



The Valley School of Southern Oregon

857 Valley View Dr. Medford, OR 97504

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

Date and Time: October 15, 2025 - 5.00p to 6.30p

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Rainy Tilton, Dan Akita, Kim Parkerson (by video link), Stacy Fields, Craig Manning, Autumn Doshier

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Cochran, Amy Maukonen, Bryan Cohee, Kaitie Warner, Mike Bowman

A Quorum was established.

STAFF: Kris Von Wald, Executive Director

CONSENT TO AGENDA

A change to the agenda was made to move the guest input to the start of the meeting. Stacy made a motion to consent to the Agenda as modified; Dan seconded; the Agenda was consented to.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were in attendance.

CONTENT ITEM 1: Charter School Renewal Process

The Board welcomed guest Erik Johnson from the Medford School Board and former long-standing member of the Madrone Trail Charter School Board. Erik shared information about his experience with Madrone Trail's recent charter renewal, including information about where the MSD Board was at that time. Erik also shared information about the current status of the MSD Board, superintendent search and ODE policies and changes. Erik provided some tips about making sure the MSD Board knows about TVS and knows all of the ways MSD can learn from the strategies and approaches of TVS. Erik shared caution around future funding, recognizing decreased enrollment across the State and locally, and noting MSD is going to need to cut back through attrition and facilities.

The Board expressed genuine gratitude for Erik sharing his perspective and providing very valuable information to aid our process.

Kris had shared the charter renewal process and said she was meeting with new District rep for Charters, Todd Bloomquist, and will report back at the next meeting.

MINUTES TO APPROVE:

September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes - A motion was made to approve the minutes; 2nd received; vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes of the 9/17/2025 meeting.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report on Family Education Meeting and Donuts & Grownups: Kris provided a report on the success of the Family Education Meeting and Donuts & Grownups, with many people attending these community building and connecting events. November was going to be the annual fundraiser, but for many reasons the event will need to be postponed until Spring. Adequate time to prepare and plan is necessary for success.

Need Author for Message from the Board for November Newsletter: Craig Manning said he would provide a message for November.

Board Member Updates: Rainy provided an update to the Board that Kaitie Warner has asked for and was granted a leave of absence from the Board until March of 2026 due to unforeseen work commitments. Rainy also said that Amy Maukonen has come to the difficult decision to step down from the Board for personal reasons. She will still be able to be an advisor to the Board and/or Executive Director when possible. The Board expressed deep gratitude to Amy for all her years and types of service to The Valley School, and is grateful she is still able to offer her wisdom and advice as and when possible.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Kris will create a Board timeline recruitment plan for 2026-27. OPEN ITEM
2. Board Evaluation Committee: OPEN ITEM
3. The Board will add an agenda item to discuss goals set and regular Director reports for family volunteer participation and student attendance. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN A REGULAR EXEC DIR REPORT FOR EACH BOARD MEETING. CLOSED ITEM.

CONTENT ITEM 4: Policy Committee Report - Moved up in the agenda since Stacy needed to leave.

Stacy provided brief overview of need for cell phone policy change and the Board reviewed the recommended changes. Autumn made a motion to adopt the revised Cell Phone Policy as recommended; Rainy seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of approving Policy JFN and adding it to The Valley School policy register.

Stacy left at 6:10, which left the meeting without a quorum.

CONTENT ITEM 2: Report on 2024/25 KPI and [Board Annual Work Plan 2025/26](#)

Item carried over to November Meeting

CONTENT ITEM 3: [Finance Committee Report](#)

Dan provided overview with note that re-budgeting will be required once we get more information about funding changes due to lower enrollment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.