

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

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Frandle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Ruwe

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

A. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 3:31pm to discuss Superintendent goals and negotiations.

B. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board opened from closed session at 4:00pm, reported that they discussed Superintendent goals. No need to adjourn back into closed session at the end of the meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FREEMAN to approve the Board Meeting agenda with the change of Action Item K. 1. moved to before Information Items. Unanimous.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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

E. COMMUNITY INPUT

-Two students spoke about their experiences at Happy Valley.

-A current parent spoke to the Board about the flooding and devastation to Pajaro Valley and would like the Parent Club to donate money raised from the Read-a-Thon.

F. BOARD REPORT

Nothing to report.

G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. The Art and Music room flooded again. The COE is sending maintenance support.
2. Cool Earth Landscapes will be doing work over Spring Break to put in French drains.
3. Attended the final conference of the year at Small School District Association in Sacramento. Presented a breakout session on Climate and Culture. .
4. Since the last Board meeting we've had the Science Fair, a snake assembly and The Read-A-Thon. The money raised was unprecedented.

5. The 4th graders had to postpone their trip to Coloma due to the weather.
6. FAQs regarding Interdistrict Transfers has been put on the website with the input of parents.
7. Everyone is looking forward to sunshine and all the fun activities that come with Spring.

H. STAFF REPORT

Carey Ruwe informed the Board that teachers are looking forward to Staff Development Day.

I. STUDENT REPORT

Nothing to report. No students present.

J. ACTION ITEM

1. DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE FOR SUBREGION 9-A
MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to vote Mark Becker to serve a two year term as CSBA Delegate for Subregion 9-A. Unanimous.

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARD
The Board received information regarding the California School Dashboard. Chronic absenteeism continues to be a concern.
2. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
The Board received information about the LCAP development process including meaningful stakeholder engagement. We will continue to use and welcome volunteers. There was agreement on current goals and action steps.
3. STRATEGIC PLAN
The Board discussed a Strategic Plan for Happy Valley School, no changes to be made at this time. The Plan will be reviewed in future meetings by the staff and parents.
4. EXTENSION REQUEST APPROVAL
The Board received information regarding the extension request approval regarding the fiscal year 2021-2022 Happy Valley Elementary School District audit report.
5. HEROES OF HAPPY VALLEY
The Board received an update on the April 16th induction, to be held in conjunction with field day. There will be a community lunch and ceremony following field day.

L. ACTION ITEMS

1. RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAM TEACHER
MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the increase of the Resource Specialist Program Teacher position to FTE .49 for the 2023-2024 school year. Unanimous.
2. 2022-2023 2nd INTERIM BUDGET REPORT FOR HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to approve the Happy Valley School District's 2022-2023 2nd Interim Budget and Multi-Year Project Report. Unanimous.

3. 2023-2024 ENROLLMENT

The Board to consider enrollment options for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board discussed the possibility of moving into ADA and agreed that the financial impact is not substantial enough to deny IDT's based on funding for the 2023-2024 school year. There continues to be enrollment concerns at the intermediate grades.

Community Members asked that the Board make clear Basic Aid vs ADA and how it affects enrollment, that the Board make clear criteria for IDT's, if additional resources could be used to help teachers in combo classes if additional combo classes would mean accepting all IDT's, and that is also hard for the 6th graders who might not have IDT's approved.

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to direct Superintendent to approve all IDT's through 5th grade and hold 6th grade IDT applications until there are more updates to enrollment numbers and to investigate ways to keep all 6th grade IDT's. Unanimous.

4. LOTTERY FOR INTER DISTRICT TRANSFER STUDENTS

The Board to consider lottery options for Inter District Transfer students.

Community Members asked that there be a pause to think about process for future, holding 6th grade IDT's and no lottery at this time.

MSC HODGES/CLICK RICHARDSON to direct the Superintendent to make a decision on instituting a lottery after surveying the 6th grade IDT parents. Unanimous.

5. FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Board to consider a short-term financial sub-committee to explore options for the 2023-2024 school year.

Community members asked that there still be a sub-committee to explore options for not only the 2023-2024 school year, but future enrollment concerns and suggested staff to be a part of the committee.

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the formation of a short-term financial sub-committee consisting of 2 IDT parents, 2 in district parents, 2 Board members and the Superintendent to meet at least once before Board meetings.

The sub-committee members can be different from month to month . Unanimous.

M. CONSENT ITEMS

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

N. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. March 15, 2023 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, MPR
2. March 17, 2023 - No School, Staff Development Day
3. March 24, 2023 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:20am, Stage
4. March 24, 2023 - Spirit Day, Pajama Day
5. March 30, 2023 - Kindergarten Round Up, 9:00am, MPR
6. April 3 - April 7, 2023 - No School, Spring Break

7. April 19, 2023 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
8. April 19, 2023 - Parent Club Meeting, Via Zoom
9. April 28, 2023 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:20am, Stage
10. April 28, 2023 - Spirit Day, TBA

O. ADJOURNMENT

MSC CLICK RICHARDSON/FRANDLE to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 6:11pm. Unanimous.

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