

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**412 W. Carl Karcher Way**  
**Anaheim, California. 92801**  
**Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

**Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order**

5:35 p.m.

**Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Late Arrival	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	

**Action: 1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

**Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act for a Regular Board Meeting.**

Motion: Bonenberger		Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay	
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Late Arrival		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

**Procedural: 1.4 Public Comment on Closed Session Items Only**

None

**Procedural: 1.5 Adjourn to Closed Session**

5:40 p.m.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**Discussion, Information: 2.1 Real Estate Negotiations under Government Code Section 54956.8**

**3. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**Procedural: 3.1 Call to Order**

6:24 p.m.

**Procedural: 3.2 Report Action Taken in Closed Session as Required by Government Code Section 54957.1**

No action was taken or is recommended at this time regarding real estate negotiations at the needed easement between Vibrant Minds Charter School and the First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim.

**Procedural: 3.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Procedural: 3.4 Public Comment on Open Session Items**

None

**4. PARENT REPORTS**

**Reports: 4.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Ivette Ramos reported on behalf of the SSC. She shared that at the last SSC Meeting, the newly elected representatives were welcomed, an update on the Community School Grant was provided by LaValle, topics were discussed from the agenda by Schroeder, and the assignment of SSC Members to attend Board Meetings was initiated.

**Reports: 4.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Chammarra Nguyen reported on behalf of the ELAC. The first meeting for the school year occurred on September 25, 2024. Three parents of English Learners were in attendance. Topics included how scholars are identified as English Learners, testing process, upcoming events, progress on new site, and Title III. There was a discussion of possible future topics for upcoming ELAC Meetings.

**Reports: 4.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Yvette LaValle reported on behalf of F.A.S.T. She reported that a F.A.S.T. Meeting will be held on September 26, 2024. Four new mothers are getting involved in A.A.S.T. The focus has been on the major F.A.S.T. Fundraiser, which is Cow Chip Bingo. The final event will occur at Loara High School on Saturday, September 28. As our enrollment increases at the new site, may need to reduce the number of tickets per scholar. Cow Chip Bingo ticket sales are used to support parents with the overnight field trips (e.g., Riley's Farm for Grade 4, FiiN for Grade 5, and AstroCamp for Grade 6). Angel's Stadium was a positive experience for the VMCS Cheerleaders, and it brought together many families. 200 tickets were sold to VMCS. October 25 is the beginning of Red Ribbon Week, and there is a non-scholar/professional development day on November 1. The status of Lunch with a Loved One is known due to the limited parking in the area, made worse because of street construction.

**5. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)**

**Action (Consent): 5.1 Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting Minutes**

**Recommended Action: Consent section items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items by one action. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place.**

Motion: Nelson	Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER**

**Information: 6.1 Report on AESD's Board Meeting on September 11, 2024, Regarding VMCS's Material Revision**

Schroeder expressed gratitude to the AESD Cabinet for recommending the approval of VMCS's Material Revision and the Board for voting 4 in favor and 0 not in favor. This was a positive milestone for our school and bodes well for the future.

**Information: 6.2 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Update**

LaValle focused on new partnerships that are evolving for our school, including Girls Inc., CHOC Hospital and Wellness Center, OCCCO, and Bank of America. Additionally, details are being worked out with the YMCA to provide scholars with swim lessons. While there is a larger network of support for the establishment of Community Schools, it is difficult to go to all of the meetings. And, we are on a strong path already.

**Reports: 6.3 Review of Audit Report**

There were no questions about the Audit Report. It was positive without any findings.

**Information: 6.4 Discussion of Resolution to Approve Participation in and Issuance of Tax-Exempt and Taxable Bonds through the California School Finance Authority**

After the provision of background information regarding the need for the Resolution, there were no questions.

## 7. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

### Information: 7.1 Current Enrollment

Grade Level	Enrollment
TK	24
K	29
1	33
2	32
3	32
4	32
5	32
6	31
Total	245

### Information: 7.2 Current Waiting List

Grade Level	Enrollment
Pre-TK	48
TK	6
K	2
1	28
2	54
3	21
4	39
5	95
6	43
Total	336

## 8. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- Daniel Lee

### Reports: 8.1 Unaudited Actuals Report

Lee had a PowerPoint Presentation to go over the Unaudited Actuals and July Financials. Lee reminded the Board about the different budget reports that are completed each school year -- Preliminary, Unaudited Actuals, 1st Interim, and 2nd Interim. The timeline for these reports is established by the State. It is time to report on the Unaudited Actuals for 2023-2024.

### Reports: 8.2 July 2024 Financials

The VMCS budget continues to look strong with a healthy reserve.

### Information: 8.3 Additional Fiscal Updates and Reports

Lee talked briefly about the future budget for public schools related to the economic status of California. The steady decline in school enrollment in California has created a budget problem for many districts in the State, including local districts. VMCS is unique in that the budgetary picture remains positive. And, we have 330 days of funding reserves, with the State's suggested 45 days. This will help support the cost of moving sites.

## 9. ACTION ITEMS

### Action: 9.1 Approval of 2023-2024 Audit Report

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Audit Report provided by Silva & Silva CPAs.

**RATIONALE:** The audit occurs annually and is presented to and approved by the VMCS Board, as well as provided to the Anaheim Elementary School District and Orange County Department of Education. We have completed the audit earlier than is typical, but with the same level of comprehensiveness, since it is part of the due diligence process with the Bond Underwriters.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Early Departure		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

**Action: 9.2 Consideration and approval of Board Resolutions to approve participation in and issuance of tax-exempt and taxable Bonds through the California School Finance Authority to (a) finance and refinance the costs of the acquisition, construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, improvement, furnishing, and equipping of the charter school educational facilities located at 320 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805 (“Facilities”); (b) fund a debt service reserve fund and a repair and replacement fund, if necessary, (c) pay capitalized interest on the Bonds, and (d) pay costs of issuance of the Bonds, as well as approve an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement and an easement with the seller of the Facilities.**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves Resolution No. 2024/09-25 to "Approve Participation in the issuance of Tax-Exempt and Taxable Bonds through the California School Finance Authority."

**RATIONALE:** This Resolution has been vetted by our Legal Counsel and permits us to pursue Bond support for our new school site.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Bonenberger	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Early Departure		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

**Action: 9.3 Ratification of Unaudited Actuals**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board ratifies the Unaudited Actuals Report, which had to be submitted to the Anaheim Elementary School District and Orange County Department of Education by September 16, 2024.

**RATIONALE:** This is a mandatory annual budget report completed by Icon School Management that is due mid-September of each school year.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Early Departure		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

**10. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Procedural: 10.1 General Comments**

Bonenberger provided encouragement of continuing the hard work of moving sites. The Board was asked when would be the best day if there was a need for a Special Board Meeting, and Thursday seemed the best.

**Information: 10.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person.**

Bonenberger will not be able to attend.

**11. BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

**Procedural: 11.1 Board Adjournment: 7:18 p.m.**

Motion: Nelson	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Early Departure	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		