



Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2025

Happy Valley Elementary School Cafeteria – Open Session – 5:00 p.m.
Happy Valley Elementary School Room 201 – Closed Session – 5:05 p.m.
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17480 Palm Avenue, Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

1.0 Call to Order @ 5:00 p.m.

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

3.0 Approval of Closed Session Agenda –

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jacque Brousseau 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 @ 5:00 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 & Convene Closed Session

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

CLOSED SESSION - 5:05 PM Elementary Room 201 (Dependent on Length of Open Session)

6.0 Closed Session

6.1 Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to (Government Code Section §54956.9(b)): 1 case

6.2 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (GC §54957.6) Certificated

7.0 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 at 5:34 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

8.0 Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.

9.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jodi Shearman

10.0 Report from Closed Session

Nothing to report

11.0 Approval of Open Session Agenda –

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Open Session agenda.

12.0 Presentation – Students & Staff

Students: Scarlett Hauberg, Diego Soto-Patino, Asher Milner, Marcus Corona Herrera, Braxton Knighton, Kimber Papcke, Gabriel Anderson

Staff: Priscilla McDonald, Lindsey Fitzgerald-Pena, Aubree Stotka, Shelly Kuwahara, Diane Kimball, Paige Salcido

13.0 Information/Discussion Items

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

- a) Community – None
- b) Certificated Staff – None
- c) Classified Staff – None
- d) Board Members – Cheryl Best reported 4-H has had several donations of Christmas ornaments and two Christmas Trees.
- e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported that there is an increased level of excitement as the school approaches the holiday season. She shared that the annual Thanksgiving Feast for staff and students was a success, and commended Larra and her team for doing an excellent job preparing the meal. She also noted that next week students and staff will participate in Spirit Week, a school rally, and Storytime activities. In addition, she recognized the instructional aides for their outstanding support and willingness to step in where needed.
- f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson reported the Pennies for Pups fundraiser raised \$1,600 for Haven Humane, and the Pink Out game raised over \$500. He shared the Staff vs. Student volleyball game was well attended and enjoyable, and the Trimester Assembly was held, during which more than 200 certificates were presented to students. He also noted the Polar Pals Christmas Shoppe was a positive experience for students. In addition, the 7th and 8th grade girls' teams won their championships. He reported that many staff and students participated in both the Anderson and Redding Christmas parades through separate events,

and there has been discussion about participating as a district in the Anderson parade next year.

14.0 Communications to the Board – Anderson Union HSD – Public Hearing: Accounting of Developer 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 @ 6:30 p.m.

15.2 Items on the Agenda – None

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 November 12, 2025

16.2 Approval of Warrants Nov. 8 – Dec. 5, 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

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the the Personnel Action Report.

After the vote it was mentioned the personnel action report did not have to be its own separate item on the agenda and could go under the consent agenda items. The board members were asked if they were opposed to moving it in January. There was no opposition to the request.

18.0 Discussion/Action Items

18.1 Discussion/Action: Approve Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

18.2 Discussion/Action: Approve 2025/26 First Interim Budget

Larrisa Schwab gave an overview of the budget to the board members and asked they approve the 2025/26 First Interim Budget with a positive certification.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2025/26 First Interim Budget with a positive certification.

18.3 Discussion/Action: Approve Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jacque Brousseau, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver.

18.4 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #26-10 Interim Borrowing

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to Approve Resolution #26-10.

18.5 Discussion/Action: Approve AR 5145.3, BP 5145.6, E (1) 5145.6, BP 6145.2, AR 6145.2

The board reviewed the updated Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) and made recommendations for each, including the tabling of BP 5145.6 and suggested additions, deletions or approval as written for the others.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to approve the updated board policies and administrative regulations.

18.6 Discussion: Updated September 2025 Board Policies (2nd read) (please refer to the policies included in your November board packet)

Board members will be reading the updated board policies over break and be prepared to adopt them in January.

19.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy reported that the TK/K facility is expected to be completed by mid-January. She shared that discussions will take place to determine whether it is feasible for classes to move into the new rooms after President’s Week. She also noted that the LCAP update and the Dashboard will be presented to the Site Council next week. In addition, the greenhouse panels have arrived, and one of the school buses has been painted. With the addition of a new occasional bus driver, the district will be able to provide its own special education transportation. Finally, teachers are currently working on the math adoption.

20.0 Business Manager Update – Larissa Schwab reported that work related to the audit is ongoing and that she attended the CBO Conference just prior to Thanksgiving break.

21.0 Enrollment Update as of December 5, 2025 – 461 Students including Community Day School

22.0 Next Meetings

January 2026 (Pending based on Organizational Meeting in December)

Board Meeting Times:

5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. – Open Session – Community Comments on Closed Session – Elem. Cafeteria
5:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Elementary Room 201
6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary Cafeteria

23.0 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. Nomination/Election of Officers

Cheryl Best nominates Jodi Shearman for Board President. Erin Ciapponi seconds the nomination. By a vote of 5-0, the board approves Jodi Shearman as Board President.

Cheryl Best nominates Erin Ciapponi for Board Vice-President. Jacque Brousseau seconds the nomination. By a vote of 5-0, the board approves Erin Ciapponi as Board Vice-President.

Erin Ciapponi nominates Cheryl Best for Board Clerk. Jacque Brousseau seconds the nomination. By a vote of 5-0, the board approves Cheryl Best as Board Clerk.

Jodi Shearman nominates Gina Murphy as Board Secretary. Cheryl Best seconds the nomination. By a vote of 5-0, the board approves Gina Murphy as Board Secretary.

B. Board Meeting Date, Time, and Place – Approve Resolution #26-11 Fixing Date, Time, Location of Regular Meetings

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jacque Brousseau, the board voted 5-0 to approve Resolution #26-11 Fixing the Date, Time, and Location of Regular Meetings as follows: Meetings to be held the second Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary School cafeteria.

24.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:17 p.m.

Approved January 14, 2025

Clerk of the Board