

Happy Valley School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 15, 2023  
MINUTES

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Ruwe

STUDENTS PRESENT: Brennan, Finn

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FRANDLE to approve the Board Meeting agenda as written. Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting January 18, 2023. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs and requested that the Board continue to explore ways for all IDTs to stay at Happy Valley School. Would like a committee formed.

-A current in-district parent and former Board member addressed the Board regarding the socio-emotional impact of students being denied IDTs.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs and asked the Board to let all current IDT students stay.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs and the desire to work together for solutions, requesting the Board have a committee to work together that includes both IDT and in-district members.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs. Requesting a committee be formed and requesting that a lottery be done now.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board and requested that a lottery be done now, not 10 days before school starts.

-Four current IDT students addressed the Board regarding wanting to stay at Happy Valley School.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs.

-A current IDT parent addressed the Board regarding IDTs and asked the Board to move up the lottery.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Cliff Hodges reported to the Board that a significant amount of time was spent on reviewing funding for next year. There was a Town Hall meeting in regards to Interdistrict Transfers. The Board will be more informed next month after IDT

applications and intent to return for in district students are returned.

2. Cliff Hodges informed the Board that the Heroes of Happy Valley ceremony and Field Work Day will both be on April 16, 2023 and will include a BBQ. Kyle Frandle volunteered to help oversee the Heroes of Happy Valley.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Attended the Superintendent's Academy and participated in a WASC review at Los Gatos High School.
2. Held a Town Hall meeting, the attendance from families and staff was appreciated and it felt like a positive experience.
3. Truancy letters went out last week (students who have 3 or more unexcused absences). There are 36 students who have missed 3 or more consecutive days of school.
4. Intent to Return forms went out last week. Those and IDT forms are due March 1st. This will give important information moving forward and we will address enrollment regularly at future meetings.
5. Because of the time spent on supporting communication with IDTs the strategic plan is in progress and will be brought to the next Board meeting.
6. The Science Fair is tomorrow.

F. STAFF REPORT

Carey Ruwe informed the Board that teachers are getting ready for the Science Fair and end of the trimester report cards. Everyone is looking forward to the four day weekend.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Brennon and Finn informed the Board of the following:

1. We had the 100th day of school.
2. Spirit Day was identity swap day, next Spirit Day is decades day.
3. The Science Fair is tomorrow.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2022-2023 FIRST INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received information regarding the positive certification of the 2022-2023 First Interim Financial Report from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. The district is in Basic Aid and will begin to grow out at 123 students, are deficit spending in the multi year projects, and are cautioned against deficit spending.

A community member asked the Board to consider moving the next Board meeting to March 8th when the next budget update is addressed.

2. ELOP OFFERINGS

The Board received information regarding the ELOP offerings at Happy Valley School. New classes will begin March 20th.

3. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ

The Board received an update regarding the Happy Valley School Foundation Fund

through December 31, 2022.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. ART, MUSIC AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL BLOCK GRANT (AMIM)  
(Public Hearing held 12/14/22).  
A community member asked if the grant could be used to fund a classroom teacher.  
The Superintendent said that is not the intent of this grant.  
MSC FREEMAN/FRANDLE to approve the AMIM Plan. Unanimous.
2. 2022-2023 COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN  
MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FRANDLE to approve the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Safety Plan Part 1 - Public Components. Unanimous.
3. TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT NOTICES  
MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to approve the March 15th layoff notices for the following positions: 0.40 FTE Temporary Art/Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE Temporary Classroom Teacher and 0.325 FTE Temporary Instructional Aide. Unanimous.
4. 2ND QUARTER WILLIAMS COMPLAINT REPORT  
MSC WILLET/FRANDLE to approve the 2nd Quarterly Report of 2022-2023 Uniform Complaints related to the Williams Settlement. Unanimous.
5. J-13A REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS  
MSC WILLET/CLICK RICHARDSON to approve the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions. Unanimous.
6. BOARD POLICY UPDATES  
MSC FREEMAN/FRANDLE to approve the Board policy updates. Unanimous.
7. CLASSIFIED TA SALARY SCHEDULE  
MSC FREEMAN/FRANDLE to approve the Classified TA Salary Schedule for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 effective July 1, 2023. Unanimous.
8. DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE FOR SUBREGION 9-A  
MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/HODGES to move this item to the March 15th Board meeting to vote for a candidate to serve a two year term as CSBA Delegate for Subregion 9-A. Unanimous.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

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

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. February 15, 2023 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, MPR
2. February 17, 2023 - No School, Lincoln Holiday
3. February 20, 2023 - No School, Presidents' Holiday
4. February 24, 2023 - End of Trimester
5. March 3 2023 - Spirit Day, Decades Day
6. March 3, 2023 - PeaceBuilder Assembly and Read a Thon Celebration,

10:00am, Stage

7. March 12, 2023 - Daylight Savings Begins
8. March 15, 2023 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
9. March 15, 2023 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, MPR or Via Zoom

L. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:48pm to discuss negotiations and 2022-2023 Comprehensive Safety Plan - Part II.

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session, at 5:50pm, reporting the following:

1. MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Safety Plan Part II. Unanimous.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FRANDLE to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 5:57pm. Unanimous.

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