

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2025
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:33pm

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Doolan

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alissha

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2025. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman reported that the Gala was wonderful.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Everyone had a great time at the Gala. Huge thank you to everyone for their hard work, especially Katy Lauzier, who was the Gala coordinator.
2. George Purnell was announced as a Hero of Happy Valley at the Gala. A celebration will be planned for early May, with more information coming soon.
3. We have a Garden teacher who is finishing up her paperwork and will hopefully be starting soon.
4. A new counseling intern will be visiting classrooms weekly and available on the playground and pulling small groups when needed. She will be using our PeaceBuilder curriculum.
5. The teachers have begun piloting a new math curriculum. The district will go through a rigorous process to ensure the curriculum is best for all students. Parents will be able to review the curriculum as well. K,1 and 2 will be using a new screening called Multitudes which will look for risk of reading difficulties.
6. Acknowledgement of the teachers and staff for all of their extra work and support while out on medical leave.

F. STAFF REPORT

Lindsey Doolan informed the Board of the following:

1. TK is using scarves for dancing while working on self control.
2. K/1 is doing a unit on bats.
3. 2nd grade is working on place values and land forms.
4. 3rd grade received their cursive licenses.
5. 4th grade is working on their salt maps.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Alissha informed the Board of the following:

1. At OSS they weighed their leftover food with the goal of less food waste.
2. Dressing fancy was the last spirit day.
3. Starting science next week.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Board received an update regarding the student restrooms. Student restrooms are completed and opened to students. A few minor items need to be completed.

Thankful to 19Six and JM Construction for all of their hard work.

2. DONATION

The Board received information regarding a \$25k donation made to the school from Happy Valley resident Al Kalil and a \$10k donation from Happy Valley resident and restroom contractor, Jim Edens. Both donations were given to supplement the cost of student restrooms.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. STUDENT INTERNET SAFETY AGREEMENT

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve confirmation of the CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) compliance: Using Lightspeed Relay Filtering through the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Student Internet Safety Agreement, and Common Sense Media for internet usage. Unanimous.

2. QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT OF UNIFORM COMPLAINT

MSC STAHL/WILLET to approve the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report under the Williams Legislation, first Quarterly Report 2025-2026 school year. Unanimous.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN

MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to approve the Happy Valley Strategic Plan with testing changes available by October 9, 2025. Unanimous.

4. BOARD POLICIES

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to approve the Board Policies and delete BP 3515.4 and AR. Unanimous.

6. SURPLUS ITEMS

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the following surplus items to be recycled. Unanimous.

1. Broken TV from Room 3
2. Non-working computer cart from Room 1
3. Three old projectors stored in the Tech Office

J. CONSENT AGENDA

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the following:

1. MOU with SCCOE for IT services. Unanimous.
2. MOU with Scotts Valley Unified School District, Title III. Unanimous.
3. MOU with SCCOE for placement of MSW Intern. Unanimous.
4. Vendor Warrants paid since the last meeting. Unanimous.

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October 13, 2025 - No School, Staff Development Day
2. October 15, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
3. October 17, 2025 - Drive for Schools Tickets Due
4. October 20, 2025 - Hearing and Vision Testing, 8:15am, MPR
5. October 24, 2025 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Stage
6. October 27, 2025 - Picture Day Retakes, 8:30am, Stage
7. October 31, 2025 - Halloween Parade, 11:45am

L. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:14pm to discuss Superintendent Goals.

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session 4:29pm, nothing to report.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:30pm. Unanimous.

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