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HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est.1954

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024
Happy Valley Elementary Principal's Office – Open Session – 5:00 p.m./Closed Session 5:05 p.m.
Happy Valley Elementary School Cafeteria – Open Session - 6:00 p.m.
17480 Palm Avenue, Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 PM Elementary Principal's Office

1.0 Call to Order @ 5:01 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call – Jodi Shearman, Cheryl Best, Billy Soksoda, Mike Arey – Present
Nate Echols - Absent

3.0 Public Comment on Closed Session

The public is invited to address the Board regarding items that are listed under the closed session agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes each. The Board is not allowed under law to act on matters that are not on the Agenda.

3.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 5:01 p.m.
3.2 Person wishing to address the Board – None
3.2 Public Comment Session Closed @ 5:01 p.m.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn Open Session and convene Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:05 PM Elementary Principal's Office

4.0 Closed Session

4.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§54957)
4.2 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (GC §54957.6) Certificated & Classified
4.3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957) Title: Superintendent/Primary School Principal

5.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn Closed Session and convene Open Session at 5:56 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

6.0 Call to Order at 6:01 p.m.

7.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jodi Shearman

8.0 Report from Closed Session – Nothing to report

9.0 Approval of Agenda –

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to approve the agenda.

10.0 Presentation – Students & Staff

Students: Jacob Outcalt, Adan Venaegas, Skylynn Black, Daleyza Espino
Staff: Kari Piazza, Kristen Morgan, Jessie Avila, Tammy Jacobs

11.0 Information/Discussion Items

11.1 Community/Staff/District (suggested 2 minutes maximum per presenter)

a) Community – None
b) Certificated Staff – None
c) Classified Staff – None
d) Board Members – Billy Soksoda mentioned his West Valley girl's tennis team is undefeated at 6-0.
Cheryl Best reported that mandarin sales forms will be handed out to the 4-H students at the October meeting; the 8th grade graduation committee has met already and planning is underway; the Harvest Festival is coming up at the end of the month.
e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: Parent/Teacher Conferences are underway this week; candy collection for the Harvest Festival is underway; the book fair is going on this week and the students participated in field day which was part of a fundraiser with PTO to raise money for t-shirts.
f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson commented on the following: Student Council is up and running; the first dance of the school year is going to be held on October 11th; Fall sports are winding down; basketball season is gearing up and students participated in Walk to School Day

12.0 Communications to the Board – None

13.0 Public Comment – Public Session Items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of this body, may be addressed at this time or be submitted to the Superintendent in writing for Board consideration as an agenda item. Items not on the agenda are restricted in response and action by the Board and its members. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54952). In order to protect the rights of all involved, complaints about employees should be addressed through the District complaint process. Speaking about a personnel issue at a Board meeting may prevent the Board from being able to act on it. Please see an administrator to initiate the complaint process.

13.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:22 p.m.
13.2 Items on the Agenda – None
13.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
13.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:23 p.m.

14.0 Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. **Board Members may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for later discussion.**

14.1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting September 11, 2024 & Special Board Meeting September 20, 2024
14.2 Approval of Warrants Sept. 7th – Oct. 4th, 2024
14.3 Approve Williams Quarterly Report – July – Sept. 2024

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

15.0 Personnel:

15.1 Approve Personnel Action Report

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to approve the the Personnel Action Report.

16.0 Discussion/Action Items

16.1 Discussion/Action: Approve Suicide Prevention Plan

Jodi Shearman pointed out some requirements in the plan including that the plan needs to be displayed prominently on the website and is required to be in the parent handbook.

There was discussion in regards to where the plan should be moved to from its original location on the website. After discussion it was decided the plan would be moved to the health tab on the front page.

There was also discussion in regards to the plan being included in the parent handbook. The district does not have a parent handbook, only student handbooks. After several several minutes of discussion, it was decided to change the name of the student handbook to the parent/student handbook.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 4-0 to approve the Suicide Prevention Plan.

16.2 Discussion/Action: Approve SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement)

Gina Murphy mentioned the plan need to be approved by Site Council prior to being approved by the board. Site Council had to cancel its meeting therefore the plan could not be approved. Gina asked the board table the plan until the November meeting.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 4-0 to table the SPSA until the November meeting.

16.3 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated ELOP Plan

Beth Roberts explained the plan that is on the district's website is the ELOP plan for Share. This plan is establishing one for Happy Valley and what we are doing with our funds.

There was mention the name of the contact person needed to be changed as that person has resigned from the district. Board members felt that Gina should be listed as the contact for the ELOP plan.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 4-0 to approve the updated ELOP Plan with the contact name changed.

16.4 Discussion/Action: Approve ELOP Coordinator & Reading Specialist Positions

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to approve the ELOP Coordinator & Reading Specialist positions.

16.5 Discussion/Action: Approved Memorial Bench for Carla Perry

Darcy Weekley told the board the Happy Valley Foundation has donated $1000 for a bench to be installed at the primary school next to the drums placed in memory of Dianne Knapick.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 4-0 to approve the memorial bench for Carla Perry.

16.6 Discussion: 2023/24 Title III Immigrant Student Program Subgrant Budget (Con App)

Beth told the board this is for informational purposes only. No action needs to be taken.

16.7 Discussion: July Special Board Policy Updates, September Board Policy Updates (1st Read)

17.0 Superintendent Update – Mrs. Murphy commented on the following: the TK/K Facilities Grant planning is on schedule; most of the certificated staff and paraprofessionals are participating in a program called Getting Reading Right.

18.0 Business Manager Update – Beth Roberts reported the following: 1st Interim will be brought to the board in December; Lamara Kingston from Gateway will be attending our board meeting in November in her place due to both Gateway and Happy Valley's board meetings being on the same night.

19.0 Enrollment Update as of October 4, 2024: 471 - Grades TK – 8 (includes CDS and Independent Study/Homeschool)

20.0 Next Meetings

November 13, 2024
December 17, 2024 (December meeting must be within 15 days after the 2nd Friday in December)
January 2025 (Pending based on Organizational Meeting in December)

A Special board meeting will be held on Oct. 17th at 5:00 pm in the Elem. Cafeteria to discuss the Early TK/K admissions and the corresponding Board Policy.

Board Meeting Times:
5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. – Open Session – Community Comments on Closed Session – Principal's Office
5:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Principal's Office
6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary Cafeteria

21.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:15 p.m.

Approved November 13, 2024

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Clerk of the Board