

Minutes

**New Jerusalem School District
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
November 12, 2024
31400 S. Koster Rd.
Tracy, CA 95304
6:00 p.m.**

I. OPENING

A. Present at the meeting was: Mrs. Reece, president, Mr. Koster, clerk, Mr. Robertson, board member, Mrs. Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. The agenda was unanimously approved (3-0). Motion by Mr. Robertson and second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

III. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Conduct Public hearing regarding Valley View Charter Petition Renewal Valley View Charter Prep (VVCP) is here tonight seeking an early renewal of its charter. Pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 47607(c), the chartering authority shall consider a charter school's placement under performance categories based on the California School Dashboard (Dashboard) as an additional criterion for determining whether to grant a charter renewal.

Under this criterion, a charter school is placed in one of three performance level categories: high, middle, or low. The charter renewal terms for each category are as follows:

- **High:** Eligible for a five-, six-, or seven-year renewal term.
- **Middle:** Eligible for a five-year renewal term.
- **Low:** Eligible for a two-year term only if it meets the conditions under EC Section 47607.2(a)(4).

For the past two consecutive years, VVCP has achieved a **High**-status rating on all key Dashboard indicators, making it eligible for a five-, six-, or seven-year renewal term.

As the Petition Review Team Lead, I strongly support the renewal of Valley View Charter Prep's charter for the maximum allowable term of seven years. After an exhaustive review by the District's Charter Oversight Committee, the committee found that VVCP's petition met all required elements, including updated provisions for new legislative requirements since its last renewal.

Additionally, VVCP has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement and partnership. Notably, the District offered several non-mandatory recommendations to strengthen their charter, and VVCP voluntarily implemented four out of five suggestions, recognizing the value these enhancements bring to their educational program. This proactive approach underscores VVCP's dedication to transparency, cooperation, and the pursuit of high standards beyond minimum compliance.

VVCP's dedication to educational excellence, responsiveness to feedback, and proven track record as a collaborative and trusted district partner align with my recommendation for a seven-year renewal.

Part I...Matters pertaining to the New Jerusalem Elementary School District

IV. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. None.

B. Superintendent. Both TK classrooms have restrooms inside; enrolling and growing; HS looks nice; many projects were done over break; put in crushed granite; working on another enclosed structure so student can have lunch during colder weather it will be towards the back of the campus. The sheds were moved to another spot; now need to work on the ground. Fall Break Camp we had between 60-90 each day; took 2 field trips one to the pumpkin patch and the other to a museum. We had Pottery, archery and dance class; - cell phone policy – going well, each student has their own pouch, if they damage it they need to reimburse the school; if the phone gets seen the phone gets taken away and parents have to pick it up

C. Delta Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. Esquiviz introduced Delta K8 leadership officers; they started with \$342; the pie in the face was a success, they raised \$400; Boo grams raised \$347; total we have \$1095; expenses were pricey \$711; But having a student store would create more fundraiser; vending machine to have healthy items; put it in the office, they would also have notebooks; student supplies and snacks from the approval list; would like to start the first week of December; the money to go to field trip and assemblies; go to Alcatraz just for the leadership class; 21 students; 7th and 8th graders; the money raised would fund all events for all grades; 5-person committee in leadership; teachers would be handling the money; then goes to PTC for them to hold for leadership. Mrs. Esquiviz said currently the are at 482 students at DK8; but her goal is 500.

D. **Educational Services** –Currently surveying students and staff, today was deadline to submit surveys we didn't reach goal; trying to get to 95%; so, we have extended the deadline. November 21st dashboard goes live Club 95-extra recess for the k8; Jumba Juice for the high schoolers; next month churros; went well excited

E. **Student Services/Human Resource Report.** Busy; Cal Pads timelines are being checked; small schools review kicked off; needs to be completed by February; busy with intake, our schools are very popular; a lot of activity and work performed by the staff; foster youth a lot of things that have come up; get all staff in sped dept together;

F. William's Complaint – **Reviewed**

G. **Receipt of NJEA Sunshine Proposal** – Acknowledged.

H. **Receipt of New J United Sunshine Proposal** – Acknowledged.

V. FINANCIAL SERVICES ACTION ITEMS FOR NEW JERUSALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

A. The Board unanimously approved (3-0) the **New Jerusalem Elementary School District October 2024 Commercial Warrants.** Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

B. The Salary/Benefit costs for October 2024. **Reviewed**

C. The Personnel Action Updates for October 2024. **Reviewed.**

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

A. The board unanimously approved (3-0) the **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2024.** Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mr. Robertson. 3 ayes

B. The board unanimously approved (3-0) **Updated Board Polices 9/24.** Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

C. The board unanimously approved (3-0) **Valley View Charter Petition Renewal. Valley View Charter Prep has been renewed for a 7-year term effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2032.** Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

D. The board unanimously approved (3-0) **Resolution #25-1112A – Uniformed Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures.** Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mr. Robertson. 3 ayes

E. The board unanimously approved (3-0) the **Public Disclosure for Non-Represented Employees-NJESD; Delta Home; Delta Keys; New Jerusalem Charter School; Delta Charter School and Delta Charter Online.** Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

F. The board unanimously awarded (3-0) the **RFP 2025-05.** Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

G. The board unanimously awarded (3-0) the RFP 2025-06. Motion by Mr. Robertson; second by Mr. Koster. 3 ayes

Part II. Matters pertaining to New Jerusalem Charter School, Delta Charter School, and Delta Charter Online:

VII. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

A. The ASB Report – September 2024 **Reviewed**

Part III ...Matters pertaining to New Jerusalem Elementary School District:

VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:

Mr. Robertson asked if we can get lights of some sort in the gravel parking lots.

IX. CLOSED SESSION: Went into closed Session 7pm

1. Potential Litigations (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957.6)

3. Public Employee Dismissal / Release / Non-Renewal / Resignation (Government Code Section 54957)

X. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at 7:26 pm

A. The board unanimously approved (3-0) the separation agreement. Motion by Mr. Koster; second by Mr. Robertson. 3 ayes

XI. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Reviewed

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellyann Reis, Superintendent and Secretary of the Board