HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est. 1964

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 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, Cheryl Best, Erin Ciapponi, Jacque Brousseau, Josh Hancock – 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 Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Open Session and convene Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:05 PM Elementary Library

6.0 Closed Session

6.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code Section §54957)
6.2 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (§54957.6) Classified
6.3 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent/Primary School Principal (§54957)
6.4 Public Employee Appointment (§54957) – Title: Certificated, Bus Driver, RSP/SPED Coordinator,

Intervention Teacher/TOSA, Cafeteria Asst., CDS Teacher, RSP Teacher

7.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Closed Session and convene Open Session at 6:01 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

8.0 Call to Order at 6:04 p.m.

9.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jodi Shearman

10.0 Report from Closed Session - None

11.0 Approval of Open Session Agenda –

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

12.0 Presentation – Students/Staff; **Staff Presentations & EOY Celebrations**

Students: Lila Xiong, Nikko Machuca, Emma Holly, Danielle Bigger, Matthew Frazier
Staff: Aubree Stotka, Lana Mannion, Kate Sackett, Lacey Carter, Kassie Arey
Retirement: Rosanne Blevins, Bruce Bear

Primary School staff presented student/classroom educational accomplishments over the course of the school year and end of the year celebrations.

13.0 Information/Discussion Items

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

a) Community – Joey Weekley addressed the board regarding the baseball fields. A few of the items that need to be addressed are the fields needing to be leveled and the irrigation needs to be fixed. He asked the board to support the projects; Jodi Shearman shared her support for the projects but expressed her dissatisfaction with a letter that had been posted on Facebook asking for donations for the baseball field. The letter had been written on district letterhead that lists board member names. She stated no one had spoken with her regarding the letter and did not know anything about it prior to being posted.

b) Certificated Staff – None

c) Classified Staff – Sandi Garcia provided an update on the community services grant, highlighting the services offered during the 2024–25 school year. These included the establishment of a clothing closet and food pantry, transportation assistance for students, distribution of essential items for families, an IEP workshop for parents, and efforts to connect families to support one another—such as providing moving assistance, a refrigerator, and a crib for those in need.

Joey Weekley praised both Sandi and his wife, Darcy, for their deep knowledge of the families and the community, noting how invaluable and irreplaceable they will be whenever they choose to retire from their careers in education.

d) Board Members – Cheryl Best reported the 4-H students will be serving pancakes and strawberries at the Strawberry Festival over Memorial Day weekend; 4-H also earned between $7500 - $8500 at the Arrow Shoot competition.

e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: there are many end of the year activities happening as we wind down the school year. 1st and 3rd graders will be going to the movies; students will participate in field day on June 2nd and on June 3rd students will be having their lunches outside picnic style; Mrs. Murphy told the board how proud she is of the primary teachers and all they have accomplished with the students this school year.

f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson reported the following: students are finishing CAASPP testing; students are working on the last round of STAR testing for Math and Reading; 8th graders will be participating in many end of the year activities including a trip to Kidder Creek Ranch, Wake Island and bowling just to name a few events as it all culminates to the big event of graduation day.

14.0 Communications to the Board – SCOE Concurrence & Acceptance of 2nd Interim Budget; AUHSD – Consideration of a Resolution Implementing School Facilities Fees

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 @ 7:29 p.m.
15.2 Items on the Agenda – None
15.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
15.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 7:29 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 April 9, 2025
16.2 Approval of Warrants April 5, 2025 – May 9, 2025

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jacque Brousseau, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

17.0 Personnel:

17.1 Approve Personnel Action Report – None to Report

18.0 Discussion/Action Items

18.1 Discussion/Action: Approval of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

18.2 Discussion/Action: Approve MOU w/SCOE Re: Collection of Developer Fees

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the MOU with SCOE regarding the Collection of Developer Fees.

18.3 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated ELOP Plan

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the updated ELOP plan.

18.4 Discussion/Action: Approve Surplus of Outdated Library Books

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the surplus of outdate library books.

18.5 Discussion: TK/K Facility Project – Gina Murphy reported that the project is progressing as expected. The students are enjoying watching the trucks and machinery in action, and excitement has grown as several of their fathers are working on the site. Mrs. Murphy also confirmed that the grant covers all furniture, including books and other items. Additionally, she met with Schraeder & Associates to discuss Proposition 2.

18.6 Discussion: Parent/Student Handbooks – Gina Murphy reported she would have a draft available for the board members at the June board meeting.

18.7 Discussion: Update on Subcommittee for District Cell Phone Policy – Jodi reported that she Josh Hancock and Chris Nelson had been able to meet and start looking at the policy. They have also looked through some of the other districts policies that correspond to the cell phone policy.
There will be a survey sent out to parent and teachers in the future.

18.8 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated December 2024 Board Policies

The board discussed each of the board policies in the updated December packet.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve to update the December 2024 board policies as discussed.

19.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: over 30 students have enrolled for the TK program; the district is working on filling all open positions.

20.0 Business Manager Update - Larrisa Schwab reported that the May Revise was recently released. She will attend a webinar next week to review the full details and assess its potential impact on

the district. The State has approved a 2.3% COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustment), and she is continuing her work on the 2025–2026 budget.

21.0 Enrollment Update as of May 9, 2025 – 505 Grades TK-8 (includes Community Day School and Independent Study)

22.0 Next Meetings

June 10, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
June 13, 2025 – Special Board Meeting

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

Special board meeting on June 13th to be held at the District Office at 9:00 a.m.

23.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session @ 8:23 p.m.

Approved June 10, 2025

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Clerk of the Board