

# May Regular Board Meeting - 2023 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy

May 31, 2023 at 5:30 PM PDT

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Melea Meyer

#### I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence

##### **In Solidarity**

We of this Academy, named after the Principal Local Indigenous Village of Shanél, acknowledge with honor the Shóqowa and Hopland People on whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands we work, educate and learn and whose historical and spiritual relationship with these lands continues to this day and beyond.

#### II. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:55pm

#### III. Roll Call

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Melea Meyer

#### IV. Adoption of the Agenda

##### **Motion:**

motion to adopt the agenda with one change (21-22 to 22-23 in the LCAP hearing

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. Motion approved, passed by roll call vote: Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye

#### V. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

no public comment, no guests present.

#### VI. Public Hearing

LCAP public hearing includes description of the requirements and wee al budget review for parents and an overview of our gaols and porograms planned using LCAP funds. board members addressed questions and concerns.

##### A. Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

SVA's 22-23 LCAP outlines how our school budget is allocated with additional consideration taken for equitable services for students in traditionally marginalized roles including foster

homeless and low income. Challenges include more comprehensive access to training in Illustrative Math.

 [SVA LCAP 2023-24 Public Hearing Draft \(2\).pdf](#)

 [22-23 ShanelValley LCAP Ed Partner Slides.pptx](#)

## VII. Appointment of Two New Board Members to Fill Vacant Board Positions

Leslie Barkley and Noshie Merlin are stepping in to fill Board roles left Vacant by members terming out (Sonny Elliot Jr. and Jessica Farfan).

Leslie Barkley, one of our founding board members stepped down from the board in 2021 to take on a full time teaching role. Now that she is re-re-retired, and will be re appointed.

Noshie Merlin has been nominated by Sonny Elliot.

The SVA oath of office was read and repeated by both new board members. which includes commitment to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of SVA, uphold the mission, values and policies of the charter school and act in the best interests of the students families staff and the community.

### **Motion:**

Motion to approve Leslie Barkley's appointment on the SVA Board

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. Passed by Role Call Vote: Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye

### **Motion:**

Motion to approve the nomination of Nostomin (Noshie) Merline as recommended by Sonny Elliot Pomo Tribal Chairman

Motion moved by Leslie Barkley and motion seconded by Melea Meyer. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye; Glossenger: Aye; Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye

## VIII. School Updates & Community Announcements

### A. Parent Advisory Council Updates & Announcements

Cinco de Mayo fundraiser was a success, still counting but we raised more than \$4000 with the event. Successes this year include increased parent engagement and several more community events. great turn-out for our events. Overall successful year for the PAC.

Member Barkley commented that she heard from community members including Hopland Students and teachers were glad to see this event come back to the community.

The PAC learned a lot for next year and the board is grateful for the work that parents, staff and volunteers put in to make the event a success

ELAC update: there is a lot of work to do to increase engagement in the ELAC. The joint meetings are not working for multilingual families. Linda is working to find more ways to notice meetings and make sure families are getting the information they need in their native language.

Lessons learned for next year: Parent Square was a barrier for some parents, and with help there was more success. next year we will include a parent onboarding session for all parents to get familiarized with the school's systems and communications methods.

### B. Principal's Report

State testing: May 1-May 15

iReady testing is this week

Buddy classes are doing walking field trips to Feliz Creek and Burger's My Way (ice cream!)

Pomolita field trip took place for 5th and 6th-graders to see the school, meet the principal, and find out what it's like there.

Observations in classrooms are taking place with Laura Canon (new SPED teacher)

PBIS discipline flow chart being finalized this week with MCOE support (Stephen Hahn)

Staff appreciation week in early May. Parents contributed and we had some special treats for teachers that week.

Tomorrow is our final PBL night and our 7th and 8th grade UISA students will be sharing their films.

### C. Community School Director Report

Community schools piece of Cinco de Mayo event was bringing the Aztec dancers and Flamenco Mendocino. Linda is working on programs for next year to help empower parents (esp. multilingual or trad. marginalized families). Linda will be setting up workshops for parents with The Parent Institute for Quality Education. Linda will also be bringing other workshop like PPP and also including programming for Motherhood and Fatherhood is Sacred, so we can support our families with parenting skills and empower them to navigate their relationship with the school. Linda recently attended the "Power of Showing Up". Mental health awareness training. Native American Motivational Day at Mendocino College was a huge success with students, they loved the day and got see what ti was like to be a college student for a day. Preschool licensing is moving forward and all our community partners are eager to help. Getting ready for our very first summer enrichment program: contracts and schedules will be out by Friday.

### D. Community Updates & Announcements

PBL night

Field day June 7

Graduation June 8

Summer program starts June 20

## IX. Fiscal Updates

### A. Fiscal Updates from Ed Tec

May Revise came out a couple weeks ago. COLA (8.2%) increase was nominal and impacts state SPED and LCAP funding. It also impacts nutrition funds as well. Arts Music and instruction and learning recovery Block grant was decreased but legislator is fighting to keep it. Prop 25 funding will come in and backfill this funding source for future years, and will provide funding based on FRPM#s. This will be an ongoing funding source rather than one time funding.

 [SVA - MYP 052223.pdf](#)

 [Shanel Valley May Board Meeting Presentation.pdf](#)

## X. Review and Possible Approval of ELO-P Plan

Board discussed edits and strikethrough and agreed on the suggested changes.

 [SVA - ELOP Plan.docx](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the ELO-P plan with suggested changes

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: Aye, Glossenger: Aye; Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye

XI. Review and Possible Approval Summer Enrichment Program 2023

Program will run from July 20-August 4. program closure would be July 3&4. this equals 30-days of intersession programming. &:30-3:30 each day. Staffing will meet ratios of 10:1/ 20:1. Program expenditures will include additional snack outside of nutrition program paid for with another funding source  
Enrollment forms will include emergency info. and make sure it is updated in Powerschool if needed.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve an operational budget for up to \$150,000 for the summer enrichment program. This budget includes approving the salaries for Summer staff  
.25 FTE CSD  
\$35/hr summer lead  
\$30/hr summer lead asst.  
\$22/hr summer assistant  
\$26/hr kitchen manager  
\$22/hr kitchen assistant

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Melea Meyer. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XII. Review and Possible Approval - Resolution 05.23 for Establishing a Preschool Program and Partnerships

This resolution approves the establishment of a preschool program at Shanél Valley Academy, encompassing an extended day program and the intention to join the Mendocino County Office of Education State Preschool Consortium for collaborative opportunities. The resolution empowers the School's administration to take necessary steps, including licensing and education partner collaboration, to ensure the successful implementation and management of the preschool program, while providing regular updates to the Board on its progress and outcomes.

 [Resolution No. 05-23 Establishing a Preschool Program.docx](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the resolution to approve resolution No. 05-23 Establishing Preschool Program

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XIII. Review and Possible Approval of School Calendar 23-24SY

Suggested changes to calendar include closure on September 22 in honor of California Indian days to allow students and families to travel to and attend dances and cultural events. We will also Honor our local Pomo Holiday on September 15 by holding a celebration on campus to honor and celebrate the survival and thriving of the Hopland band of Pomo Indians.

 [SVA-SchoolCal-2023-2024.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to add an event on September 15 and closure on September 22 to honor local Pomo holiday and CA Indian days. We will check with partners to consider closure on Oct 9 to allow for student attendance at the Sunrise ceremony (Alcatraz).

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XIV. Review and Possible Approval of Bell Schedule 23-24SY

Changes reflect adding 10 additional minutes to lunch time for TK-3rd grade students, reducing 10 minutes from Playworks.

 [SVA 23-24 IM Bell Schedules.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

motion to approve bell schedule with suggested changes

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XV. Review and Possible Approval on Health and Welfare Benefits for 23-24 SY

**Medical**

**Anthem:** 9.95% Increase / \$682.4 per month increase

- 12 Employees currently participating
- Estimated Cost for 23-24 SY = \$104,408.64

**Kaiser:** 11.14% Increase / \$298.57 per month increase

- 3 Employees currently participating
- Estimated Cost for 23-24 SY = \$71,502

**Dental: 4% Decrease**

- 19 Employees currently participating
- Estimated Cost 23-24SY = \$14,820

*When reviewing your Delta Dental PPO plan, we considered cost factors related to your group's dental service utilization and claims experience as well as the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our analysis indicates that a decrease in your current rates are warranted.*

**Vision: Rate Pass, No Increase**

- 19 Employees currently participating
- Estimated Cost 23-24SY = \$1951.68

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the health and welfare benefits for the 23-24 school year, excluding depending expenses.

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XVI. Review and Possible Approval - Speech Therapy Contract with TinyEye 23-24SY

Due to the unavailability of in-person MCOE staff, the board is recommended to continue contracting with a third-party speech service provider. This arrangement would ensure that students in need of IEP speech services continue to receive the necessary support.

The rate will increase from \$90/hour to \$95.25/hour

Services average 80 hours per month.

Estimated Contract for 23-24 = \$76,000

 [Renewal - 2024 - Shanel Valley - SLP Quote for 2023 2024.pdf](#)

 [TinyEYE and Shanel Valley 2022 2023.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve TinyEye contract for 23-24 with the increased hourly rate (from \$90 to \$95.25)

Motion moved by Leslie Barkley and motion seconded by Melea Meyer. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XVII. Review and Possible Approval Student Climate Surveys for 22-23SY

Student climate surveys for an LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) are assessments conducted to gather feedback from students about their experiences within the school environment. These surveys aim to provide valuable insights into student perceptions of safety, inclusivity, engagement, and overall satisfaction, enabling the board to make informed decisions and allocate resources effectively to improve the school climate and support student success.

1. [Online student survey](#)
2. [Visual student survey](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the student survey with the removal of questions 11-13, and edit to number 8. Survey will be offered in English and Spanish.

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XVIII. Review Insurance Proposal for 23-24SY

Motion to approve the current insurance quote at the current rate.

 [2023- 2024 Renewal Letter to Membership.pdf](#)

 [Shanl Valley Academy.22485.CharterSAFEInvoice2324.pdf](#)

 [Shanl Valley Academy.22485.CharterSAFEProposal2324.05-30-2023.pdf](#)

 [Summary of Changes to MOC 2023- 2024.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Motion to approve the current insurance quote at the current rate.

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XIX. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items

no comment on closed session items

XX. Closed Session

Tabling item A principal employee evaluation. we will reconvene in a special board meeting for the principal evaluation.

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Principal

The BOD will hold a special meeting in to complete the Principal's EOY Summative Evaluation.

B. Public Employee Employment: Certificated Positions, Classified Positions

XXI. Introductory Items

A. Reconvene in Open Session

B. Report Out from Closed Session

motion to approve 23-24 contracts.

**Motion:**

Motion to award the second half of the lead teacher stipend to each lead teacher, and stipend for principal for community Schools

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger.  
Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

**Motion:**

Motion to approve 6 Certificated staff contract at salaries: \$82,400, \$85,000, \$72000, \$56,500, \$80,000, \$105,000, 1 classified at \$30/hour.

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Melea Meyer.  
Approved by roll call vote: Barkley: aye, Glossenger: Aye, Frost, Aye; Meyer: Aye, Merlin: Aye 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion approved

XXII. Consent Agenda

XXIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:31