Regular Meeting of the La Vida Charter School Board of Directors
August 12, 2026, at 2:30 pm.
La Vida Charter School
11785 Orchard Lane, Willits, California 95490
In person meeting in the Great Room
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:
Board: Tim Cooper ____;   Nicole Jones Ferreira ___:
Cynthia Raiser Jeavons ____
Executive Director: Ann Kelly ____
Business Manager: Michelle Ebert ____
Staff Reps: _____
Observers:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM'S AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
The Board asks the comments be limited to three minutes and will be considered as information with no action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board or staff request an item's removal. The item will be removed from the motion and will be discussed and considered immediately following the Consent Agenda.

1. Approve Minutes for June 24, 2026, Meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Approve Agenda for August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Moved_______ 2nd________ Ayes_______ Nays_______ Abstention _________

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
This year as the nation celebrates 250 Years, La Vida is celebrating 25 years. The theme for the year is Return to Joy!

1. Review and approve the Prop 28 Arts & Music Grant Report for 2025-26, as part of the stipulations for the grant, which will be posted on the school website's Administration Page.*
2. Review and approve the 2026-27 Academic Calendar. *
3. Discuss and review any updates or changes to the Independent Study Board Policy.* with focus on sections 4, 9 & 10.

4. Review and Approve the Liability Insurance Policy for 2026-27. *
   Bolton, now IMA, was able to continue to offer our policy through Glatfelter With only a 3% or $919 increase. Our Agent, Craig Myers, wrote a proposal to the Willits' Superintendent, John Brown, requesting that a $5 million policy would be accepted rather than a $15 million dollar policy as listed in the MOU. He based that request on actual school cases and that La Vida being small, fell into that benchmark. Fortunately, the Superintendent and Business Manager accepted the proposal.

Board Business: 1**.** This meeting is the designated annual meeting in which officers of the board positions may be elected, reelected or changed.
2. Nomination Committee Report for prospective Board Member.
3. Review of Plans for regular board training with the Board University book and the required Ethics training for new board members within six months of being elected to the board.
4. Update on setting up recordings of Board Meetings.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 420 : Approve the Prop 28 Arts and Music Grant annual report for 2025-26.

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

2. Resolution 421: Approve the Liability Insurance Policy Contract for 2026--27

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

3. Resolution 422: Approve the updated Independent Study Board Policy. .

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

4. Resolution 423: Approve the 2026-27 Academic Calendar

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

5. Resolution 424: (Board Election Action) .

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

6. Resolution 425: (Board Election Action) .

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

7. Resolution 426: (Board Election Action) .

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

8. Resolution 427: (Nomination Action) .

   Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Enrollment: Actual numbers are to be determined. About a third of the new enrollment paperwork has been turned in, which remains uncertain.

Financials: Expenditures of the non discretionary block grant occupied summer attention with the purchase of 18 laptops for testing and coursework. The grant will also help fund legal review and support for the rechartering.

Board Account- The Board Account was used to purchase the laptops for cash purposes only. The approximately $13,000 will be reimbursed.

CALPADS: End of Year Report was filed on time. We had a successful partnership with EdMajic and look forward to continuing to work with them in the coming year.

Staff : Hired a new High School Teacher, Monique Riedel who has a Preliminary Special Ed Credential. She is a very talented individual and will be able to teach a variety of specialty classes.

We still need to hire a Primary Grades Teacher which will be the second year in a row of 60 % of the core teachers being new. We have excellent Waldorf training and support set up to help them. We also plan to hire extra tutors and a specialty teacher or two.

The Roster for the New School Year:

1. Ann Kelly, Executive Director
2. Michelle Ebert, Business Manager,
3. Chris Russell, Payroll Accountant and HR Technician
4. Lisa Burgess Business Secretary,
5. Dory Haselswerdt, Student Services Liaison, Registrar, and Special Ed Coordinator
6. Andrew Miller Information Technician (two days per week)
7. New Hire to come --K-3 Teacher and EC
8. Brian Adams, Class Teacher and EC for grades 4, 5 & 6
9. Jeanne Metcalf Budrow, Jr High 7,8 Teacher & EC (Science & Math Specialty)
   And will work with High School as well.
10. Monique Riedel, High School EC and Specialty Teacher, plus Special Ed support
11. Michele Halsey, High School EC, Language Arts Specialty, Tutor
12. Michael Charnes, Music Teacher
13. To Be Determined Specialty Art Teacher for Elementary
14. Michelle Marin Translator
15. Shauna Heiselt Waldorf Mentor
16. Diane Smalley- Specialty class on Breathwork
17. Dan Miller Maintenance
    Contracting with Green Clean for Housekeeping

Inservice and Orientation:
New Teacher systems training with School Pathways, August 13
Teacher in-service week August 17 – 21
Orientation and Curriculum Check Out-August 25, 26, 27
First Day of School August 28,

Trainings: Four attended the two-week iWaldorf Summer Conferences Coming up is the computer systems training for at least the three new teachers plus lots of training on independent study protocols.
Teachers will be working directly with Eugene Schwartz and a new mentor Monical Marshall.

Site: The carpets were cleaned. Dan worked on keeping the outdoor water systems going. The Golden Rule had water rationing in place at this time.

Coming up Next Board Meeting September 2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:
Non Planned
CLOSED SESSION: Time in________ Time Out_________

Report out of Closed Session:

1.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY - The Governing Board's presiding officer reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABLITY - Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting of the Governing Board may request assistance by contacting La Vida Charter School during normal business hours at as far in advance as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION - For more information concerning this agenda or for materials relating to this meeting, please contact Ann Kelly at annk@lavidaschool.org.

Adjourn the Meeting at _____________

Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes_____ Nays_____ Abstention _________