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HAPPY VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT Est.1954

Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Special Board Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2025
Happy Valley Community Center
5400 Happy Valley Rd., Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 8:30 AM

1.0 Call to Order @ 8:35 a.m.

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

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by Jodi Shearman

4.0 Approval of Agenda

It was noted that Item #6 – Adjourn Open Session & Convene Closed Session had been inadvertently left off the agenda. Board President Jodi Shearman consulted the District's attorney who was participating by video. The attorney said the updated agenda could be introduced and the meeting could continue since closed session was listed on both agenda's along with the closed session subject matter.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the updated agenda with the addition of Item #6 - Adjourn Open Session & Convene Closed Session.

5.0 Public Comment – The public may address the board at this time. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. Public comment is limited to a maximum of 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 @ 8:36 a.m.

5.2 Items on the Closed Agenda – Candace Goldsberry asked the board if it would be possible to find out who was posting inaccurate information on Social Media; Jeff Kuwahara said he received the message from the school regarding sexual assault in the school. He also stated he received a text message with a link to a post on social media created by Josh Hancock. His question was, why is Mr. Hancock, as a school board member allowed to post these types of items on social media. Mr. Kuwahara stated his children attend the schools in Happy Valley and his wife is employed by the district and he has never had anything but positive things to say about the district. He stated that Mr. Hancock needed to explain his post.

At that time John Hartman and Taylor Curry started speaking in raised voices replying to Mr. Kuwahara's question about Josh Hancock and his posts. Mr. Hartman stated that he (Josh Hancock) made these posts because the community needs to know the truth about what was happening because Gina Murphy was lying and covering up the

truth. Both Mr. Hartman and Taylor Curry accused Mrs. Murphy of not doing her job and stated that she needs to be out of the Happy Valley district by either being fired or resigning. More yelling, words and accusations went back and forth until Cheryl Best and Jodi Shearman stepped in and called for their time to speak to be over.
Jodi Shearman then asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak before the board went into closed session.
Sandi Garcia indicated that she would like to speak. Mrs. Garcia commented that she has worked in the school district for 29 years and has known Gina Murphy for at least 20 of those years as a community member, as a parent whose children attended the Happy Valley schools, as a PTA member, as a volunteer and as an educator in Shasta County. She stated she could attest to Mrs. Murphy's character and that her intentions are pure and her heart is in the right place. Mrs. Garcia stated she did not care what anyone thought about what she said. She stated that she would trust anyone of the teachers in the district with her kids.

5.3 Public Comment Session Closed @ 8:50 a.m.

6.0 Adjourn Open Session & Convene Closed Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session and convene closed session @ 8:50 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 8:45 AM (Dependent upon length of Public Comment Session)

7.0 Closed Session

7.1 Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to (Government Code Section §54956.9(b)): 1 Case

OPEN SESSION – (Dependent upon length of Closed Session)

8.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn closed session and convene open session @ 11:53 a.m.

9.0 Report from Closed Session – Nothing to report

10.0 Adjournment of Special Board Meeting

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn the special board meeting @ 11:53 a.m.

Approved October 8, 2025

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Clerk of the Board