

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
April 22, 2026
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:30pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hodges, Stahl, Freeman, Yegge

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Willet

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Rossi, Doolan, Ruwe, Hannah, Willett,
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STUDENTS PRESENT: Mia, Alissha

A. PERFORMANCE

The Happy Valley Band performed.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the Board Meeting agenda with the amendment of removing information item 3, Fundraising Committee Update. Unanimous.

C. ACTION ITEM

1. RESOLUTION #25-26-04 PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY

Michelle Yegge sworn in as the provisional appointee.

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve Resolution #25-26-04 Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy. Unanimous.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting, April 14, 2026. Unanimous.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC STAHL/YEGGE to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, March 11, 2026. Unanimous.

F. COMMUNITY INPUT

1. HVEA Members read a letter to the Board.

G. BOARD REPORT

Katie Freeman and Cliff Hodges informed the Board everyone is preparing for the upcoming community BBQ. The silent auction should be going live this Friday.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. March 16th we had a great teacher training on working with English learners and

preparing for our math pilot.

2. Visited Mountain and Lakeside this month with fellow superintendents.
3. TK round up was last week and we welcomed many new parents for next year. Our projected enrollment continues to be stable. Currently 99 students with 3 undecided. There are many houses for sale in the district so our numbers could change.
4. A great deal of time has been spent on preparing for the Community BBQ and we are excited about the event.

I. STAFF REPORT

Carey Ruwe informed the Board of the following:

1. TK is learning about animal habitats.
2. K/1 is watching their Western Bluebirds build a nest.
3. Second grade is doing rainforest research.
4. Third grade is preparing for state testing.
5. 4th grade is preparing for state testing and doing opinion writing.
6. 5th/6th grade is preparing for state testing and end of the year activities.
7. Art class is preparing for an art show at Open House.

J. STUDENT REPORT

Mia and Alissha informed the Board of the following:

1. Everyone enjoyed Spring Break.
2. Preparing for state testing.
3. The clean up crew has done such a great job the whole school got an ice cream party.

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2026-2027 BOARD SCHEDULE
The Board received information regarding the 2026-2027 Board schedule and will bring it back at the next meeting for approval.
2. POSITIVE CERTIFICATION FOR 2025-2026 2ND INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT
The Board received information regarding the Positive Certification of the 2025-2026 2nd Interim Financial Report. There is a concern about ongoing deficit spending.
3. LCAP ENGAGEMENT RESULTS
The Board received information regarding the Parent/Student LCAP survey. 63% of parents responded.

L. ACTION ITEMS

1. SCHOOL FACILITY PROGRAM CLOSE-OUT PERFORMANCE AUDIT
MSC FREEMAN/YEGGE to approve the School Facility Program Audit for Project No. 57/69757-00-001. Unanimous.
2. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF UNIFORM COMPLAINT
MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the 3rd quarter report of 2025-2026 Uniform Complaints related to the Williams Settlement. Unanimous.
3. RESOLUTION 25-26-05 TEMPORARY CASH LOANS TO HAPPY VALLEY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve Resolution 25-26-05, Resolution in the Matter of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to Provide Temporary Cash Loans to Happy Valley Elementary School as needed for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Unanimous.

4. DECLARATION OF NEED FOR FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS

MSC STAHL/HODGES to approve the Certification of Need for Fully Qualified Educators in anticipation of the possibility of hiring new teachers during the 2026-2027 school year. Unanimous.

M. CONSENT ITEMS

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the vendor warrants paid since the last meeting. Unanimous.

N. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 24, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Stage, Theme - Leadership
2. April 24, 2026 - Spirit Day, Crazy Sock Day
3. April 27, 2026 - CAASPP Testing Begins, Grades 3-6.
4. April 27, 2026 - HV Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, Resource Room
5. May 3, 2026 - Heroes of Happy Valley Community BBQ, 12pm - 3pm.
6. May 13, 2026 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
7. May 14, 2026 - Open House, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
8. May 20, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
9. May 21, 2026 - Talent Show, 10:45am, Stage
10. May 21, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
11. May 22, 2026 - Spring Concert, 9:55am, Stage
12. May 25, 2026 - No School, Memorial Day
13. May 27, 2026 - All School Field Trip
14. May 28, 2026 - 6th Grade Graduation, 5:00pm, Stage
15. May 29, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Stage
16. May 29, 2026 - Last Day of School

O. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed at 4:16pm to discuss the following:

1. Negotiations
2. Superintendent Evaluation

P. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session at 5:10pm. The Board gave the Superintendent direction for negotiations with HVEA.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

MSC HODGES/STAHL to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 5:11pm. Unanimous.

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