

Happy Valley School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 12, 2025  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:31pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Freeman, Willet, Hodges, Trotter, Stahl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Willett

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alisssha

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC WILLET/STAHL to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2025. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

None.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. October 13th was a Professional Development day, focusing on math and data. There was a special presentation from Green Schools and there was technology help for report cards from the COE.
2. Attended the Math Initiative with Lindsey Doolan.
3. Participated in a counseling institute.
4. Jessica Shugart organized another great career day. Each teacher was interviewed on their college and career experience, and the students dressed up.
5. Halloween was a big success.
6. Parent teacher conferences are next week, teachers have spent a lot of extra time on report cards.
7. After school activity sign ups went out, to be funded with ELOP funds.
8. This month's theme is gratitude. Student council is preparing to run a food drive and make holiday cards. Thankful for everything our community does for Happy Valley.

F. STAFF REPORT

Kara Willett informed the Board of the following:

1. TK has been doing movement in PE.
2. Kindergarten is learning to read and write.
3. First grade is working on their writer's workshop.
4. Second grade is publishing book stories.
5. Third grade had a writing celebration.
6. Fourth grade finished up factors and multiples.
7. Room 1 is having a writing celebration this Friday.

**G. STUDENT REPORT**

Alissha informed the Board of the following:

1. On Halloween there was a parade.
2. Room 1 went on a field trip to Swank Farms with the 2nd graders.
3. Tomorrow Room 1 is going on a field trip to the Mello Center.
4. The Student Council is going to have a food drive.

**H. PUBLIC HEARING**

MSC WILLET/HODGES to close the meeting for a Public Hearing at 3:40pm for the following. Unanimous.

1. HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (HVESD) GIVES NOTICE REGARDING THE INTENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HAPPY VALLEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (HVEA) FOR A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (2026-2028).

Allowing for comment on the intent to begin negotiations. Unanimous.

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to reopen the meeting at 3:41pm there being no public comment. Unanimous.

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. CERTIFICATION OF 2024-2025 UNAUDITED ACTUALS**

The Board received information regarding the certifying of Happy Valley's 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

**2. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ**

The Board received an update regarding the Happy Valley School Foundation Fund through September 30, 2025.

**3. CAASPP SCORES**

The Board received information regarding the 2024-2025 CAASPP scores. Increase in math scores due to math coaching and increased minutes. This year working on strategic partnership in math. This year will focus on computer skills, test practice, and fringe students. Happy Valley received Honor Roll recognition and was interviewed by SSDA.

**4. DONATION**

The Board received information regarding a \$10,000 grant donation from the Community Foundation for the restroom project.

**J. ACTION ITEMS**

1. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FROM HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (HVESD) TO HAPPY VALLEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (HVEA) REPRESENTING CERTIFICATED BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS FOR 2026-2028 INITIAL CONTRACT  
MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to bring this item back for approval next meeting when union members are present. Unanimous.
2. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FROM HAPPY VALLEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (HVEA) REPRESENTING CERTIFICATED BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS TO HAPPY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (HVESD) FOR 2026-2028 INITIAL CONTRACT  
MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to bring this item back for approval next meeting when union members are present. Unanimous.
3. 2025-2026 LCAP ESSA FEDERAL ADDENDUM  
MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the 2025-2026 LCAP ESSA Federal Addendum. Unanimous.
4. HEROES OF HAPPY VALLEY  
MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve Sunday May 3, 2026 as the date for Heroes of Happy Valley Celebration. Katie Freeman and David Stahl will be on a committee to plan the celebration and work on the next steps. Unanimous.

K. CONSENT AGENDA

MSC STAHL/WILLET to approve the following:

1. MOU with Santa Cruz City Schools. Unanimous.
2. Vendor Warrants paid since the last meeting. Unanimous.

L. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. November 17-21, 2025 - Parent Teacher Conferences, early release K-6th
2. November 19, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
3. November 21, 2025 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am
4. November 24-28, 2025 - No School, Thanksgiving Break
5. December 10, 2025 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
6. December 17, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
7. December 19, 2025 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am
8. December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 - No School, Winter Break

M. CLOSED SESSION

None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:18pm. Unanimous.