



# Sugar Valley Rural Charter School

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## Board of Trustees Meeting March 17, 2015

The Sugar Valley Rural Charter School Board of Trustees held a Voting Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Ms. Garverick called the meeting to order at 3:30.

### Roll Call

<b>Ms. Garverick</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Mr. Geisewite</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mr. Ruhl</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Mr. Shawver</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Mr. Miller</b>	<b>Present</b>	Mr. Smith	Present
<b>Ms. Rossman</b>	<b>Present</b>	Ms. Mauck	Present
<b>Ms. Walizer</b>	<b>Absent</b>	Ms. Weaver	Present

### HEARING OF VISITORS

Mrs. Dieffenderfer presented on elementary life skills math class where she is incorporating fine motor skills.

### MINUTE

1. The Board of Trustees approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Mr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Mr. Geisewite. Motion passed (6-0).

### FINANCE

1. The Board of Trustees approved the payment of bills in the amount of \$100,287.70 as presented. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Geisewite. Motion passed (6-0).

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Lori Thomas as a Behavior Monitor effective March 6, 2015. Ms. Garverick moved, seconded by Ms. Rossman. Motion passed (6-0).
2. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve payment of \$5,000.00 to Legacy School Service for consulting services for charter renewal effective February 25, 2015 as per phone vote. Mr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Mr. Geisewite. Motion passed (6-0).
3. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve payment of \$2,093.75 to Sharpschool for website design services and hosting for the SVRCS website effective February 27, 2015 as per phone vote. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Shawver. Motion passed (6-0).
4. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve payment of \$5,000.00 (remaining half of fee) to Legacy School Service for consulting services for charter renewal effective March 5, 2015 as per phone vote. Ms. Garverick moved, seconded by Ms. Rossman. Motion passed (6-0).
5. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve payment of \$2,599.00 to Staples for a Makerbot Replicator 3D printer. Mr. Geisewite moved, seconded by Mr. Ruhl. Motion passed (6-0).
6. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the 2015-2016 SVRCS school calendar. Mr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Mr. Shawver. Motion passed (6-0).
7. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the revision of policy number 113.2, Positive Behavior Support. Ms. Garverick moved, seconded by Ms. Rossman. Motion passed (6-0).
8. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the addition of policy number 216.2, Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information. Mr. Geisewite moved, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (6-0).
9. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the addition of policy number 621, Fund Balance. Ms. Garverick moved, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (6-0).
10. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve Ruth Borner as a SVRCS Paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 an hour with benefits effective March 18, 2015. Mr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Mr. Shawver. Motion passed (6-0).
11. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve Amanda Holt as a SVRCS Paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.00 an hour with benefits effective April 1, 2015. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Shawver. Motion passed (6-0).

12. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to assign the following portions of its June 30, 2015, General Fund Balance, estimated at \$1,900,000 as follows:  
\$1,650,000 is assigned for future operating expenditures including, but not limited to, costs associated with the increasing costs of the PSERS retirement program. Ms. Garverick moved, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed (6-0).
13. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to set a financial goal to have a sufficient balance in the operating fund with sufficient working capital and a margin of safety to address local and regional emergencies without borrowing. The School shall strive to maintain an unassigned general fund balance of not less than five percent (5%) and not greater than twelve percent (12%) of total operating expenditures. Mr. Geisewite moved, seconded by Mr. Ruhl. Motion passed (6-0).
14. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approve payment of \$11,445.00 to EarthWorks for the Professional Services Agreement including HD camera upgrade to our Weather Bug weather station, LCD weather display and curriculum support. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Shawver. Motion passed (6-0).

### **Informational Items**

None

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Property (Mr. Geisewite/Mr. Ruhl/Mr. Deavor)**

Waiting on SVCC to respond to property issues

#### **Community Involvement (Ms. Walizer/Ms. Kennedy/Ms. Hampton/Ms. Miller)**

Movie night was well attended

#### **Curriculum (Ms. Rossman/Ms. Kennedy/Ms. Coney/Ms. Walizer)**

None

#### **Ag/Environment (Mr. Miller/Mr. Bechdel/Ms. Nixon)**

Some improvements shown in bee population

Exploration of fly control methods

Farm Bureau presented 2 FFA jackets to students at SVRCS at their last meeting

#### **Finance (Ms. Garverick/ Ms. Weaver/Ms. Coney/Ms. Mauck/Mr. Deavor/Mr. Ruhl)**

We met this week to discuss recommendations

Currently working on next year's budget

#### **Athletics/Wellness (Ms. Meyer/Mr. Geisewite/Mr. Stugart/Mr. Bitner)**

Volleyball going well

#### **Personnel (Ms. Garverick/ of Mr. Ruhl/Ms. Coney/Mr. Miller)**

None

### **Administrative Report**

Elemiddle team traveled to Penn State Wilkes Barre campus for Science Olympiad was last week

PSSAs start soon

Trout are doing well

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade fieldtrip to DC is next week

Working with seniors on their projects

FFA competition went well, took 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in many areas

Envirothon went well

Celebrated Dr. Suess day in elementary

Enrollments continue

Reading competition is this weekend for grades 4-6

Working on charter renewal

Finishing adjustments suggested in Special Ed audit  
Added 6 new IEPs in the last month  
Working on upgrade to weatherbug station at school  
Looking at rewiring the campus for tech and adding fiber optic line and phone system  
Legacy School Services has been on campus helping with the renewal  
The next hearing regarding the charter renewal is at 6:00 Thursday 3/26  
Requesting letters of support from parents  
Our bees survived the winter  
ASCD conference is in Houston this weekend  
Looking for a local vet for the sheep  
We will be breeding the sheep this fall  
Band is going to Disney this spring  
Kindergarten registration is next weekend  
Student count is at 419

**Executive Director's Report**

None

**Solicitor's Report**

Working on charter renewal

**Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

32 hours

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Mr. Geisewite, seconded by Ms. Rossman to adjourn at 4:20. Motion passed (6-0).

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Mary Jude Weaver  
Board Secretary/Treasurer