

SAN LORENZO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

**Working Together to Ensure All Students Learn
and are Fully Prepared for College and Career**

**Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees
December 6, 2018
District Office Board Room
325 Marion Avenue, Ben Lomond, CA
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

I. OPEN SESSION: 5:00 p.m., District Office Board Room, 325 Marion Ave., Ben Lomond

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wylie, President, called the Open Session to order at 5:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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| Present: | George Wylie, President | Jacqui Rice, Clerk |
| | Gail Levine, Trustee | Laura Dolson, Trustee |
| Absent: | Mark Becker, Trustee | |

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Laurie Bruton, Superintendent.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MSC Rice/Levine to Approve the December 6, 2018 Board Agenda as presented. The Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES – 4 (Wylie, Rice, Levine, Dolson)

NOES – 0

ABSENT – 1 (Becker)

ABSTENTION – 0

E. PRESENTATION

1. Integrative Leadership Academy (Nicky Ramos-Beban)..... Bruton
Dr. Nicky Ramos-Beban, Executive Director of Integrative Leadership Academy (ILA) stated that this petition represented a group of families who want a small alternative middle school for SLV and Santa Cruz County. She presented information regarding the type of program ILA Charter school would provide; project-based learning, high learning-low stress, advisor for each student, with a focus on transcendental meditation. She stated that this is a new application and that ILA representatives were here one last time to ask the Board to consider. She also stated that this petition responds to each question the District has asked and that there is now a minimum reliance on soft money, only 4% after year three. Ms. Ramos-Beban concluded that they want to work together with the District.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Integrative Leadership Academy – Charter Petition Submitted 11/06/18 Wylie
Mr. Wylie, President, requested that since this is the third Public Hearing regarding the ILA Charter, that the speakers please tell the Board what is different and limited the hearing to twenty-five minutes.

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The Public Hearing was held in regards to the Charter Petition received from Integrative Leadership Academy for input either verbal or written.

Mr. Wylie, President, opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

Ms. Estelle Fein, former SLV charter employee and resident of Boulder Creek, spoke in support of ILA, stating that there are almost no options for 6-8, and that the ones that are offered are difficult to get in to. She referenced the "Ugly Duckling" story to reflect the need for alternative learning for children that do not fit into the traditional learning environment.

Ms. Shelly Beban, resident of Boulder Creek, spoke in support of ILA by reading two letters (previously sent) from two parents that are in support of ILA Charter. The letters supported smaller class sizes and more options within the SLV District. Ms. Beban expressed her disappointment with the Board's previous decisions to deny and hoped the petition was approved.

Mr. David Ramos-Beban, parent and resident of Boulder Creek, read sections from two parent letters supporting the ILA Charter.

Ms. Carolyn Dornsife, resident of Boulder Creek, also read two parent letters that support ILA.

Ms. Mary Kashmar, resident of Aptos and Development Director for ILA, reported in regards to the funding for ILA Charter including what was currently in an escrow account, fundraising, and grants that have been received.

Ms. Angie Pennington, resident of Scotts Valley, has children attending SLV Coast Redwood Middle School, expressed the desire for more class time for students. She also indicated that parents often struggle with teaching their child in homeschool settings and want more options for children to attend school. She stated her frustration and uncomfortable feelings, reporting that this has become a "heated debate". She asked the Board several questions and asked them to work with ILA.

Mr. Jeff Rice, resident of Saratoga, also read letters from parents supporting ILA Charter, stating that they are dismayed this petition is not going through and asked the Board to approve it.

Mr. Wylie, President, closed the Public Hearing at 5:29 p.m.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wylie, President, adjourned Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

WITNESSED BY:

Dr. Laurie Bruton, Superintendent and Secretary
Board of Trustees

Jacqui Rice, Clerk
Board of Trustees



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Goal #1 – Math and ELA Proficiency
Goal #2 – College and Career Readiness
Goal #3 – Social Emotional Learning

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