



Happy Valley Elementary School District  
Board of Trustees

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

January 14, 2026

Happy Valley Elementary School Cafeteria – Open Session - 6:00 p.m.  
17480 Palm Avenue, Anderson, CA 96007

**OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria**

**1.0 Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**

**2.0 Roll Call** – Jodi Shearman, Cheryl Best, Erin Ciapponi, Josh Hancock – Present  
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 4-0 to approve the open session agenda.

**5.0 Presentation** – Students and Staff

Students: Antonio White, Alaric Ruffino, Tarynce Boyce, Ryan Van Dusen, Tessa Brock, Taylor Atkins

Staff: Heather Duncan, Grace Hazel, Tiffany Collver, Ashleigh Nibert, Olivia Mejia, Samantha Jackson

**6.0 Information/Discussion Items**

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

- a) Community – None
- b) Certificated Staff – None
- c) Classified Staff – None
- d) Board Members – Jodi Shearman recognized Gina Murphy for being selected as the Regional Superintendent/Principal of the year. The district is part of a region that includes seven counties.
- e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: The rally held on Monday was well received, with a special appearance by the school mascot, Happy. A popcorn celebration was held to recognize student attendance prior to break. Staff will be implementing a new approach next month. Students have responded positively to music being played during recess. Kindergarten students are participating in a pen pal project with students from across the country. The positive referral wall is nearly full, reflecting the positive choices students are making.

- f) Elementary Site Update – Chris Nelson reported the following: The middle school dance held prior to winter break was well attended and successful. Staff continued the tradition of distributing mandarins and hot cocoa to parents in the drop-off line on the last day of school before break. The 8th grade dinner/dance is scheduled for January 31. Career Week is planned for March. The Professional Development Day held on January 5 was successful. The 7th grade boys baseball team were tournament champions. Two female basketball athletes were selected to participate in the Regional All-Stars. A send-off rally will be held for the 8th grade boys basketball team prior to their travel to Weed for a tournament.

**7.0 Communications to the Board – Annual Certification Regarding Workers’ Compensation**

**8.0 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.

- 8.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:29 p.m.
- 8.2 Items on the Agenda – None
- 8.3 Items not on the Agenda – None
- 8.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:29 p.m.

**9.0 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.**

- 9.1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2025
- 9.2 Approval of Warrants Dec. 6, 2025 – Jan. 9, 2026
- 9.3 Approve Williams Quarterly Report – Oct. – Dec. 2025
- 9.4 Approve Personnel Action Report (nothing to report this month)
- 9.5 Con-App Mid-Year Reports

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

**10.0 Discussion/Action Items**

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

None

10.2 Discussion/Action: Approve 2025/2026 (SARC) School Accountability Report Card (Elem., Prim., CDS)

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2025/2026 SARC’s

10.3 Discussion/Action: Review and Approve 2026/27 School Year Calendar

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 4-0 to approve the 2026/27 School Year.

10.4 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #26-12 Lincoln's Birthday Observance

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #26-12.

10.5 Discussion/Action: Approve Resolution #26-13 – Participation in Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC III) for District Insurance

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #26-13.

10.6 Discussion/Action: Approve 2024/25 Annual Developer Fee Resolution #26-14 & Report

On a motion by Erin Ciapponi, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 4-0 to approve Resolution #26-14.

10.7 Discussion/Action: Date Change for April Board Meeting Due to Spring Break

After discussion from the board April 14<sup>th</sup> was selected for the April Board Meeting.

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to hold the April board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

10.8 Discussion/Action: Approve Surplus of Washer & Dryer from Family Center

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to approve surplus of the washer & dryer from the Family Center.

10.9 Discussion/Action: Approve Updated Board Policies – September 2025 (Please refer to policies in the November board packet)

The board reviewed the updated Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) and made recommendations for each, including the tabling of BP/AR 5113.2 and suggested deletions for the remainder of the policies.

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to approve the updated board policies and administrative regulations.

10.10 Discussion: Updated Board Policies – November 2025 (1<sup>st</sup> read)

Board members will be reading the updated board policies and be prepared to bring any questions to the February board meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> read.

**11.0 Superintendent Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: The new TK/K classrooms are expected to be ready by the end of January, while completion of the overall site is anticipated in the coming months. Development of the new district mobile app is nearly complete and will replace ParentSquare beginning with the 2026–27 school year. Teachers participated in an in-**

service day on January 5 focused on vertical alignment in mathematics. As a result of these discussions, staff narrowed potential math curriculum options to approximately seven countywide selections. Members of the math adoption committee will participate in county-led meetings, with a specific curriculum selected for piloting in March.

**12.0** Business Manager Update – Gina Murphy reported for Larrisa Schwab the Audited Actuals are complete and will be presented to the board at the February Board Meeting.

**13.0** Enrollment Update as of January 9, 2026: 460 - Grades TK – 8 (includes CDS)

**14.0 Next Meetings**

February 11, 2026

March 11, 2026

April 14, 2026

May 13, 2026

**Board Meeting Times:**

5:15 p.m. – 5:20 p.m. – Open Session – Community Comments on Closed Session – Elem. Cafeteria

5:20 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Elementary Room 201

6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary Cafeteria

**15.0 Adjourn Open Session**

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Erin Ciapponi, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:12 p.m.

Approved February 11, 2026

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Clerk of the Board