

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
January 15, 2025
MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Freeman, Hodges, Trotter, Stahl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Willet

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Royer

STUDENTS PRESENT: Saskia, Morgan

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the Board Meeting agenda as written. Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC TROTTER/STAHL to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting December 18, 2024. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman informed the Board regarding rural federal grants being taken away from some districts.
2. Cliff Hodges informed the Board he finished his Masters in Governance courses and attended his first SSDA governance series meeting via zoom, he encouraged all Board members to participate.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Everyone had a lovely winter break and it's great to be back. There is a new student in first grade.
2. January is the time that we are writing reports and following up on the current year while planning for a new school year.
3. The resource teachers have organized their new room. A crew has been hired to put the shelving back in the library. Volunteers will be needed to help put the books back on the shelves.

F. STAFF REPORT

Kate Royer informed the Board of the following:

1. Kindergarten has their 100th day coming up.
2. All classrooms are working on non-fiction units.
3. 3rd grade is going on a field trip to the MAH tomorrow.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Saskia and Morgan informed the Board of the following:

1. Before break Santa came on the fire truck and passed out candy canes.
2. After school yearbook classes started.
3. 6th grade is doing a recipe math project.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Board received an update regarding the fire hydrant on Branciforte Drive. The fire department signed off working with the district on moving forward with alternate means of water support. The construction project is nearing completion. There will be an audit submitted to the state where we can declare our savings.

2. FISCAL STABILITY

The Board received information regarding fiscal stability. The following was discussed and considered should cuts need to be made:

1. Increase revenue by going out for another parcel tax, seeking grants, and outside fundraising.
2. Look for less expensive 1:1 aides or train our own aides.
3. No ongoing ground maintenance.
4. Decrease janitorial services.
5. Release a teacher which creates all combo classes.
6. Furlough days for staff.
7. Reduce Office Support hours.
8. Reduce Superintendent/Principal hours.
9. Consider moving out of Basic Aid into an ADA district.
10. Bring back special education students from other programs with a full time SDC teacher.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2023-2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT BY HARSHWAL AND COMPANY

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to accept the 2023-2024 Financial Audit as presented. Unanimous.

2. SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (SARC)

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the 2023-2024 SARC. Unanimous.

3. 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Unanimous.

4. BOARD POLICY UPDATES

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the Board policy updates. Unanimous.

5. FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE

MSC STAHL/HODGES to approve a fundraising subcommittee for revenue to offset the costs of student restrooms consisting of Cliff Hodges, Katie Freeman, Michelle Stewart and at least one community member. Unanimous.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

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

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. January 15, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
2. January 20, 2025 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day
3. January 31, 2025 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15am
4. February 10, 2025 - No School, Lincoln Holiday
5. February 12, 2025 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
6. February 17, 2025 - No School, Presidents' Day
7. February 19, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
8. February 20, 2025 - Read-A-Thon Begins
9. February 21, 2025 - ReaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15am
10. February 28, 2025 - Read-A-Thon Assembly, 11:15am

L. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session.

M. ADJOURNMENT

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:57pm. Unanimous.

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