

KEY EVENTS TIMELINE

Date	Event
October 17, 2022	Hillsdale College issues letter of intent to SVCS; never disclosed during applications (Exhibit G, pp. 16–25, Meeting 3; Exhibit G, pp. 34–43, Meeting 5)
May 10, 2023	District finds SVCS's first charter application legally insufficient – superintendent identifies nine pages of deficiency questions; board defers to June (Exhibit G, pp. 1–8, Meeting 1)
October 11, 2023	District approves revised SVCS application 5–1 vote; application is devoid of Hillsdale affiliation language; Vice Chair Miltenberger dissents, citing religious connections visible online (Exhibit G, pp. 9–16, Meeting 2)
Late 2023	Community members discover Whitmore listed as a Hillsdale "Curriculum School" online; District demands clarification (Exhibit C)
January 10, 2024	District counsel advises board that Hillsdale relationship constitutes prohibited affiliation under ORS 338.035(8); board directs SVCS to sever ties (Exhibit G, pp. 16–25, Meeting 3)
February 7, 2024	SVCS refuses to sever Hillsdale ties; files ethics complaint against District counsel; files KL complaints against teachers; signals litigation (Exhibit G, pp. 26–33, Meeting 4)

<p>February 14, 2024</p>	<p>Superintendent warns board that information was withheld; two motions to deny charter fail; board authorizes contract only if it "meets and complies wholly with Oregon revised statutes" (Exhibit G, pp. 34–43, Meeting 5)</p>
<p>Spring 2024</p>	<p>SVCS provides written communication to the District stating it will not pursue becoming a Hillsdale member school; however, SVCS retains its Hillsdale Curriculum School designation, curriculum license, and website listing – a distinction SVCS later confirms is inseparable: "if we are not listed as a curriculum school we won't have the license" (Exhibit G, pp. 72–73, Meeting 9, Quote 4.3; Exhibit G, p. 100, Meeting 11, Quote 8.2)</p>
<p>September 11, 2024</p>	<p>Charter School Contract ratified 6–1; SVCS has no head of school (signature line changed to "Board Vice Chair"), no building, and transportation flagged as "a foreseeable issue"; Vice Chair Miltenberger votes no for the third consecutive time, citing "hundreds of hours of staff" invested without operational certainty (Exhibit A; Exhibit G, pp. 44–48, Meeting 6)</p>
<p>October 2, 2024</p>	<p>SVCS holds meeting with procedural violations – executive session reason omitted from agenda, meeting time changed; superintendent issues notice of grievance (Exhibit G, pp. 54–67, Meeting 8)</p>
<p>October 9–16, 2024</p>	<p>Director Sneddon requests emergency charter work session; Chair Lacatur states "alarm bells are going off"; joint work session confirms SVCS agrees to record meetings per district policy (Exhibit G, pp. 49–53, Meeting 7; Exhibit G, pp. 54–67, Meeting 8)</p>

November 2025	Red Balloon engaged for administrator screening – decision made in SVCS executive session without public discussion or District notification (Exhibits F and J; Exhibit G, pp. 89+, Meeting 11)
October 29, 2025	SVCS admits "there are no recordings"; confirms Hillsdale license and Curriculum School listing are interdependent (Exhibit C; Exhibit G, pp. 68–83, Meeting 9)
February 10, 2026	Complainant Muehle submits 10-category curriculum review request to District (Exhibit H); Carlin Washburn files complaint with ODE (Exhibit I)
February 11, 2026	SPED addendum formally approved, less than five months before projected opening (Exhibit A; Exhibit G, pp. 84–88, Meeting 10)
February 17, 2026	ODE accepts Washburn complaint as Case No. 2026-11 (Exhibit E); at joint work session, SVCS confirms "We are a Hillsdale curriculum school" and acknowledges using Red Balloon after reviewing its Employee Bill of Rights (Exhibit F; Exhibit G, pp. 89+, Meeting 11)
February 25, 2026	Whitmore's counsel (Jordan Ramis PC) responds to ODE, acknowledging Hillsdale license and Curriculum School status; raises Trinity Lutheran defense (Exhibits B and D)
February 26, 2026	Director Cole emails full board minimizing concerns; Superintendent responds documenting pattern and warning of complicity liability; Superintendent commits to organizing independent curriculum review (Exhibit J)

February 27, 2026	SVCS/WCA sends memo reframing Muehle/Washburn concerns as procedural non-compliance with charter-level review process (Exhibit K)
March 4, 2026	Superintendent confirms no board direction on curriculum review; one director opposes any review; Superintendent states he will convene review committee unilaterally; observes curriculum "does not match what was proposed" (Exhibit L)
As of filing	Whitmore continues to appear on the Society for Classical Learning's "Find a Christian School Near Me" page (Exhibits D, I, and M)