

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
April 19, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:32pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Willet, Freeman, Hodges, Click Richardson, Frandle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Keenan

STUDENTS PRESENT: Finn

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC FRANDLE/FREEMAN to approve the revised Board Meeting agenda.

Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting March 15, 2023. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Cliff Hodges reported that the Field Day and Heroes of Happy Valley Event was a huge success.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. The Field Day and Heroes of Happy Valley Event was a great success. There was a huge turnout. Friday flag will take place at the Legacy Grove so that all the students can see the Heroes of Happy Valley.
2. Before Spring Break we had two days without electricity. We were able to stay in school since we had running water and flushing toilets. We have invested in more lanterns and walkie talkies, and are investigating a battery generator for the office. Parents expressed thanks for keeping school open and it prevents us from having to add days to the calendar.
3. The County Office of Education sent out a letter that they will no longer be sponsoring Inspire Testing. Some sites will still be open but families are responsible for what insurance does not cover. Antigen tests are available in the office and the new recommendation is that we accept negative tests after 5 days.
4. We have been talking to our consultant regarding our modernization project, along with our architect and a firm that is helping to close out previous projects. This item will be on our May meeting.

F. STAFF REPORT

Kelly Keenan informed the Board of the following:

1. Third grade is studying killer whales and preparing for CAASPP testing.
2. TK/K went on a field trip to the Seymour Center.
3. Second grade is starting their animal projects.
4. The whole school enjoyed the Banana Slug assembly.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Finn informed the Board of the following:

1. The new hawk mascot was unveiled.
2. 5th/6th grade went on a field trip to the Tech Museum.
3. The next spirit day is marsupial day.
4. There will be a whole school field trip to the roller rink.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Board received an update from the Financial Sub-Committee. The goal of the committee is to come with a formal written document of IDT recommendations. They will meet again to finalize recommendations to the Board for approval.

2. SURVEY RESULTS

The Board received an update regarding survey results. Surveys were sent to parents, staff and students. Overall positive feedback.

3. ENROLLMENT

The Board received information regarding the 2023-2024 enrollment. There is no change to intermediate grades as of now.

4. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY'S CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Board received information regarding Santa Cruz County's Classified Employee of the Year Award going to Paige Lynd.

5. POSITIVE CERTIFICATION FOR 2022-2023 SECOND INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received information regarding the Positive Certification of the 2022-2023 Second Interim Financial Report.

6. AUDIT CERTIFICATION

The Board received an update regarding the 2021-2022 Audit Certification. An extension until April 30, 2023 was approved by the State.

7. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board received information regarding Happy Valley Elementary School District Strategic Plan. Updates were made and will be given to the staff and the community for review. It will come back to the Board in May for final approval.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the deposit from the Community Foundation to Fund 57 held at the Santa Cruz County Treasury. Unanimous.

2. QUARTERLY STATUS OF UNIFORM COMPLAINT

MSC WILLET/FRANDLE to approve the 3rd quarter report of the 2022-2023 Uniform Complaints related to the Williams Settlement. Unanimous.

3. BOARD RESOLUTION 22-23-04 EMERGENCY PROVISION TO FOREGO BID PROCESS

MSC CLICK RICHARSON/FRANDLE to approve Resolution 22-23-04, Emergency Provision to Forego the Bid Process for repairs to the Art and Music Room. Unanimous.

4. BOARD POLICY UPDATE

MSC FREEMAN/FRANDLE to approve the policy updates. Unanimous.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

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

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 17 - May 4, 2023 - CAASPP Testing, Grades 3-6
2. April 28, 2023 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:20am, Stage
3. April 28, 2023 - Spirit Day, Marsupial Day
4. May 10, 2023 - Spring Concert, 10:40am, Stage
5. May 10, 2023 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
6. May 11, 2023 - Open House, 5:00pm-7:00pm
7. May 17, 2023 - Parent Club Meeting, Via Zoom

L. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:42pm to discuss Superintendent Contract and negotiations.

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session at 4pm. Nothing to report.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FRANDLE to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 5:00pm. Unanimous.

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