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HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est.1954

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.
Happy Valley Elementary Cafeteria
17480 Palm Ave., Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 PM

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 Pledge of Allegiance led by Nate Echols

4.0 Approval of Agenda

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

5.0 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.

5.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 5:02 p.m.
5.2 Items on the Agenda - None
5.3 Items not on the Agenda - None
5.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 5:02 p.m.

6.0 Discussion/Action Items:

6.1 Discussion/Action: Review Board Policy 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten

After discussion regarding the policy the board agreed on the following updates:

Eligibility:

First paragraph:

The district's TK program shall admit children whose fifth birthday **is in alignment with current state standards (new wording)**

Fourth paragraph:

~~**At any time during the school year**~~ The district may admit into the TK program a child whose fifth birthday is **after the date defined by current state standards (new wording)** of that same school year, provided that the Superintendent or designee recommends that enrollment in a TK program is in the child's best interest, the child's parents/guardians approve **and that the **District Early Admission Process for Transitional Kindergarten is followed (new wording).** Prior to such enrollment, the child's parents/guardians shall be provided information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effective early admittance.

****District Early Admission Process for TK and Kindergarten need to be added to the exhibits for each policy.**

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve updates to Board Policy 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten

6.2 Discussion/Action: Review Board Policy/Regulation 5111 – Admissions

After discussion from the board in regards to admission into school based on a student's age at admission, they agreed on the following updates to the regulation:

1) strike any reference to TK

2) third paragraph to read as follows:

On a case-by-case basis, a child who will turn five years old by the last day of the 1st Trimester may be enrolled in kindergarten with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that:

- The Superintendent/designee shall determine that admittance is in the best interest of the child
- The Early Kindergarten Enrollment Policy is followed
- The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve updates to Board Regulation 5111 – Admissions.

7.0 Adjournment of Special Board Meeting

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Billy Soksoda, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn the special board meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Approved November 13, 2024

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Clerk of the Board