

VALLEY HOME JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

Tuesday – September 09, 2025 – 5:00pm
Bonnie Gellerman Multipurpose Room @ Pioneer Ave. Campus
13231 Pioneer Ave, Valley Home, CA

I. CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 PM / Establishment of Quorum

The regular meeting of the Valley Home Joint School District Governing Board is called to order by Chris Hempleman at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 09, 2025, in Bonnie Gellerman Multipurpose Room at 13231 Pioneer Avenue, Valley Home, California.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: ___P___ Chris Hempleman, President
 ___P___ Megan Kistler, Clerk
 ___P___ Brandon Longstreth, Member
 ___A___ Michael Hofmann, Member
 ___P___ Leslie Hunt, Member

Administration Present: ___P___ Bill Slikker, Superintendent/Principal

Flag Salute: Megan Kistler

Staff Present: Tressa Souza, Tania Aguayo, and Holly Benkula

Others Present: Derek Benkula (5th grade student)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PUBLISHED/AMENDED

Chris Hempleman suggested an amendment to move the section Public Comment and Communication, the presentation by Derek Benkula, after Staff and Management Reports.

Leslie Hunt made a motion to approve the amended agenda, Megan Kistler seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

III. STAFF AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Superintendent/Principal may report to the Board about various matters involving the district. The Board may ask questions or refer matters to staff.

- A. Outdoor Education Update
- B. MAP Testing complete
- C. Student of the Month Assembly 9/12
- D. Parent Teacher Conferences 9/23-9/26
- E. Progress Reports due 9/17
- F. Football and Volleyball @ Gratton 9/19
- G. Football and Volleyball vs. Paradise 10/3
- H. Football and Volleyball vs. Robert's Ferry 10/8
- I. Football and Volleyball vs. Shiloh 10/10
- J. Custodians Day 10/2
- K. Fire Drills/Lockdown Drills

L. William's Visit Update

IV. 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 questions to the Superintendent/Principal or schedule an item for a future board agenda.

A. Student presentation by Derek Benkula, fifth grade.

- a. Derek presented the events he is most excited about for this school year. He stated that he is most excited for the Harvest Festival and field trips. He also presented on the science project he is currently working on in class. He explained that he has to solve one problem in the world and is currently working on coming up with a way to prevent elevators from breaking. He also discussed his experience as an Eagle Scout.

V. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members may report on any matter involving the district. No action may be taken unless a matter is listed on a subsequent agenda.

Chris Hempleman reported that Superintendent Scott Kuykendall is holding special presentations for Board Members about student safety and wanted to invite him to Valley Home's October Board Meeting.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

All matters listed under Consent Items are considered to be routine and all will be enacted by one motion and voice vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Board of Trustees requests items to be removed from the Consent Items list for separate action. Any such items will be considered after the motion to approve the items on the Consent Items list.

A.1 Approval of the Minutes from the 8/12/2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Brandon Longstreth made a motion to approve, Leslie Hunt seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

A.2 Approval of the bills and warrants through 9/5/2025.

Megan Kistler made a motion to approve, Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

VII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations

Megan Kistler made a motion to move to closed session, Leslie Hunt seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Moved to closed session at 5:28 PM

Megan Kistler made a motion to move to open session, Leslie Hunt seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Moved into open session at 6:01 PM

VIII PUBLIC REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (IF NEEDED)

IX. FINANCE / GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Discussion / Board Approval Approval of Resolution #25-26-01, Gann Limit Appropriations.
Leslie made a motion to move to closed session, Megan seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
- B. Discussion / Board Approval Approval of Resolution #25-26-02, Provision Of Sufficient Textbooks and/or Instructional Materials.
Megan Kistler made a motion to move to closed session, Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
- C. Discussion/ Board Approval Approval of Prior Year Financial Report- Unaudited Actuals.
Leslie Hunt made a motion to move to closed session, Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
- D. Discussion/ Board Approval Classified Salary Schedule 2025-26
Megan Kistler made a motion to move to closed session, Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
- E. Discussion/ Board Approval Confidential Salary Schedule 2025-26
Leslie Hunt made a motion to move to closed session, Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
- F. Discussion/ Board Approval Classified and Confidential Stipends
Brandon Longstreth a motion to move to closed session, MKseconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Presentation by Scott Kuykendall

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Megan Kistler made a motion to adjourn Brandon Longstreth seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED: Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0

Meeting Adjourned at 6:07 pm

Next Regular Meeting date and time: Tuesday October 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.