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HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est. 1954

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 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 @ 5:00 p.m.

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

3.0 Approval of Closed Session Agenda

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Closed Session agenda.

4.0 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.

4.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 5:02 p.m.
4.2 Person wishing to address the Board – None
4.3 Public Comment Session Closed @ 5:02 p.m.

5.0 Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Open Session and convene Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

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

6.0 Closed Session

6.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§54957)
6.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957) Title: Superintendent/Principal
6.3 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (GC §54957.6) Certificated

7.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Closed Session and convene Open Session at 5:53 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

8.0 Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

9.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Nate Echols

10.0 Report from Closed Session

Nothing to report

11.0 Approval of Agenda –

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

12.0 Presentation – Students & Staff

Students: Aden Herrerra, Khloe Wesson, Ayriana Swim, Felix Diaz Ceron, Abelardo Patino- Gomez, Charlee Jo Martin
Staff: Pam Lee, Anthony Barron, Kendall Sanders, Corey Francescut
Rosanne Blevins presented certificates of reclassification to Felix Diaz Ceron, Juan Soto-Patino and Andres Patino Rodriguez.

13.0 Information/Discussion Items

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

a) Community – None
b) Certificated Staff – Corey Francescut reported the following for Athletics: The Fall season is officially over. "A" volleyball team ended their season co-champions with Cottonwood; "B" volleyball team took 2nd in the league; Tim Martini worked with the maintenance staff to get the soccer field together so the school could host home games. Mr. Martini put a lot of time and effort into the field and the school is very appreciative; Basketball season is going well for the girl's teams. The 6th grade girls team won the Anderson Tournament and the 8th grade girls participated in a tournament in Mt. Shasta last weekend.
c) Classified Staff – None
d) Board Members – Mike Arey & Cheryl Best reported the following for 4-H: flags were placed at the Veteran's Cemetery for Veteran's Day by students; the Christmas tree lighting and singing of Christmas carols will take place at the fire station on November 24th; there are now 60 students enrolled in 4-H.
Jodi Shearman thanked Nate Echols for being an invaluable leader of the board and let him know that he would be genuinely missed.
e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: Character Strong Tier II groups are starting; Art Club is going well; students participated in the end of the trimester showcase that included attendance and character awards.

Students got to share what they have learned since the beginning of the school year; Project Share has been able to hire more staff members so they can open two more afterschool classes and enroll students who have been on the waiting list.

f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson commented on the following: Vision and hearing testing took place for 5th & 8th grade students; the Scholastic Book Fair was held last week; 8th grade students completed their trimester of band with a performance.

14.0 Communications to the Board – None

15.0 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.

15.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:37 p.m.
15.2 Items on the Agenda – None
15.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
15.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:37 p.m.

16.0 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.**

16.1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting October 9, 2024; Special Board Meetings October 17 and 25, 2024
16.2 Approval of Warrants Oct. 5 – Nov. 8, 2024

Jodi Shearman asked that the warrants be removed from the consent agenda and moved to Item 18.7 under Discussion/Action.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the amended Consent Agenda.

17.0 Personnel:

17.1 Approve Personnel Action Report

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the the Personnel Action Report.

18.0 Discussion/Action Items

18.1 Discussion: Notice of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board. Annual meeting to be held December 17, 2024 with the Date, Time, and Location of board meetings to be set at this time **(No action is required. For notification purposes only).**

18.2 Discussion/Action: Approve 2024/25 CEA Waiver Request

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2024/25 CEA Waiver Request.

18.3 Discussion: Sunshine of HVTA Contract Bargaining Openers

Gina Murphy told the board the bargaining openers would focus on Articles 8, 9 & 14.

18.4 Discussion/Action: Approve Generator Purchase

Beth Roberts told the board the generators are for the kitchen refrigerators at both sites. They will be paid for by a kitchen facility grant that needs to be spent by June 30th and a PG&E rebate. The generators are $42,000 each before the 75% rebate. She said the district needs to have approval and a purchase order sent by December 31st. Beth also asked that the approval does not exceed $150,000.00

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of generators with the cost not to exceed $150,000.

18.5 Discussion/Action: Approve Basketball Tournament - Weed (Out of County - January)

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the out of county boys' basketball tournament in Weed.

18.6 Discussion/Action: Approve July Special Board Policy Updates, September Board Policy Updates

Jodi Shearman recommended tabling the July BP updates due to recent changes in government and ongoing court cases. September BP updates are a first read and asked the board members to be prepared to approve them in December.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Nate Echols, the board voted 5-0 to approve tabling the July BP updates until further notice.

18.7 Discussion/Action: Warrants from the Consent Agenda

The following questions were asked regarding the warrants:

Billy Soksoda asked about the $10,000 payment to Amazon – Beth told Billy there were past due invoices from several years ago that had never been paid and the district was not notified about the situation until recently.

Jodi Shearman asked about the following:

$34,000 PG&E bill – Beth told Jodi this was the annual True-up payment
Cafeteria lunch trays – how often does the district have to replace these
Baseball Field purchase – supplies for the upkeep of the field

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Mike Arey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the warrants.

19.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy commented on the following: In regards to the TK/K facilities project a leach line map was created. It was discovered the leach lines go to the neighbor's fence, therefore, parking for the new facility cannot be placed where originally intended. Fortunately, CDE approved the buildings with the current parking configuration; the primary school was able to obtain an RSP teacher through the MVJPA for the remainder of the school year; teachers and instructional aides are halfway through Getting Reading Right.

20.0 Business Manager Update – Beth Roberts reported she is working on the 1st Interim Budget and finalizing the audit. She also told the board she would be bringing a letter next month for the 2025/26 CBO Services.

21.0 Enrollment Update as of November 8, 2024 – 469 Students Grades TK – 8 (includes CDS and Independent Study/Homeschool)

22.0 Next Meetings

December 17, 2024 (December meeting must be held no later than 15 days after of the 2nd Friday in December)
January 2025 (Pending based on Organizational Meeting in December)

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

23.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Nate Echols, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session @ 6:58 p.m.

Approved December 17, 2024

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Clerk of the Board