



**The Valley School of Southern Oregon**  
857 Valley View Dr. Medford, OR 97504

**Meeting of the Board: Minutes**

Date and Time: February 18, 2026 - 5.00p

Location: In person at The Valley School or Google Meet

**Call to Order: 5:07**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:** Kaitie Warner, Dan Akita, Kim Parkerson, Craig Manning, Mike Bowman, Autumn Doshier, Bryan Cohee, Alan Cochran (5:30)

**Board Members Absent:** Rainy Tilton, Stacy Fields

**STAFF:** Kris Von Wald, Executive Director, Tracy Boykin, Secretary

**CONSENT TO AGENDA**

Request to move public comment to the start of the agenda and Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Kim Parkerson motioned to approve the agenda with the change, Dan Akita seconded the motion; **unanimous vote to approve.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Student Noah A presented his legacy project for consideration by the Board. The project is a Disc Golf Course on school grounds which can be used for enrichment activities and PE. He would like to get 2 more baskets at \$400-\$500 each for the permanent baskets or \$150 each for removable baskets. Noah also will be sending out letters to disc golf companies for donation or discounts. Board members engaged with Noah, asking questions about how this creates a legacy project for the school and thanked Noah for bringing this to the Board for consideration.

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:**

**[January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes](#)**

Bryan Cohee motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, Autumn Doshier seconded the motion; **unanimous vote to approve**

**INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Message from the Board for the March Newsletter will be Autumn's message from February**

**[Executive Director Report](#)**

## **OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

### **Action Items:**

- **Board annual work plan and review of 2024/25 KPI- OPEN ITEM (See Below)**
- **Kris to check OSBA for log in information for current board members and to get a quote for board training- Open Item - OPEN ITEM\***
- **Board Evaluation Committee: to review Board and Head of School performance - OPEN ITEM** - Need a committee established before May to address Board Recruitment, Evaluation and Training. Kris will get a draft committee description sent out to the board.\*
- **Policy Committee - OPEN ITEM** - Kris will work to get more policies ready for board review \*
- **Look into the McKenzie Scott foundation for grants\* - OPEN ITEM FOR CL AND KVV**
- **Board/ Staff gathering - find a new date \* Friday's are good 2/27 & 3/13**
- **Submit Head of School Job Description at the next board meeting.- Done**
- **Schedule additional FinCom meeting to discuss budget- Next Wed 2/25**
- **Draft for 26-27 School Calendar - Done**

### **CONTENT ITEM 1: 2026-2027 Annual School Year Calendar for Review**

Item Owner: Kris

Purpose: Information and Discussion

[MSD Approved 2026-2027 Calendar](#)

[TVS Draft 2026-2027 Calendar](#)

Kris Von Wald presented the TVS calendar. 171 contact days vs MSD 169. Attendance on days when MSD is off school and TVS has school does not present a huge difference.

Kim Parkerson: Why don't we fully adopt the MSD schedule? Kris Von Wald, we can look at time off to align with MSD. The difference is we operate on semesters and MSD operates on quarters so they have a couple more off days for grading. Autumn Doshier The contact days accommodate staff training and 6th graders as a soft start? Kris VonWald, Yes. Katie Warner, Do we have to vote on this today? Kris VonWald, no we will vote on this next month.

### **CONTENT ITEM 2: Staffing Considerations 2026 - 2027 School Year**

Item Owner: Kris VonWald: Head of school, sent out the information on the Head of school job description, timeline, recruitment information. Sent Jan 29, 2026 . Job description is the only thing we need to approve tonight. Would like to consider an internal candidate before going out to the public. All staff have been notified of the opening and the Job Description. Katie Warner, are we allowed to do this? Dan Akita, Schools hire internally all the time. Kris Von Wald I think the board needs to make the decision. Autumn Doshier: Timeline for how long the internal position would be open, before we open it up for external candidates. Kris VonWald we need to make a decision on the job description tonight, we need to get this soon since we are

already in February. Autumn Doshier moves to approve the job description. Katie Warner 2nd the job description. Consent: **All approved.**

**Reminder about who is on the Hiring Committee:**

Rainy Tilton, Dan Akita, Katie Warner, Kim Parkerson

Community Members: Amy Manukonen, (Callie McQueen added later)

Staff: Lena Hosking, Nasser Rihan, Tracy Boykin

**CONTENT ITEM 3: Finance Committee Report**

Last month was good from a P & L standpoint. Every month we are not covering 100% of our costs through ADM funding. Journal entries through the end of December done to allocate instructional vs support costs. Lower enrollment has been the main factor in lower revenue. Expenses are also down a bit but not enough to cover the difference. Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare an initial budget to be presented in March and for approval in April.

**CONTENT ITEM 4: Report on 2025/26 [KPI](#) and [Board Annual Work Plan 2025/26](#)**

Charter renewal on the agenda to be approved for negotiation tomorrow at the MSD board meeting. The school wide goal for this year was to improve communications. Please look at KPI.

**CONTENT ITEM 5: Fundraising Event April 17, 2026**

Canvas & Community Fundraiser- An Artful Evening will be held on Friday April 17 and 6-9 p.m. held in Oak. We have several donated art items and Tiffany Wyatt will be doing a live painting during the auction. Four students were asked to create an art piece to sell at the auction. We would love to have all board members come and to connect us with people you know to get donations. Some paddle raise ideas will be: pollinator garden items, additional work in oak, support for legacy projects. Max capacity is 144 in Oak. This will be a more casual event made nice with decorations and good food. Price is \$75.00 each for tickets.

**Executive Session called at 6:05: The Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.610.(2)b to discuss a complaint received today.**

**The Board adjourned the Executive Session and returned to public meeting at 6:50.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** March 18, 2026; 5.00p to 6.30p

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM**