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HAPPY VALLEY Est. 1954
UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025
Happy Valley Elementary Cafeteria – Open Session 6:00 p.m.
17480 Palm Ave., Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

1.0 Call to Order @ 6:01 p.m.

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

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by Jodi Shearman

4.0 Approval of Open Session Agenda –

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

5.0 Presentation – None

6.0 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.

6.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:03 p.m.
6.2 Items on the Agenda – None
6.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
6.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:04 p.m.

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

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

a) Community – Darcy Weekley reported the Strawberry Festival went extremely well this year. Even though there was a slight mishap with the strawberries, they did not run out and everything worked out in the end.

b) Certificated Staff – Corey Francescut provided the following: The athletic year concluded on a high note, with the baseball team finishing their season as league champions. Several new banners were also added to the gymnasium wall in recognition of team accomplishments. Additionally, the 8th grade graduation ceremony was a great success. Corey extended his appreciation to all who contributed to making this event memorable for the students.

c) Classified Staff – Joey Weekley recognized the elementary staff for their generosity and quick action in raising funds for a student who was short on expenses to attend a meet in Las Vegas. In a short amount of time, staff members raised $300, allowing the student to participate in the event. Joey expressed his gratitude for their support and dedication to students.

d) Board Members – Cheryl Best provided the following update on 4-H activities: The group held its final meeting of the year. During the recent Strawberry Festival, the Swine group served strawberry pancakes on both Saturday and Sunday, raising between $2,000 and $3,000. The Sheep group hosted a petting zoo and sold chocolate-covered strawberries. All funds raised will go toward purchasing food for 4-H students participating in next year's fair.

e) Primary Site Update - Gina Murphy provided the following update: Summer school is currently underway. Staffing for the upcoming school year is in progress. The new Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classroom will be located in Room 1. She is working with school secretaries to update enrollment forms.

f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson provided the following update: This year marked his first time participating in the 8th grade graduation ceremony. He expressed how much he enjoyed the event and appreciated the strong turnout from parents, family members, and staff who came to celebrate the students. He commended Ashley and Corey for doing a fantastic job organizing the event. Mr. Nelson also gave an update from Ashley Youman on the middle school math scores: Last year, 27% of students were performing at or above grade level. This year's results showed improvement: 28% of 6th grade students, 32% of 8th grade students, and 51% of 7th grade students met or exceeded grade-level expectations.

8.0 Communications to the Board – None

9.0 Public Hearing Section for LCAP Parent Overview and Budget and Excess Reserve Statement

9.1 Open Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

9.2 California School Dashboard Local Indicator Reports - Gina Murphy explained to the board these reports are part of the LCAP. The district is at full or initial initial implementation in different areas.

9.3 Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) - Gina Murphy presented to the board a breakdown of LCFF funding.

9.4 LCAP 2024-2027 - Gina Murphy provided the following report: She explained that the LCAP operates on a three-year cycle. As part of the process, demographic data and survey results were reviewed. A majority of the survey responses focused on concerns and suggestions related to the baseball fields. She noted that funding has been allocated within the LCAP to support improvements to this area.

Mrs. Murphy also shared Larra Snyder's vision for a farm-to-table program at the school. Larra has developed a preliminary map for the project and is collaborating with James Price to move forward with implementation.

9.5 Budget - Larissa Schwab gave an overview of the 2025/2026 budget.
9.6 Close Hearing @ 6:36 p.m.

10.0 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.**

10.1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting May 14, 2025
10.2 Approval of Warrants May 10, 2025 – June 6, 2025
10.3 Approve Williams Quarterly Report April – June 2025
10.4 Approve Consolidated Application for Federal Funding

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

11.0 Personnel:

11.1 Approve Personnel Action Report

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Personnel Action Report

12.0 Discussion/Action Items

12.1 Discussion/Action: Approve Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

12.2 Discussion/Action: Board Member Conduct and Communicating with the School Community

Jodi Shearman addressed the board with a prepared statement regarding recent social media posts made by Board Member Josh Hancock. In her statement, she expressed concern about a comic created and shared by Mr. Hancock on two separate platforms, in which he commented that he avoided using "big words" so educators could understand it. Mrs. Shearman stated this remark was inappropriate and demonstrated a troubling lack of respect for the professional integrity of the district's educators.

She further noted that, through his statements and content, Mr. Hancock violated multiple tenets of at least three Happy Valley School Board bylaws, which he has sworn to uphold. Mrs. Shearman identified the bylaws in question and also highlighted the comic depicted students in Happy Valley apparel and included a yard duty character—who shares a name with a current district employee—engaging in actions that could be interpreted as illegal and unethical. She emphasized this could be construed as a reference to a real employee, potentially amounting to defamation of character.

Mrs. Shearman formally requested that Mr. Hancock:

1. Edit or remove the portion of the comic that insults educators.

2. Revise the character's name and likeness to clearly indicate they are fictitious.

3. Acknowledge the importance of maintaining professional decorum in all public communications made in his capacity as a board member.

Following Mrs. Shearman's remarks, several staff members voiced their disappointment and concern regarding the potential impact of Mr. Hancock's posts on students, staff, and the broader school community.

No action was taken.

12.3 Discussion/Action: Approve Signatory Deletions and Additions of Tri-Counties Accounts: Petty Cash - 9339 Delete: Elizabeth Roberts Add: Larrisa Schwab; ASB 2228 Delete: Elizabeth Roberts Add: Larrisa Schwab

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve Signatory Deletions and Additions to Tri-Counties accounts.

12.4 Discussion/Action: Approve 2025-2026 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 3-0 to approve the 2025-2026 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan

12.5 Discussion/Action: Approve 2025-2026 Declaration of Need

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the 2025-2026 Declaration of Need

12.6 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated AB1200 Public Disclosure of Proposed Bargaining Agreement: Confidential/Management (AB1200 was approved at the Feb. board meeting)

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Updated AB1200.

12.7 Discussion/Action: Approve 2025/26 Classified Range Changes on the Salary Schedule

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the 2025/26 Classified Range Changes.

12.8 Discussion/Action – Approve Proposition 28 Report

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to approve the Proposition 28 Report.

12.9 Discussion: Updated March Board Policies (1st & 2nd Read) – The board will take the summer to go through the policies and be ready to review/discuss and approve in August.

13.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy provided the following updates: the forms have been removed from the foundations of the new TK/Kindergarten buildings. Kylee Gurwell and Aubree Stotka helped to pick out flooring, cabinets, etc. Lakeshore classroom supplies has a kit they are considering purchasing. A plan is still in the works to open the corner lot for extra Parking; Mrs. Murphy also told the board she met with certificated staff on June 5th for professional development. She feels that it went well and was a productive meeting; the maintenance department is kicking into high gear in order to get the campuses in shape for the start of the new school year; Mrs. Murphy also thanked the board for their support during her first year as Superintendent/Principal.

14.0 Business Manager Update – Larrisa Schwab stated she is working on the unaudited actuals now that the budget has been completed.

15.0 Enrollment Update as of June 6, 2025 – 505 Students (TK-8th grade) including Community Day School and Independent Study.

16.0 Next Meetings

June 13, 2025 – Special Board Meeting – 9:00 a.m. District Office

17.0 Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 3-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:03 p.m.

Approved August 13, 2025

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Clerk of the Board