

April Special Board Meeting - 2024 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy

Apr 4, 2024 at 5:00 PM PDT

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Bessie Glossenger, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer, Amy Frost

Absent:

Members: Melissa Kendall, Kristi McCullough

I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence

In Solidarity

We of this Academy, named after the Principal Local Indigenous Village of Shanél, acknowledge with honor the Shóqowa and Hopland People on whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands we work, educate and learn and whose historical and spiritual relationship with these lands continues to this day and beyond.

II. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm

III. Roll Call

Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

Absent:

Members: Melissa Kendall, Kristi McCullough

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as written

Motion:

Motion to adopt the agenda as written was made by Bessie Glossenger and seconded by Noshie Merlin.

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. Passed by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

V. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items

no members of the public present, no public comment.

VI. Closed Session

The Board entered into closed session at 5:12pm

- A. Public Employee Employment: Certificated Position
- B. Public Employee Employment: Classified Position

VII. Introductory Items

The purpose of this special board meeting is to address the possible preschool closure.

- A. Reconvene in Open Session
Reconvened in open session at 6:42pm
- B. Report Out from Closed Session
No action taken in closed session.

VIII. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda. Although the Board of Directors may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupt the Board meeting.

No public comment.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action State Preschool Program

The Board discussed realities and options for the state preschool program. Kristin Hills (MCOE State Preschool director) has recommended to close for the remainder of the year. This could mean a \$17,000 loss of reimbursement for May and June, and after putting a hold on our license until we can reopen in the fall after recruiting quality staff for the program. current enrolled families could be transferred to available preschools in Ukiah, with an easy paperwork transition (though not for transportation). K Hills is not in favor of us trying to limp along for the rest of the year with subs as it will not be a quality program and may compromise continuity for students. The CDE does not need to be involved since there was no "type A" findings from licensing. Students can enroll for next year if they will be turning 3 by Dec. 1 2024. Amy shared a copy of the letter that will go out to preschool families. We will also consider if attending a tribal council meeting to open lines of communication about the preschool, pending advice from tribal council. with no other options President Frost recommended closing the program, notice families, and hold a restorative circle with families, and acknowledge where we stand with our preschool implementation with our community partner (the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians).

Motion:

Motion to approve and distribute the letter that President Frost shared

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. all in favor, motion passes unanimously by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

Motion:

Motion to close the SVA preschool for the remainder of the school year with the intent to reopen in the fall.

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Melea Meyer. all in favor, motion passes unanimously by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

X. Closed Session

The Board reconvened in closed session to address classified staffing position affected by preschool closure.

A. Public Employee Employment: Classified Position

Motion:

Motion to terminate 1 classified staff as the result of the preschool closure.

Motion moved by Leslie Barkley and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. Passed by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

Motion:

Motion to nominate President Frost to communicate classified staff termination to staff affected by preschool program.

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. Passed by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

Motion:

Motion to waive family fees for private pay preschool families in March and April, to offset February closures

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Melea Meyer. Passed by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

XI. Introductory Items

A. Reconvene in Open Session

Reconvened in open session at 8:02pm

B. Report Out from Closed Session

Report out in open session

Action taken: The Board took one motion to terminate one classified staff member resulting from the preschool closure. the motion was passed by roll call vote. Passed by roll call vote: Meyer: aye, Merlin: aye, Barkley aye, Frost: aye

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm