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**The Valley School of Southern Oregon**

857 Valley View Dr. Medford, OR 97504

**Meeting of the Board: Agenda**

TVS Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025; 5:00 – 6:30pm

At The Valley School or

Google Meet

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/eji-jwmk-djd>

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**BOARD MEMBERS:** Rainy Tilton, Kaitie Warner, Dan Akita, Amy Maukonen, Kim Parkerson, Stacy Fields, Craig Manning, Mike Bowman, Bryan Cohee, Alan Cochran

**STAFF:** Lily Reishman, Academic Director - Kris Von Wald, Executive Director

**MISSION OF THE BOARD:** *Provide direction and leadership for The Valley School by shaping the vision, mission and goals, by developing a series of policies and frameworks for how the school runs, by establishing good working relationships with the director, staff and community, and by supervising and protecting the fiscal interest of the school to assure that our mission is sustainable.*

**MISSION OF THE VALLEY SCHOOL:** *The Valley School cultivates an environment of curiosity, creativity, and community where every child feels a sense of belonging and is supported to experience academic success and personal growth.*

**VISION:** *Our school influences middle schoolers’ lives through real-world, engaging educational experiences, offering challenges tailored to meet each student’s unique learning journey. Every Valley School student is empowered to take ownership of their success and realize their own potential. Valley School students make meaningful contributions to the community and are prepared for the future as responsible, accountable citizens and life-long learners.*

**VALUES:** *We are guided by the core values of Integrity, Curiosity, Creativity, Accountability, Respect, and Empathy and Compassion.*

**ATTENDANCE, REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

**PURPOSE:** This meeting will focus on items of importance to wrap up the 2024-25 school year and prepare for 2025-26.

**AGENDA:**

| **Time** | **Item** | **Item Owner /Presenter** | **Purpose** |
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| 5.00p | Call to Order and Roll Call | Rainy | Connect |
|  | Consent to Agenda | Rainy | Decision |
|  | Approve Minutes of past meetings:  April 16, 2025 | Rainy | Decision |
|  | Information and Announcements | Kris/Lily | Information |
|  | Correspondence Received | Kris | Information |
|  | Public Comment | Rainy | Information |
|  | Content item 1: Report on Open Action Items from previous meetings | Rainy | Information  Discussion |
|  | Content item 2: Follow-up / action from Town Hall meeting | Rainy | Discussion |
|  | Content item 3: Board recruitment plan | Rainy | Discussion |
|  | Content item 4: Policies to Approve | Amy | Decision |
|  | Content item 5: Finance Committee Report | Dan | Information  Decision |
|  | Content item 6: Executive Session  Executive Director evaluation and 2025/26 contract - ORS 192.660 2(a) and 2(i) | Rainy | Information  Discussion |
|  | Return to Public Meeting | Rainy | Decision |
| 6.30p | Adjourn | Rainy | Decision |

**Consent to Agenda**

**Approve Minutes:**[April 16, 2025 Minutes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LEK6bp5UpkZvoBB4-7zuDwlPws1rGChHsy2dVr3ePb0/edit?usp=sharing)

**Information and Announcements:**

Schedule of Upcoming Events:

RenFaire: May 22 - 1 to 5p

8th grade trip: May 29-30

8th grade graduation: June 4, 6 to 8p

Last day for students: June 5

Last day for staff: June 13

Facilities Use Contract: 3:30 to 7p Sundays for 6 months starting May 18

Academic Director Report

**Public Comment**

**Content Item 1: Report on Open Action Items from Previous Meetings**

**From April 16, 2025, Meeting:**

1. Call a special board meeting (short on zoom) to meet and create the process for the Executive Director performance review committee. This should be done soon. OPEN ITEM?
2. Schedule a special board meeting that will be Policy review and adoption. At this meeting, we will review the current by-laws and public meeting rules and revise or write our policy on public comment, anonymity, time limit on zoom room staying open when empty. OPEN ITEM (see below)

**Content item 2: Follow-up / action from Town Hall meeting**

[Kris provided her notes from the Town Hall meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1IpwmFGSeB2GDOd085ZyB9x5OiAFg8_SJuwUcGFYLRro/edit). What action and/or follow-up would the Board like to take?

**Content Item 3: Board Recruitment Plan**

All Board members whose terms expire June 30, 2025, are seeking reappointment for a new two-year term. In addition, one expression of interest has been received for the remaining Board vacancy.

The Board is asked to agree the recruitment plan for Board members for the 25-26 school year and consider:

1. Sending a ‘Call for Candidates’ to all current and incoming parents
2. Targeting recruitment of candidates who offer the skills or expertise currently missing on our current Board
3. In the event all vacancies are filled and more people want to be involved, identifying possible Board advisory committee(s) who participate with the Board in an ex-officio capacity
4. Being prepared to appoint Board of Directors for 25-26 in June with terms to begin July 1 and run through June 30, 2027.

**Content Item 4: Policies to Approve**

The Policy Committee has reviewed, modified for TVS, and prepared for approval by the Board policies as shown on the summary. These are located in the shared folder Policy Book > Policy Information 2023-25 > Board Updates - May 2025 and the [summary of policies ready for Board approval can be found here.](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1dkQRKVoSglUkvO0-EkVMOKbXSv1-cxZ3InpvbC4Djuw/edit) The Board is asked to review these policies and be prepared to vote on their adoption and/or schedule a special meeting of the Board with a single agenda item to review and approve the recommended policies.

**Content Item 5: Finance Committee Report**

Attached are the [April month-end financial reports](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17nyN1mSaRZvUTsd3QwuGgg1kDHMe0GyN/view?usp=sharing) as reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee has reviewed and discussed updated information related to the budget for 2025/26. The most substantial item of new information is that the health insurance premiums for the next school year have gone up by a minimum of 26%. This substantially increases the amount of the possible unassigned fund balance TVS has included in the budget. The Board is asked to review and discuss the possibilities for addressing the substantial health insurance premium.

**Content item 6: Executive Session**

Executive Director evaluation and 2025/26 contract - ORS 192.660 2(a) and 2(i)



**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** June 18, 2025; 5.00p to 6.30p

**ADJOURNMENT**