HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est.1954

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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 @ 5:00 p.m.

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

3.0 Approval of Closed Session Agenda

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 4-0 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 Person wishing to address the Board – None
4.3 Public Comment Session Closed @ 5:01 p.m.

5.0 Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 4-0 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 (§54957)
6.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent/Primary School Principal (§54957)
6.3 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 4-0 to adjourn Closed Session and convene Open Session at 5:58 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

Jodi Shearman reported that the Board has concluded its annual evaluation and review of the performance of the Superintendent/Primary School Principal, resulting in a favorable performance evaluation.

11.0 Approval of Open Session Agenda –

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

12.0 Presentation – Students/Staff

Students: Oh'Wena Pasillas; Paisley Brower
Staff: Jennifer Mitchell; Stacy Baldwin

13.0 Information/Discussion Items

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

a) Community – Joey Weekley reported on the baseball team's impressive performance this season. They secured a long-awaited win over Cottonwood—something that hadn't happened in years—and finished the season with a strong 10-4 record.
b) Certificated Staff – Stacy Baldwin reported Third Grade Invasion day will be held on April 10th.
c) Classified Staff – None
d) Board Members – None
e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: the Literacy Fair was held today; 3rd grade is learning how to navigate the CAASP platform; the bench for Carla Perry has been installed; end of year events are being coordinated; Kevin Kurtz and Amy Barker covered a couple of days for me while I was attending trainings. Both Kevin and Amy connected with me daily and commented on how impressed they were with the school, staff and students.
f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson reported the following: Athletic seasons are beginning to wind down. Softball and 4th/5th grade boys' and girls' basketball are nearing completion. The final sport of the year, track, will kick off after spring break; the last site council meeting of the year was held; end of the year field trips are beginning; the TRIO group went to Shasta College; a meeting

is upcoming for discussion regarding the greenhouse and beautification projects; the annual staff vs. students softball game is this Friday.

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 @ 6:24 p.m.
15.2 Items on the Agenda – Paige Chambers, bus driver, spoke in regards to cell phones on school buses. She commented that cell phones can be very distracting for the bus driver if students choose to use them improperly. She also commented that if phones do get taken away from students the phones are returned when the students get off at their bus stop.
15.3 Items not on the Agenda – A family spoke in regards to their support of the independent study program and how much it has helped their student make academic progress.
15.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:28 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 March 12, 2025
16.2 Approval of Warrants March 8, 2025 – April 4, 2025
16.3 Approve Contract with Columbia for Asst. Superintendent Services (Amy Barker)
16.4 Quarterly Williams Report – January – March 2025

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

Before proceeding to the Personnel section, Jodi addressed the board regarding an error she identified in the approved minutes from the March 12th board meeting. She noted that Item #18.10 was inaccurately recorded. The minutes currently state, “Jodi Shearman asked the board members to read through the policies and be ready to discuss and approve them at the April board meeting.” However, Jodi clarified that the record should have read, “Jodi encouraged the board to read the updated board policies as they will be brought back in April for a second reading.”

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On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Josh Hancock, the board voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda with the change to Item #18.10 in the March 12, 2025 board minutes as indicated above.

17.0 Personnel:

17.1 Approve Personnel Action Report

On a motion by Cheryl Frazer, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 4-0 to approve the the Personnel Action Report.

18.0 Discussion/Action Items

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

No items removed.

18.2 Discussion: Interview Governing Board Candidate

The board interviewed Jacque Brousseau for the open board position.

18.3 Discussion/Action: Appointment and Oath of New Governing Board Member

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 4-0 to appoint Jacque Brousseau as its newest member. The oath of office was administered by Gina Murphy.

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18.4 Discussion/Action: Approve Adoption of Reading Difficulty Risk Screener (RDRS)

Jamie Morgan gave a report on how the screener was chosen, what programs were researched and the pros and cons of each. Jamie and Gina Murphy both agreed that Multitudes was the Risk Screener the district should use.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve Multitudes as the Risk Screener for the district.

18.5 Discussion/Action: Approve June Regular & Special Board Meeting Dates

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to hold the June board meetings as follows: Regular Board Meeting – June 10th at the regular time; Special Board Meeting June 13th at 9:00 am in the district office.

18.6 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #25-13 – Teacher Appreciation Week

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jacque Brousseau, the board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution #25-13.

18.7 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #25-14 – Classified Employee Appreciation Week

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution #25-14.

18.8 Discussion/Action: Policy on Student Cell Phones in School

Josh Hancock informed the board that recent & past additions to the student handbook and transportation bus rules include sanctions not currently supported by board policy or law. He further clarified that the school cannot require parents to pick up student phones after school, nor can it impose conditions for returning confiscated phones.

Joey and Darcy Weekley addressed the board, expressing concerns about the significant disruptions caused by cell phones in school.

Following extensive discussion, the board agreed to establish a subcommittee to review the current cell phone policy. The subcommittee will include two board members, along with staff and community representatives. Jodi Shearman and Josh Hancock volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the creation of a subcommittee to review the current cell phone policy.

18.9 Discussion: December 2024 Board Policy Updates (Second Read)

19.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: the TK/K facility project is underway. A trailer has been brought in and the area is now fenced off; the MTSS group has had their last meeting of the year; the middle school is fully staffed for the 25/26 school year with returning staff members who will be coring their classes; SSDA is starting a new group for Superintendent/Principals of small school districts; Sandi Garcia was named Classified Employee of the Year for Health Services.

20.0 Business Manager Update – Larrisa Schwab reported the following: the generators for both kitchens have been delivered. PG&E will cover the full cost. The district will file for reimbursement; the rollover in Escape will take place soon.

21.0 Enrollment Update as of April 4, 2025 – 509 – Grades TK-8 (includes CDS and Independent Study/Homeschool)

22.0 Next Meetings

May 14, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
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. Library
5:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Elementary School Library
6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary Cafeteria

23.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session @ 8:09 p.m.

Approved May 14, 2025

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Clerk of the Board