



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

**DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Board**  
Date and Time: November 19, 2025 - 5.00p

**Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm.**

**BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:** Rainy Tilton, Dan Akita (at 5:30p), Kim Parkerson, Bryan Cohee (by video link), Craig Manning, Mike Bowman, Alan Cochran (at 5:30p)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Stacy Fields, Kaitie Warner (on leave), Autumn Doshier

**A Quorum was established.**

**STAFF:** Kris Von Wald, Executive Director

**GUESTS:** The Board welcomed guests and invited them to introduce themselves: Tamara (mother of 6th grade student and FIG Leader), Jared (father of 8th grade student)

**CONSENT TO AGENDA**

A change to the agenda was made because it was not likely all items would be discussed. Items necessary to be discussed are Charter School Renewal Process, Finance Committee Report and the Executive Session. The Board Recruitment Plan and Annual Work Plan will be moved to the December meeting. Craig made a motion to consent to the agenda as modified; Kim seconded; the vote was unanimous to consent to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**MINUTES TO APPROVE:**

October 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes - Craig made a motion to approve the minutes; Mike seconded; vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes of the 10/15/2025 meeting.

**INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Report on Spooktacular and Family Education Meeting:** Kris provided a report on the scary success of Spooktacular this year, with almost 100 students attending, loads of volunteers helping to decorate and plenty of adult chaperones who also dressed up. Learning from the past events and the huge involvement of FIG are keys to the event's success. The Family Education Meeting for Restorative Practices and the ChoicePoint Anti-Bullying program did not have any

families attend. We have no reason as to why, and may offer the information by email and/or a separate meeting after winter break. It is a topic that families have expressed interest in, so it is unclear as to why nobody showed up. The next Family event is December 9, 3:30 to 5:30, and will be a holiday fair with games, goodies and crafts.

**Need Author for Message from the Board for December Newsletter:** Mike Bowman said he would provide a message for December.

**Kris asked for a Board member to attend a meeting with the Business Office of the District on Friday, November 21, at 9:00 am.** Rainy volunteered to attend. The purpose of this meeting is mainly to connect with the District about finances and future funding in advance of the school's charter renewal.

**Fundraising:** Craig Manning and Bryan Cohee are working on fundraising strategies and plans for the School to be more cohesive and targeted with fundraising. Craig provided a brief statement that they are working on creating the story, targets, possible sources and events to bring a significant amount of resources to the school. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

Tamara provided input about the efforts FIG are making to work with community professionals to get a video made that communicates the story about the school and can be used in fundraising strategies and as a recruitment tool.

### **Executive Director Report**

Kris provided an overview of what will now be a regular report to the Board to provide updates to enrollment, attendance, fundraising status, and volunteer activity. She reviewed the information contained in the current report, and expanded on the current status of Special Ed funding and services available to TVS.

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

1. Board Evaluation Committee: OPEN ITEM

### **CONTENT ITEM 1: Charter School Renewal Process**

Kris initiated a discussion about the charter renewal, saying we need to prioritize putting together the intent to renew with the specifics of what we are asking to be changed/updated in the charter agreement. She noted that it would be a good idea to get the intent to renew to the District before the winter break and this will require a focused effort that would call for a special meeting or work session of the Board. The Board agreed to meet on December 10 at 5pm with a single item agenda to identify what to put into the request to the district.

### **CONTENT ITEM 2: Finance Committee Report**

Dan reviewed the report to the Board and noted that we have money in the bank and that we know of upcoming funding changes that will likely require us to use these reserves. Funding changes are due in part to lower than anticipated enrollment and possible funding cuts this year and definitely next. The Finance Committee will provide an updated projection based on all information available to date and present it to the Board for a mid-year budget adjustment.

**The Board then convened an Executive Session under ORS 192.660 to discuss the content of communication they received.**

**Public Meeting reconvened at 7:06pm.**

The Board met in Executive Session to discuss an email received from a staff member (now former staff member) which requested Board action. Board discussed a review of policy and practices and feel the actions taken by staff are appropriate and followed policy as required. The Board will compose a response from the Board to the staff member to indicate resolution.

The Board then discussed the need to include a confirmation of email conduct and response to communications protocol for Board members at the next Board meeting. The Board mentioned that it would be good to get training for Board from OSBA. Kris will check log-in information again to make sure all Board members are able to log in to the OSBA site to access training. Kris will also check with OSBA to get a quote for bespoke training for TVS.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.**

**Action Items from this meeting:**

- 1. Board Recruitment Plan for 2026-27 moved to next meeting**
- 2. Board Annual Work Plan and review of 2024/25 KPI moved to next meeting**
- 3. Board member response to communications protocol/practice**
- 4. Special Meeting December 10 to discuss Intent to Renew Charter**
- 5. Kris to check OSBA for log-in information for current board members and to get quote for board training.**
- 6. Board Evaluation Committee: to review Board and Head of School performance**