

# **VALLEY HOME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **MINUTES**

**Wednesday – March 17, 2021 – 6:00pm**

Multipurpose Room @ Pioneer Ave Campus

13231 Pioneer Ave Valley Home, Ca

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. / Establishment of Quorum**

The special meeting of the Valley Home Joint School District Governing Board is called to order by Chris Hempleman at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, in the Multipurpose Room at 13231 Pioneer Ave

#### **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**      P   Chris Hempleman, President

  P   Jessica Caudle, Clerk

  P   Julie Haynes, Member

  P   Shanna Springer, Member

  P   Emily Webster, Member

**Administration Present:**      P   Debra Boggs, Superintendent/Principal

**Flag Salute:** Shanna Springer led the flag salute

**Staff Present:** Kristin Lovejoy, Sandra Moore, Michelle Alves, Sheri Rathbun, Debbie Stewart, Kelly Penning, Carrie Garcia Tharpe, Dylan Mendes, Amanda Gong-Chung, Linda Thrall, Holly Benkula

**Others Present:** Parents and Community Members

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PUBLISHED/AMENDED**

Julie Haynes made a motion to approve the Agenda as published, seconded by Shanna Springer

**MOTION PASSED:** Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

Opportunity for the public to address the Board on agenda items only. Maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker. The Board is not permitted to act or hear comments on any matter not on the Agenda. If appropriate, a Board member may direct the Superintendent/Principal to schedule an item for a future board agenda.

1. Erin Wells/Parent/Previous Board Member
  - a. -Unhappy with how this new year is going with new superintendent
  - b. -Uphill battle this year but still need professionalism and students need to be first

2. Dariene Airola/Parent ~Letter attached
  - a. -anguished by Kristin Lovejoy leaving.
  - b. -spoke unkind about her son-she heard it. She's constantly irritated and the students feel it.
  - c. feels sorry for their teachers.
3. Winnie Mullins/Mayor/Community Member for 20 years
  - a. -Does not want to hurt Mrs. Boggs, but when we lose good employees, our District will not make it.
4. Megan Eproson/Parent
  - a. -Such an amazing school, always been an interdistrict parent who drives 20mi day to come to VH.
  - b. -One interaction was being scolded for driving the wrong way.
5. Sara Waterman/Parent
  - a. -Interdistrict parent/SpEd student
  - b. -One word to describe interactions: difficult
  - c. -IEP meetings with Mr. Price were 1:1 and easy; IEP meetings with Mrs. Boggs are many and contentious
  - d. -Active shooter-no notification
6. Robin Cox/Parent
  - a. -Upset there are no activities this year
  - b. -No leadership/management
7. Bryan Martin/Parent
  - a. -"One person ruin it?" Up to the board to do something about this.
  - b. -His kids will leave if things do not change.
8. Misty Timmerman/Parent
  - a. -Read letter to the Board that was written back in October but was not addressed in public.
9. Waylon McCurley/Parent
  - a. -Had an encounter with a substitute teacher, later found out that sub was Mrs. Boggs.
10. Sheri Rathbun/Teacher
  - a. -Was told at a staff meeting on Monday to say good or bad things at the Board Meeting.
  - b. Does not agree with "airing dirty laundry" so wrote letters to each Board Member
11. Linda Thrall/Teacher
  - a. -Gave letter to each Board Member
  - b. -Also read an anonymous letter from a staff member
12. Sandra Moore/Teacher
  - a. -Wants to find a solution
  - b. -Wants to help Mrs. Boggs find a way to get through this
  - c. -This is salvageable
  - d. -Been through this before, does not want to go through it again
13. Nicole Cooper/Parent
  - a. -Does not want to lose employees
14. Dena Lopez/Parent

- a. -Was excited to know Mrs. Boggs was coming, but had a not so great encounter
- 15. Sphar family turned in a letter to the Board
- 16. Emma Cornett/Parent/Staff
  - a. -Honored to work at VH and loves working here
  - b. -Great Employees Here
  - c. -Not had a bad encounter herself, but is here to support co-workers
- 17. Dariene Airola/Parent
  - a. -Read nice letter from Jennifer Higgins about Kristin Lovejoy
- 18. Tracy Fletcher/Community Member
  - ”Fit or Don’t Fit”
  - Valley Home is a team and needs to work together

At 7:02pm, Julie Haynes made a motion to convene into **Closed Session**, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Complaints/Charges Against District Employee (Pursuant to Government Code 54957)

At 7:49pm, Julie Haynes made a motion to convene back into **Open Session**, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

**V. OPEN SESSION**

**VI. PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The board determined it would consult with legal counsel to proceed with investigation.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Shanna Springer made a motion to adjourn the March 17, 2021 Special Board Meeting at 7:54pm, seconded by Jessica Caudle.

Next Regular Meeting date and time: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.