# Valley Academy Inc. Public Board Meeting Agenda <br> April 11th. 2024 @ 6:00 pm <br> 539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737 

1. Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement

At Valley Academy we are dedicated to achieving excellence in our education, our character, and our pathways* for the future.
3. Public Comment

The Board requests that you provide written notice to be heard for public comment so we can plan for the time required for this agenda item. Requests may be sent to miranda@valleyacademycharter.com. Please plan ahead for your comments to be 3 minutes or less. Due to open meeting regulations, please be aware that the board will not be able to formally discuss or take action on items brought up in this meeting's public comment period.
4. Monthly Training Topic: None
5. Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar
6. Review previous month's action items: Meeting MInutes/Audio posted, Policies posted, Board Member Application emailed and posted on Facebook
7. Student Council Report
8. Business Manager Monthly Report
9. Director's Monthly Report
10. Reports from Board Committees:
a. Finance/Audit
b. Policy
c. Charter Accountability
d. Executive
e. Marketing update
11. Approval of the March 7th, 2024, meeting minutes.
12. Discussion and possible approval of the Student Travel Policy
13. Discussion and possible approval of the Effective Educator Standards Policy
14. Discussion and possible approval of iPads and Chromebooks.
15. Discussion and possible approval of the crack seal and coating for the parking lot.
16. Discussion and possible approval of the purchase of Apptegy.
17. Closed session, if needed. Utah Code 52-4-205(a).
18. Any action necessary from closed session
19. Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting
20. Next proposed meeting is May 9th, 2024.
21. Adjourn

## Effective Educator Standards Policy

## I. Purpose:

Valley Academy believes that each of its students should have the opportunity to learn from an effective educator. Valley Academy strives to recruit, prepare, and retain effective educators to boost the academic success of its students. The purpose of this policy is to help ensure that the school's licensed educators meet the Utah Effective Educator Standards applicable to them as set forth in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-530.
II. Policy
a. The Effective Educator Standards in Utah Administrative Code Rule R277-530 are comprised of three separate sets of standards: Effective Teaching Standards, Educational Leadership Standards, and Educational School Counselor Standards. The Effective Educator Standards apply to licensed educators at the School as follows:
i. Administrators are responsible for meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational Leadership Standards;
ii. Counselors are responsible for meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and Educational Leadership Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational School Counselor Standards; and
iii. Teachers are responsible for demonstrating the skills and work functions in Effective Teaching Standards.
b. Valley Academy shall, under the direction of the Executive Director, help its licensed educators meet the applicable Effective Educator Standards by using the Effective Educator Standards as a basis when doing the following:
i. Developing professional learning experiences and professional learning plans for educators' relicensing.
ii. Establishing a collaborative professional culture to facilitate student learning.
iii. Adopting formative and summative educator assessment systems; and
iv. Implementing induction and mentoring activities for beginning teachers and administrators.

1. The Executive Director or designee shall determine how the activities described above are conducted and the frequency in which they occur.
c. Valley Academy understands that a charter school administrator is not required to be licensed under Utah law. If a School administrator is not licensed, they are still expected to work toward meeting the Effective Teaching Standards and demonstrating the traits, skills, and work functions in the Educational Leadership Standards.

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## Student Travel Policy

## I. Purpose and Philosophy

a. To provide appropriate, safe transportation for students to and from school.
b. To provide educational field trips for students that are appropriate to the students' grade and class and that are adjunct to the instructional program.
c. Extended travel requests will be granted most often when they:
i. Reflect the school's educational and behavioral objectives and
ii. Provide an educational value to students that justify the loss of traditional instructional time.
d. Extended travel will never be used as a student incentive or reward.

## II. Definitions

a. "Board" means the local Valley Academy Charter Board
b. "School" or "VAC" means Valley Academy Charter School
c. "Student travel" means daily student travel to/from school, instructional field trips, travel for extracurricular activities and extended travel
d. "Instructional field trip" (or field trip) means a planned visit off school property taken by students, with appropriate and adequate teacher/school employee supervision for the purpose of enriching and extending the classroom experience. Field trips also connect the school experience and students to the community.
e. "Extended travel" means and includes travel when school is not in session or during the summer. It also includes one or more of the following circumstances:
i. Overnight stays
ii. Destinations of more than 100 miles from school
iii. May include missed school days
iv. May involve student fundraising
v. Financial cost to students (consistent with fee waiver rules and law)
vi. Out-of-state travel
vii. Travel regulated by DOT

## III. School buses and commercial transportation

a. All buses used for daily student transportation, including field trips and extracurricular activities, shall meet all Utah requirements for transporting Utah students (See Utah Code §41-6a-1304 and Utah Administrative Code R909.3.3)
b. The School Director shall appoint a certified Utah school bus driver who shall be responsible
for the school's compliance with safety and maintenance measures for certified Utah school buses and has responsibility for all school bus drivers.
c. VAC buses may allow advertising that is consistent with Utah Administrative Code R909-3.
d. Certified school buses or insured commercial transportation are preferred for all student travel and extended travel. The use of private vehicles may be approved for field trips or short-term travel if the drivers and vehicles meet requirements of this policy (see Sec. V.8.)

## IV. Extended travel criteria

a. Extended travel by VAC students is not authorized or school-sponsored unless preapproved by the Executive Director and the Board has been notified.
b. VAC assumes no responsibility or liability for travel (including extended travel) that is not specifically approved in writing.
c. Extended travel may be approved if:
i. It enhances the VAC instructional and/or cultural program, including part of a planned sequence of educational activities and satisfies school or course objectives;
ii. It requires students/supervising employees to miss fewer than five school days;
iii. Is only within the continental United States or Canada;
iv. Is not, in the Director's or Board's judgment, hazardous;
v. Does not penalize students who do not go on the trip

## V. Travel approval, procedures and requirements

a. Travel or field trip preparation shall include the following:
i. Pre-approval by School Director
ii. Pre-approval must be in advance of the travel and include adequate time and notice to students and families.
iii. Parents/students shall receive a detailed itinerary that includes academic objectives for the trip.
iv. VAC must have a signed written permission form for each participating student in advance of the departure. The permission forms shall be maintained by the VAC main office/School Director for the school year in which the field trip takes place.
v. In addition to the school supervisor (a licensed teacher is the preferred supervisor), there must be at least one adult per every 10 students. The exact number of chaperones shall be determined by the trip supervisor and depend upon the age of the students, the trip destination, student circumstances and other criteria.
vi. Travel during the school day shall be free to all students in grades K-5.
vii. If travel includes meal times, the school is responsible for regular school day meals for K-5 students and for all fee waiver eligible students. Meals or expenses for meals should be arranged in advance to avoid embarrassing students.
viii. The "buddy system" or "squad system" shall be used for all travel.
ix. Drivers, including VAC employees or volunteers (including parents) who travel with students for short-term travel shall:
a. Complete a Defensive Driving Course assigned by the school.
b. If driving their own vehicle, provide proof of insurance to the Executive Director (and have information on file) prior to driving students.
c. Be at least 21 years old and have had a background check (consistent with Utah

Code 53G-11-402) and clearance.
x. Travel will begin and end at the school. Only designated students, school employees and approved volunteers may travel with students. No other individuals, including adult-age children, may travel with students without express written approval by the Executive Director.
xi. School personnel and parents shall work together to make all field trip opportunities available to all students, including students with disabilities. To the extent necessary, school employees and adult chaperones shall be aware of students' special needs including required medication and/or services.
xii. The travel supervisor for both short-term or extended travel shall have parent contact information, including emergency contact information, in the supervisor's possession for all student and adult travel participants.

## VI. Extended travel

a. Travel that includes any over-night travel shall be approved in advance; the Board shall be notified of extended student travel activities. Teachers or parents may not plan or fundraise for extended travel prior to approval by School Director and notice to Board.
b. All other requirements of Sec. V.A. (above) apply for extended travel.
c. Commercial vehicles that seat 11 or more (driver included) may NOT be used to transport students unless the vehicle meets the federal school bus safety standards (Utah Code 53-8211.5).

## VII. Additional provisions

a. Reimbursement: School employees and designated and approved travel volunteers may be reimbursed for travel expenses, as approved with the travel authorization, including overnight lodging and gasoline/miles reimbursement (at the State-approved rate).
i. Employees and volunteers will not be reimbursed for incidental items.
ii. Approved travel reimbursements shall be processed using VAC-approved forms and procedures.
b. Fundraising: Fundraising for short-term and extended travel shall follow all required fundraising requirements and all school fee requirements and Utah laws.
c. Forms: All required travel forms shall be available in the VAC main office or on the school website.

## Financial Summary

as of March 31st, 2024



| $14 \sim 0$ |  | 531 Students) |  | (573 Students) |  | (552 Students) |  |  |  | (73 Students) |  |
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|  |  | evious Yr's <br> Actuals <br> FY23 |  | urrent Yr's <br> Actuals <br> FY24 |  | Approved Budget FY24 |  | Amount Changed |  | FY24 Forecast | Actuals as a $\%$ of Forecast |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 Salaries |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 121 Principals | \$ | 204,750 | \$ | 263,425 | \$ | 351,233 | \$ | - | S | 351,233 | 75.0\% |
| 131 Teachers | \$ | 1,375,436 | \$ | 1,273,388 | \$ | 1,681,431 |  | $(15,831)$ | \$ | 1,665,600 | 76.5\% |
| 131 Special Education Salary | \$ | 200,000 | \$ | 199,658 | \$ | 277,271 | S |  | S | 277,271 | 72.0\% |
| 131 Stipends | \$ | 215,000 | \$ | 197,294 | \$ | 67,794 | \$ | 129,500 | \$ | 197,294 | 100.0\% |
| 132 PTO Cash Out | \$ | 25,000 | \$ |  | \$ | 25,000 | \$ |  | \$ | 25,000 | 0.0\% |
| 132 Substitute Teachers | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 32,863 | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 10,000 | \$ | 40,000 | 82.2\% |
| 142 Counselor/School Developer | \$ | 188,333 | \$ | 100,000 | \$ | 133,800 | \$ | - | \$ | 133,800 | 74.7\% |
| 143 Librarian | \$ | - | \$ | 17,053 | \$ | 19,836 | \$ |  | \$ | 20,880 | 81.7\% |
| 143 School Nurse | \$ | 47,000 | \$ | 37,617 | \$ | 51,000 | \$ |  | \$ | 51,000 | 73.8\% |
| 152 Secretarial \& Clerical | \$ | 112,144 | \$ | 91,921 | \$ | 123,339 | \$ |  | \$ | 123,339 | 74.5\% |
| 162 SpEd Aides | \$ | 145,015 | \$ | 138,150 | \$ | 128,806 | \$ | 54,392 | \$ | 183,198 | 75.4\% |
| 161 Teacher Aides | \$ | 75,000 | \$ | 64,774 | \$ | 55,332 | \$ | 30,720 | \$ | 86,052 | 75.3\% |
| 163 Title I Aides | \$ | 125,370 | \$ | 77,270 | \$ | 187,119 | \$ | $(46,208)$ | \$ | 140,911 | 54.8\% |
| 172 Bus Drivers | \$ | 98,000 | \$ | 109,681 | \$ | 119,250 | \$ | - | \$ | 119,250 | 92.0\% |
| 182 Custodian | \$ | 114,000 | \$ | 100,217 | \$ | 101,261 | \$ | 10,800 | \$ | 112,061 | 89.4\% |
| 189 Christmas Bonuses | \$ | 26,423 | \$ | 29,305 | \$ | 28,000 | \$ | 1,305 | \$ | 29,305 | 100.0\% |
| 192 Lunch Room | \$ | 107,000 | \$ | 91,752 | \$ | 103,788 | \$ | 8,640 | \$ | 112,428 | 81.6\% |
| Total 100: | \$ | 3,088,471 | S | 2,824,368 | S | 3,484,260 | \$ | 183,318 | S | 3,668,622 | 77.0\% |
| 200 Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 220 Social Security | \$ | 224,000 | \$ | 204,879 | \$ | 266,546 | \$ | 14,104 | \$ | 280,650 | 73.0\% |
| 230 Retirement | \$ | 115,000 | \$ | 109,954 | \$ | 128,354 | \$ | (792) | \$ | 127,562 | 86.2\% |
| 240 Group Insurance | \$ | 480,000 | \$ | 431,695 | \$ | 472,500 | \$ | 63,156 | \$ | 535,656 | 80.6\% |
| 270 Worker's Compensation Fund | \$ | 11,081 | \$ | 2,547 | \$ | 11,081 | \$ |  | \$ | 11,081 | 23.0\% |
| 280 Unemployment Insurance | \$ | 8,000 | \$ | 2,251 | \$ | 8,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 8,000 | 28.1\% |
| Total 200: | \$ | 838,081 | \$ | 751,326 | \$ | 886,481 | \$ | 76,468 | \$ | 962,949 | 78.0\% |
| 300 Prof \& Technical Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 323 SpEd Services (OT / Psych / Interpreter) | \$ | 55,000 | \$ | 39,767 | \$ | 55,000 | \$ |  | \$ | 55,000 | 72.3\% |
| 330 Employee Training \& Development | \$ | 14,000 | \$ | 1,376 | \$ | 11,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 11,000 | 12.5\% |
| 340 Audit | \$ | 19,500 | \$ | 22,025 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 2,025 | \$ | 22,025 | 100.0\% |
| 345 Business Manager Services | \$ | 75,132 | \$ | 63,860 | \$ | 76,632 | \$ |  | \$ | 76,632 | 83.3\% |
| 349 Legal | \$ | 4,000 | \$ | 53 | \$ | 7,500 | \$ |  | \$ | 7,500 | 0.7\% |
| 355 Technology Services (IT) | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 16,790 | \$ | 22,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 22,000 | 76.3\% |
| Total 300: | \$ | 187,632 | \$ | 143,871 | \$ | 192,132 | \$ | 2,025 | \$ | 194,157 | 74.1\% |
| 400 Purchased Property Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 411 Water / Sewage | \$ | 4,200 | \$ | 2,135 | \$ | 5,200 | \$ |  | \$ | 5,200 | 41.1\% |
| 412 Disposal Service | \$ | 9,000 | \$ | 5,322 | \$ | 10,500 | \$ |  | \$ | 10,500 | 50.7\% |
| 415 Fire Monitoring | \$ | 3,500 | \$ | 270 | \$ | 3,500 | \$ |  | \$ | 3,500 | 7.7\% |
| 430 Repairs \& Maintenance | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 15,767 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 20,000 | 78.8\% |
| 430 Repairs \& Maintenance (Bus) | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 15,368 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ |  | \$ | 20,000 | 76.8\% |
| 441 Building Lease | \$ | 361,008 | \$ | 297,832 | \$ | 397,109 | \$ | - | \$ | 397,109 | 75.0\% |
| 441 Portable Lease | \$ | 117,475 | \$ | 87,426 | \$ | 111,286 | \$ | 17,248 | \$ | 128,534 | 68.0\% |
| 443 Copy Machine Lease \& Servicing | \$ | 25,000 | \$ | 17,906 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 5,000 | \$ | 25,000 | 71.6\% |
| Total 400: | \$ | 565,183 | \$ | 442,026 | \$ | 587,595 | \$ | 22,248 | \$ | 609,843 | 72.5\% |
| 500 Other Purchase Services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 521 Property Insurance | \$ | 5,480 | \$ | 6,360 | \$ | 5,480 | \$ | 880 | \$ | 6,360 | 100.0\% |
| 522 Liability Insurance | \$ | 9,840 | \$ | 10,670 | \$ | 9,840 | S | 830 | \$ | 10,670 | 100.0\% |
| 530 Telephone | \$ | 4,200 | \$ | 2,902 | \$ | 4,200 | \$ | - | \$ | 4,200 | 69.1\% |
| 540 Marketing | \$ | 17,546 | \$ | 3,448 | \$ | 5,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,000 | 69.0\% |
| 542 Board Expenses | \$ | 500 | \$ | 384 | \$ | 500 | \$ | - | \$ | 500 | 76.8\% |
| 580 Travel | \$ | 26,000 | \$ | 18,972 | \$ | 23,881 | \$ |  | \$ | 23,881 | 79.4\% |
| 595 Heritage Trip | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.0\% |
| 595 Student Activities | \$ | 44,000 | \$ | 13,482 | \$ | 32,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 32,000 | 42.1\% |
| Total 500: | \$ | 107,566 | \$ | 56,218 | \$ | 80,901 | \$ | 1,710 | \$ | 82,611 | 68.1\% |


|  |  | 531 Students) <br> evious Yr's <br> Actuals <br> FY23 |  | (573 Students) Current Yr's Actuals FY24 |  | 552 Students) <br> Approved <br> Budget <br> FY24 |  | Amount Changed |  |  | Actuals as a $\%$ of Forecast |
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| 600 Supplies and Materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 611 Classroom | \$ | 60,500 | \$ | 24,462 | \$ | 55,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 55,000 | 44.5\% |
| 611 Intro to Agriculture Supplies | \$ | 4,000 | \$ | 1,139 | \$ | 6,182 | \$ | - | \$ | 6,182 | 18.4\% |
| 611 SpED Supplies | \$ | 9,500 | \$ | 2,170 | \$ | 9,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 9,500 | 22.8\% |
| 612 Office | \$ | 40,000 | \$ | 26,028 | \$ | 35,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 35,000 | 74.4\% |
| 612 PTO/PAC | \$ | 3,049 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,300 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,300 | 0.0\% |
| 613 Student Gov't | \$ | 7,500 | \$ | 3,199 | \$ | 7,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 7,500 | 42.7\% |
| 617 Student Appreciation / Parties | \$ | 4,500 | \$ | 1,617 | \$ | 3,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 3,500 | 46.2\% |
| 618 Professional Dev / Appreciation | \$ | 27,000 | \$ | 32,249 | \$ | 23,000 | \$ | 13,000 | \$ | 36,000 | 89.6\% |
| 619 Counselor Supplies | \$ | 3,200 | \$ | 3,448 | \$ | 3,000 | \$ | 500 | \$ | 3,500 | 98.5\% |
| 621 Natural Gas | \$ | 7,000 | \$ | 2,781 | \$ | 5,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,500 | 50.6\% |
| 622 Electricity | \$ | 44,000 | \$ | 34,301 | \$ | 38,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 38,000 | 90.3\% |
| 626 Motor Fuel (Buses) | \$ | 43,000 | \$ | 28,383 | \$ | 43,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 43,000 | 66.0\% |
| 631 Food Program Supplies | \$ | 160,000 | \$ | 141,927 | \$ | 140,000 | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | 170,000 | 83.5\% |
| 641 Textbooks \& Curriculum | \$ | 76,000 | \$ | 34,850 | \$ | 40,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 40,000 | 87.1\% |
| 644 Library Books | \$ | 5,528 | \$ | 2,739 | \$ | 5,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,500 | 49.8\% |
| 650 Supplies - Technology Related | \$ | 79,467 | \$ | 14,135 | \$ | - | \$ | 15,842 | \$ | 15,842 | 89.2\% |
| 670 Software (Educational) | \$ | 27,000 | \$ | 5,446 | \$ | 9,000 | \$ | 15,359 | \$ | 24,359 | 22.4\% |
| 680 Maintenance \& Cleaning Supplies | \$ | 32,000 | \$ | 29,419 | \$ | 35,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 35,000 | 84.1\% |
| Total 600: | \$ | 633,244 | \$ | 388,293 | \$ | 461,982 | \$ | 74,701 | \$ | 536,683 | 72.4\% |
| 700 Property, Equipment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 710 Land \& Site Improvements | \$ | 92,500 | \$ | 47,399 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 88,047 | \$ | 108,047 | 43.9\% |
| 720 Buildings | \$ | 99,000 | \$ | 1,660 | \$ | - | \$ | 2,000 | \$ | 2,000 | 83.0\% |
| 732 Buses | \$ | 28,263 | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |  | 0.0\% |
| 733 Furniture \& Fixtures | \$ | 10,000 | \$ | 4,596 | \$ | 8,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 8,000 | 57.5\% |
| 734 Technology Hardware | \$ | 18,500 | \$ | 23,607 | \$ | 30,000 | \$ | $(1,793)$ | \$ | 28,207 | 83.7\% |
| 739 Kitchen Equipment | \$ | 5,701 | \$ | 258 | \$ | 5,701 | \$ | - | \$ | 5,701 | 4.5\% |
| 790 Cap Ex Fund | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | 0.0\% |
| Total 700: | \$ | 253,964 | \$ | 77,520 | \$ | 63,701 | \$ | 88,254 | \$ | 151,955 | 51.0\% |
| 800 Debt Service and Misc |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 810 Dues \& Fees | \$ | 14,500 | \$ | 15,726 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 1,500 | \$ | 16,500 | 95.3\% |
| 812 Banking Fees | \$ | 2,000 | \$ | 459 | \$ | 3,000 | \$ | $(1,500)$ | \$ | 1,500 | 30.6\% |
| 831 Wells Fargo Loan Re-payment | \$ | 6,500 | \$ | 4,336 | \$ | 7,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 7,000 | 61.9\% |
| 890 Miscellaneous | \$ |  | \$ | 637 | \$ |  | \$ |  | \$ | - | 0.0\% |
| 890 Contingency | \$ | 36,101 | \$ | - | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | $(20,000)$ | \$ | $-$ | 0.0\% |
| Total 800: | \$ | 59,101 | \$ | 21,158 | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | $(20,000)$ | \$ | 25,000 | 84.6\% |
| Total Expenses: | \$ | 5,733,242 | \$ | 4,704,779 | S | 5,802,052 | \$ | 428,724 | \$ | 6,231,820 | 75.5\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Income: | \$ 195,282 |  | \$ 48,427 |  | \$ 193,991 |  | \$ 441,211 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Current Operating Margin |  |  |  | \$ | 441,211 | 6.61\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Operating Goal 3+\% |  |  |  | \$ | 200,191 | 3.00\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Operating Goal 5+\% |  |  |  | S | 333,652 | 5.00\% |
|  |  |  |  |  | Operating Goal 6+\% |  |  |  | \$ | 400,382 | 6.00\% |

