda Vazquez (remote), Jonathan Quijas (remote), Dr. Steven James (remote) Lorraine Sewell (remote), Mariah Jordan, Maria Thoeni (remote), Jenny Plumb (remote), & Kmmi Buzzard (remote)

Minutes

1. Opening Items
1.A. Record Attendance
1.B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Larry Jarocki called a meeting of the board of directors of Yosemite Valley Charter School to order on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 5:15 PM.

1.C. Flag Salute

Dr. Larry Jarocki led the Flag Salute.

1.D. Approval of the Agenda

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to approve the agenda.
Carrie Stumphouser seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.E. Public Comment

- Josh Long is a parent who would like to be part of the vaccine mandate conversations and know the board's position on this topic.
- Marianne would like to know how the school plans to adhere to the mandate for teachers. She also expressed a concern about the Achieve 3000 curriculum. What is the purpose of the curriculum offering? Is the board aware or familiar with the curriculum? She is concerned about what she believes are CRT tones. Would like parents to be made aware prior to curriculum selection.
- Stacey Munro is a YV teacher and has a question about some school boards in CA are voting against the mandate and wonders if YV would consider this or look into this. Does the school receive additional funding for following the mandates?
- Jennifer McQueen shared about the Parent Advocacy Team meeting on Friday, October 29 , 2021.
- Monica Strickland is a teacher and is concerned about the vaccine mandates and testing process. She believes the mandate is not a law and would like to see if the ESSER funding requires the school to follow the mandate and if so, would the school consider opting out of the ESSER Funding.
- Public comment section was closed at 5:28 pm

1.F. Review & Approval of Minutes

Dr. Angela Tos made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Scheduled

Board Meeting on September 7, 2021.
Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
The board VOTED to approve the motion.

1.7. Executive Director Report

- Vaccine Mandate:
 - The ESSER funds are not tied to adhering to the state executive order. Some of the funds are planned to be used to cover the cost of COVID-19 testing.
 - Dr. Goodman and Steph Johnson have researched the impact of not following the executive order consulting legal counsel. The school has decided to approach the implementation of the Executive Order with grace and compassion. This is why exemptions are being accepted. Several testing options have been provided (nasal, saliva, etc.). Staff will be reimbursed immediately to not burden them with the cost.
 - The school is working on a plan to allow for a virtual model for teachers and students.
- Curriculum offerings: Ongoing evaluation of current and future curriculum offerings

2. Governance (Part 1)

A. Consideration of Board Member Resignation

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to accept the resignation of Carla Moore effective October 6, 2021.
Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Consideration of New Board Member Appointment and Assumption of Term

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to approve the appointment and assumption of term for Carrie Stumpfhauser.
Dr. Anglea Tos seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Finance

A. September Financials

Jim Surmeian presented the school's September financial report.

Dr. Larry Jarocki asked Dr. Laurie Goodman for clarification about the staffing and student ratios. Dr. Goodman shared that the school closed enrollment so that teachers could focus on current student rosters.

Federal revenue is starting to register in the budget numbers.

The school will be applying for the Educator Effectiveness Grant with funds coming sometime in January and will be factored into the budget at that time.

It was noted that factoring/selling of receivables may not be needed in the future, thus cutting down or eliminating interest costs.

Dr. Angela Tos inquired if the cash balance would become part of the school's reserves. Jim confirmed that yes, it would become part of the reserves.

Upcoming reporting items:

- A 990 extension has already been filed and will be filed in 2022.
- First Interim Report

Dr. Angela Tos asked if there was a minimum reserve percentage required. Jim shared that this is not the case.

Dr. Angela Tos made a motion to approve the September Financial Reports as presented. Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Part-time Teacher Hourly Table 2021-2022

Steph Johnson presented the purpose of the table and noted this is for the Part-Time Teacher staff.

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to approve the Part-time Teacher Hourly Table 2021-2022.

Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Plan

The ESSER Funds are to help the school address the impact of COVID-19 on student learning.

Dr. Larry Jarocki asked what will happen to these programs when these special funds end. Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that ultimately the goal is to not need the programs after a time. The programs will lose their effectiveness because they are no longer needed.

Carrie Stumphhauser shared that intervention needs are not the direct result of COVID and the need for intervention support will continue. Dr. Goodman shared that reserve funds could be used to continue the programs. The schools are adopting "Great Instruction the First Time" (GIFT).

Dr. Angela Tos made a motion to approve the ESSER Plan..
Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Academic Excellence

A. Revised Independent Study Policy

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that due to changing legislation, additional changes were needed for this policy.

Jennifer McQueen asked about Academic Progress and the criteria that will be used to make the determination of adequate progress and how the listing of standardized tests factors into the decision. Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that the student will use multiple measures in the form of "satisfactory educational progress."

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to approve the revised Independent Study Policy.
Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Contract for Outside Counseling Services

Yolanda Vazquez shared the new supports for students in crisis.

Jennifer McQueen asked about Informed Consent protocols. The school will be looking into this.

Dr. Tos asked for more information about the interns. The cover sheet references that the interns will be paid and the program is through Fresno Pacific University.

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to approve the contract for Outside Counseling Services.

Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5. Operations

A. Iron Mountain Statement of Work (SOW)

Yolanda Vazquez shared the impetus for the need to digitize and store these student records. Dr. Steven James shared that the Special Education Information System (SEIS) is the repository for SPED records, however those records do not remain accessible once the student is no longer enrolled.

Dr. Agnela Tos made a motion to approve the Iron Mountain SOW.

Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

6. Governance (Part 2)

A. Board Meeting Format

Dr. Angela Tos made a motion to approve to hold the November board meeting in a hybrid format, offering virtual and in-person options

Carrie seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

7. Closing Items

A. Board of Director Comments & Requests

1. Dr. Angela Tos: December and January Data on usage of the counseling support program
2. Dr. Larry Jarocki: Informed consent, results from meeting on 11/1/2021
3. Carrie Stumpfhauser: Consider having an agenda item on vaccine mandates
4. Carrie Stumpfhauser & Dr. Larry Jarocki: Presentation of information about NCB immunization protocols
5. Carrie Stumpfhauser: Exemption data and breakdown of how unvaccinated staff interacts with other staff and students
6. Carrie Stumpfhauser: Provide more information from CharterSAFE and legal counsel on what would happen if a family contracted COVID from a vaccinated employee
7. Jennifer McQueen: Expressed gratitude for being included in the Parent Advocacy Team (PAT); Would like to see if the PAT can have time at the board meetings to share the parent input.

B. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

November 18, 2021 at 5:15 PM

6.3. Adjourn Meeting

Jennifer McQueen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM
Carrie Stumpfhauser seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Larry Jarocki

Prepared by:
Kimmi Buzzard

Noted by:

Board Secretary

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