

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
2301 Evergreen Ave, West Sacramento, CA (Library)
Wednesday, July 24, 2024
4:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Sacramento Valley Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members online at <https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/board-meetings-2024---2025.html>
2. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting or to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications” will be able to join this meeting in person or using the following link: Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85363908153?pwd=97gIvRbVxmJwXtnbGobacV9FOjRWvx.1>
Meeting ID: 853 6390 8153 Passcode: 094677
 - a. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
 - b. With regard to a specific agenda item, you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
 - c. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address when it is their turn to speak on an “Oral Communication” or a specific item and adhere to the time limits set forth.
3. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at Sacramento Valley Charter School in the School Office at 2399 Sellers Way, West Sacramento, CA 95691 and online at the supporting documents located at: <https://www.sacvalleycharter.org/board-meetings-2024---2025.html>

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Bhajan S. Bhinder	<u>X</u>	_____
Narinder Thandi	<u>X</u>	_____
Surjit S. Dhillon	<u>X</u>	_____
Daljit Ghuman	<u>X</u> (left mtg at 6:48 PM)	_____
Pritam S. Thind	<u>X</u>	_____

II. OPEN SESSION

III. APPROVED THE MEETING AGENDA as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by D Ghuman and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Abstain (Thandi).

IV. APPROVED THE MEETING MINUTES: from the June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting as modified for the pupil services information/discussion items as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by S Dhillon and approved by a vote of 3 – Ayes, 2 – Abstain (N. Thandi, D. Ghuman) and from the June 14, 2024 Special Meeting as Motioned by D. Ghuman, Seconded by B. Bhinder and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – No (Thandi).

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes* and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

*Persons requiring an interpreter shall receive a maximum of six (6) minutes.

Sarbjee Nijjar, SVCS Punjabi teacher since 2014, asked 1) for her salary to be raised and 2) that there are significant differences among SVCS teachers with the same amount of experience. She asked for a \$10,000/year raise.

B. FOR INFORMATION: BOARD/STAFF DISCUSSIONS: Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VIII. CLOSED SESSION began at 4:18 PM

A. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

IX. RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION at 5:35 PM

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board met with legal counsel in closed session and the Board voted 4 – Ayes (B. Bhinder, D. Ghuman, S. Dhillon and P Thind) and 1 – Recused from the closed session beginning at 5:15 PM and abstained from voting (N. Thandi) to extend the cost for the third-party investigator not to exceed \$15,000 for the on-going investigation and two other pending complaints.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them.

XII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS (30 minutes)

1. Approved Revenue and Expense Reports as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by D. Ghuman and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
2. Tabled the change of primary legal service provider.
3. Approved the renewal agreement with New Horizon for custodial services in 2024-25 as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes with the request for Dr. Cervantes to requests quotes from other custodial service providers.
4. Tabled the agreement with Sikh Temple Sacramento for Solar Power offset payments of \$7,250 per year in lieu of the solar array purchase.
5. Approved Governance and Brown Act Training to be provided by Young, Minney and Corr (YMC) as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by D. Ghuman and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
6. Approved the SVCS Fleet Safety Manual as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by S. Dhillon and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
7. Approved the 2024-25 Board meeting calendar as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
8. Approved the certificated salary schedule adjustment for experienced teachers with a starting salary of \$60,000 and three percent per year increases from years two through twelve as Motioned by N. Thandi, Seconded by D. Ghuman and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
9. Approved classified staff raises for specific positions as Motioned by S. Dhillon, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
10. Declined the updated longevity program for certificated and classified staff as Motioned by S. Dhillon, Seconded by B. Bhinder and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (15 minutes)

1. Approved interpreting and translation services for special education and other required educational services with Certified Interpreting Specialists (CIS) at the fee-for-service rates provided as Motioned by D. Ghuman; Seconded by B. Bhinder and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
2. Approved the 2024-25 Family Handbook as Motioned by N. Thandi, Seconded by B. Bhinder and approved by a vote of 5 – Ayes.
3. Approve the reading curriculum for kindergarten and 1st grade, not to exceed \$50,000 as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by N. Thandi and approved by a Vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent.

C. PERSONNEL (40 minutes)

1. Approved the revised Workplace Violence Prevention Plan as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by S. Dhillon and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 - Absent.
2. Approved the 2024-25 Employee Handbook as Motioned by N. Thandi, Seconded by B. Binder and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent.
3. Approved new hires and staffing changes as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by S. Dhillon and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent.

D. PUPIL SERVICES (25 minutes)

1. Approved the following, legally mandated student services policies:
 - A. Education of Foster and Mobile Youth Policy
 - B. Education of Homeless Children and Youth Policy
 - C. Educational Records and Student Information Policy (FERPA)
 - D. Section 504: Policy, Procedures and Parent Rights Regarding Identification, Evaluation and Education
 - E. Special Education Policy (may be part of SELPA policies/procedures and procedural safeguards)
 - F. Student Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy
 - G. Suicide Prevention Policy (must be posted on the school’s website)
 - H. Title IX, Harassment, Intimidation, Discrimination and Bullying Policy
 - I. Uniform Complaint Procedures
 - J. Wellness Policy

As Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by P. Thind and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent.

XIII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. BUSINESS (20 minutes)

1. Board member term extensions: Pritam Thind ~~Bhajan Bhinder~~ and Daljit Ghuman’s terms expire on August 31, 2024. Both agreed to the two-year term extension.
2. The Governance and Brown Act Training for Board members will be scheduled with YMC for an in-person session on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 12:00 PM (noon) to 4:00 PM.
3. A facilities update was provided with discussion of an additional TK classroom for 2024-25 and on-going.

4. The SVCS website has been updated with language to meet Title IX requirements.

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (20 minutes)

1. Punjabi curriculum development update was that nothing has happened yet.
2. Discussed the 2024-25 events calendar
3. Discussed the new recess law and staff training
4. Principal's Report: Was a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. This also includes ongoing efforts for student performance, enrollment, attendance, special education, LCAP advisory/ELAC/site council updates, and meetings with our authorizer and/or YCOE.

C. PERSONNEL (15 minutes)

1. 2024-25 Staffing: Certificated, Classified and Confidential with the term Confidential to be brought to a future meeting for inclusion in job descriptions of office staff with access to personnel, health records of staff/students, and other sensitive information.

D. PUPIL SERVICES (10 minutes)

1. Updates on
 - A. Special Education – no separate update
 - B. Transportation Services – all buses have been inspected and ready to go
 - C. School Safety – no separate update

XIV. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM as Motioned by B. Bhinder, Seconded by N Thandi and approved by a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Absent.

Future Meeting Items:

- 1) Request an Affordability Assessment to be conducted by GrowSchools
- 2) Comprehensive review/update of existing Board Policies