HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2025
Happy Valley Elementary Library – Open Session – 5:00 p.m.
Happy Valley Elementary Library – 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 Library

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

2.0 Roll Call – Jodi Shearman, Erin Ciapponi, Josh Hancock – Present
Cheryl Best – Absent

3.0 Approval of Closed Session Agenda

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 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 - 5:01 p.m.
4.2 Persons wishing to address the Board – Items in Closed Session – None
4.3 Public comment session closed – 5:02 p.m.

5.0 Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session @ 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:05 PM Elementary Library

6.0 Closed Session
6.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§54957)
6.2 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (§54957.6) Classified
6.3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (§54957) Title – Superintendent/Primary School Principal

7.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Josh Hancock, the board voted 3-0 to adjourn Closed Session @ 5:39 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

8.0 Call to order @ 6:00 p.m.

9.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by Jodi Shearman

10.0 Report from Closed Session – No reportable action was taken

11.0 Approval of Agenda –

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda.

12.0 Presentation – Students/Staff

Students: James Hamilton, Tobias Taylor, Kara Hankins, Geraldine Soltero Hernandez
Staff: Janet Gandolfo, Brittany Nuzum, Bre Keown, Berit Greenbaum

13.0 Information/Discussion Items (Updates; Community Events; Staff Announcements)

13.1 Community/Staff/District

a) Community – None
b) Certificated Staff – None
c) Classified Staff – None
d) Board Members – None
e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: the 2nd Trimester Showcase was held today and was live streamed for the first time; Attendance awards were also given out. Attendance awards have traditionally been given out for perfect attendance. However, there are students who have unavoidable absences that put them out of the running for perfect attendance. Based on parent feedback we have added two categories: Exemplary Attendance-at school every day with up to two tardies or early pickups and Outstanding Attendance - meeting the school goal percentage
f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson reported on the following: Baseball and Softball are underway. It has been nice being able to have games on our home field; 4th/5th grade basketball has started; Spirit Week begins next week and will focus on college & career; staff & students are getting ready for state testing; cooking & gardening clubs have started; 2nd Trimester awards will be held at the end of the month.

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 @ 6:25 p.m.
15.2 Items on the Agenda – Two parents and a student spoke to the board about the Independent Study program (IPL) and the positive effects it has had in regards to the improvement of grades and their students' feelings towards attending school.
15.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
15.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:30 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 February 12, 2025
16.2 Approval of Warrants Feb. 08, 2025 – March 7, 2025

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Josh Hancock, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

17.0 Personnel:

17.1 Approve Personnel Report

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Personnel Action Report.

18.0 Discussion/Action Items

18.1 Discussion/Action: Approval of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda – None

18.2 Discussion/Action: Approve 2024-25 2nd Interim Budget

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the 2024-25 2nd Interim Budget.

18.3 Discussion/Action: Approve AB1200 Public Discloser of Proposed Bargaining Agreement: Teamsters – including updated contract language & salary schedule

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Approve AB1200 Public Discloser of Proposed Bargaining Agreement with the Teamsters.

18.4 Approve Contract with Cerami and Browning Construction as General Contractor for the TK/K Facility Project

Gina Murphy reported to the board there was an update to the contract. She had a meeting with the contractor, attorney and architect by video prior to the board meeting in regards to the district's insurance company requiring an umbrella excess liability policy in the amount of $3 million dollars to be added to the contract. Since this was unknown during the bidding process the contractor did not add the cost of the policy in his bid. He did agree to add the policy however, this will require a change order immediately after approval of the contract in order

for the district to be billed for the cost of the policy.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve the updated contract with Cerami and Browning Construction to include the $3 million umbrella excess liability policy and the change order to bill the district for the cost of the policy.

18.5 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated Travel Claim – Meal Reimbursement Allowance

The district has had the same meal reimbursement rate for many years without an increase. Due to inflation and the high cost of products the district should consider an increase in the meal reimbursement allowance. The board was presented with state reimbursement rates for FY 2025.
After several minutes of discussion, the board agreed to new reimbursement rates slightly higher than the state's recommendation: $20 for breakfast, $20 for lunch and $35 for dinner.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve the new meal reimbursement rates.

18.6 Discussion/Action: Approve Dates of June Regular & Special Board Meetings

Due to not having a full board present it was recommended this item be tabled to the April board meeting.
On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Josh Hancock, the board voted 3-0 to table the June regular and special board meeting dates to the April board meeting.

18.7 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #25-10 – Designation of Representatives to STSIG Joint Powers Board of Directors

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 3-0 to approve Resolution #25-10.

18.8 Discussion/Action: Approve Nomination of Rick Dougherty for 2025-2027 CSBA Delegate for Sub Region 2-B (Shasta County)

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Nomination of Rick Dougherty for 2025-2027 CSBA Delegate for Sub Region 2-B (Shasta County)

18.9 Discussion: Independent Study School (plans for 25/26 school year)

Rosanne Blevins, IPL teacher, spoke to the board on behalf of the program. She gave statistics about the program, talked about how it is run and how it has helped the students who are enrolled.
Mrs. Murphy (Superintendent/Principal) told the board the district doesn't have the resources to build the program to anything more than it is at this time. She also reported the program is not self-sustaining. Because of that money has had to be redirected from the general fund to support the program.
No decision was made in regards to what the program will look like for the 25/26 school year.

18.10 Discussion: Updated Board Policies (Dec. 2024) First Read

~~Jodi Shearman asked to board members to read through the policies and be ready to discuss~~

~~and approve them at the April board meeting.~~

Jodi Shearman encouraged the board to read the updated board policies as they will be brought back in April for a second reading.

19.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy reported she is still trying to work on the Facebook page; the district needs to have the contract to the state by March 27th in order to get the funding for the TK/K Facilities released. The goal is to break ground in April; the Return to Work forms went out to staff. There were a couple of requests from 4th/5th grade teachers to transfer to the middle school.

20.0 Business Manager Update – No update.

21.0 Enrollment Update as of March 7, 2025 – 502 - Grades TK – 8 (includes CDS and Independent Study/Homeschool)

22.0 Next Meetings

April 09, 2025 – Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025 - Regular Meeting

Board Meeting Times:
5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. – Open Session – Community Comments on Closed Session – Elem. Library
5:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary School Cafeteria

23.0 Adjourn Open Session
On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:49 p.m.
Approved April 09, 2025

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Clerk of the Board