

November Regular Board Meeting - 2023 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy

Nov 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM PST

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence

We continue to honor the traditional ancestral people of Hopland and are grateful to live work and learn on the unceded lands of the Sho-Ko-Wah people.

II. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:18pm

III. Roll Call

Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda is adopted with no edits

Motion:

Motion to adopt the agenda as written

Motion moved by Leslie Barkley and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. all in favor.
passed by

V. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items

VI. Closed Session

A. Public Employee Employment: Principal Evaluation

B. Public Employee Employment: Community Schools Director Evaluation

C. Public Employee Employment: Certificated Positions

D. Public Employee Employment: Classified Positions

VII. Introductory Items

No members of the public present

A. Reconvene in Open Session

reconvened in open session at 7:45

B. Report Out from Closed Session

Stipends for certificated staff were approved by Board Vote: 5 aye
\$1280, \$1120, \$4800, \$400, \$1600, \$5000, \$5000, \$5000.

Stipend for classified staff were approved by Board Vote: 5 aye

VIII. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda. Although the Board of Directors may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupt the Board meeting.

IX. School Updates & Community Announcements

SVA just finished our first trimester of the year.

A. Principal's Report

PBL night was a success. Parents appreciated learning about our teaching methods and talking to the teachers. Students from the leadership team served everyone spaghetti!

Leslie Barkley volunteered and make sugar skulls with students for the Ofrenda and many community members contributed.

Student Leadership team is getting off the ground, they are helping with playworks and PBIS. Stone soup was a success and this year we added bread baked by each class (volunteer Barkley led the bread-making).

Steven Hahm came to continue working on PBIS and Christy Smith is taking the lead on PBIS alignment and support. She does a PBIS assembly each month and is making funny videos to support student learning.

The month of gratitude has been going well.

Intervention support rolled out over the past month, students have been identified for leveled groupings. Groups will be assessed and reassessed every six weeks.

Amy requested a regular update on student data, Kristi will present an overview of first trimester progress in our next board meeting.

B. Community School Director Report

Focus has been on the preschool and developing new staff to build structures for student and staff success. Linda has been working to recruit new staff.

Linda and Alisha have been working together to build a quality program and develop her leadership with new staff. Linda is able to step back and let Alisha take the lead. 4-H outreach has begun. The ELP started planning different clubs including Spanish club and Ballet Folklórico. Linda attended a program called project HOPE. It is intended to increase positive mental health outcomes through building strong relationships.

Linda and Noshie are working with Ramon THPO to develop a plan for the grand opening of the preschool and announce the new name for the preschool. Tentative date in December 13.

C. Parent Advisory Committee Report

No member of the PAC is present today.

D. ELAC Report

No member for the ELAC was available today.

X. Financial Updates

XI. Review and Possible Approval - 22-23 Annual Report

Annual report was reviewed by UUSD, they asked for minor revisions including some typos and more clarification on how Board members are selected.

 [working copy SVA Annual Report 22-23SY.docx.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the Annual report

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. Passed by roll call vote: All in favor.

XII. Discussion About ELOP / ASES / 21st Century

In an attempt to meet budget shortfall, we are considering shifting classified staff time by 1 hour during the school day and adding an hour to their daily schedule (in the afterschool program) increasing their hours from 7 to 8 hours. This will help us meet ratio in the Expanded Learning program without filling positions we have struggled to fill, and shifts some funds out of general fund.

XIII. Discussion About SVA Celebration of Holidays

An issue was brought to the board by a staff member seeking guidance about how SVA celebrates holidays. Principal McCullough will prepare a board policy around best practices.

XIV. Discussion About Community Engagement Initiative

No CEI updates this month.

XV. Consent Agenda

A. Review Approval of Minutes

Member Barkley noted some needed edits in the principals report.

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Motion:

Motion to approve the minutes with minor edits.

Motion moved by Noshie Merlin and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger.
motion passed unanimously

XVI. Adjournment

meeting adjourned at 9:58