

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2024
MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Willet, Freeman, Hodges, Trotter

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Frandle

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Rossi

STUDENTS PRESENT: Paige, Charlie

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting February 14, 2024. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman and Carly Trotter reported they attended a CSBA legislative meeting and spoke to a bill on possibly eliminating some school reporting requirements and the possible formation of an office for small school construction.
2. Cliff Hodges reported that he is currently attending Master in Governance courses and will come back to the board with a presentation at a future date.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Thrilled with the overwhelming success of the Parcel Tax. We are thankful for the community for supporting our school and district.
2. Attended SSDA conference in Sacramento and presented two breakout sessions, one on being a superintendent/principal and one on construction. It is great to be able to network with other small school districts across the state.
3. We had a fire inspection with the Scotts Valley Fire Department. We just had to address a few things, but passed the inspection. We appreciate the opportunity to work with new leadership.
4. Report cards went out several weeks ago.

F. STAFF REPORT

Angie Rossi informed the Board of the following:

1. TK/K has been working on pond murals and writing about animals.

2. 1st grade is doing a bird unit.
3. 2nd grade is working on their annual science and writing unit.
4. 3rd is working on a physical science unit.
5. 4th/5th grade made 3D printed fraction bars and continues with their ocean themed field trips.

G. STUDENT REPORT

1. Charlie reported the read-a-thon raised close to \$30k and over 110,000 minutes were read.
2. Paige reported that the 5th and 6th graders visited B40 and the 6th graders hid frogs for leap day for the other students to find.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Board received information about the LCAP development process including meaningful stakeholder engagement. The Board reviewed current goals and actions and gave input on the new LCAP. The parent survey goes out next week.

2. MODERNIZATION UPDATE

The Board received an update on modernization. The history of modernization was reviewed. Room 6 portable is no longer going to be replaced as part of the project.

3. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The Board received an update regarding enrollment.

4. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL AUDIT 2022-2023 FROM SANTA CRUZ COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Board received information regarding Happy Valley's 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit for the SCCOE.

5. LETTER FROM ROBERTSON AND ASSOCIATES

The Board received information regarding a letter from Roberston and Associates.

6. BOND AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The Board received information regarding a potential Bond and Facility Master Plan.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2023-2024 2nd INTERIM BUDGET REPORT FOR HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL

MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to approve the Happy Valley School District's 2023-2024 2nd Interim Budget and Multi-Year Projection Report It was noted that Happy Valley 's deficit spending is largely due to Special Education costs. In addition, the district is projecting a \$50k contribution to the lunch program. Happy Valley 's services are also significantly higher than normal due to DSA project closeout costs that must be closed before beginning the district's modernization project this summer. Salaries have increased by 10%+. Deficit spending improves slightly in the out years due to the removal of one-time costs and a special education placement aging out of the district. Unanimous.

2. 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.
 3. RESOLUTION 23-24-05 RESOLUTION TO RELEASE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES
MSC HODGES/TROTTER to approve Resolution 23-24-05, Release of Temporary Certificated Employees. Unanimous.
 4. RESIGNATION OF CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the resignation from two classified employees. Unanimous.
 5. DESIGNATION OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (CSBA) DELEGATE FOR SUBREGION 9-A
MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to vote for Kim DeSerpa and Patricia Nehme to serve a two-year term as CSBA Delegate for Subregion 9-A. Unanimous.
 6. BOARD EXPENDITURE
MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to approve a Board Expenditure for a Masters in Governance class. Unanimous.
- J. CONSENT ITEMS
MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the following consent items. Unanimous.
1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mountain School.
 2. Vendor warrants paid since the last meeting.
- K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. March 15, 2024 - No School, Staff Development Day
 2. March 19, 2024 - Coffee with the Superintendent/Principal, 8:30am, MPR
 3. March 20, 2024 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
 4. March 29, 2024 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15am, Stage
 5. March 29, 2024 - Spirit Day, Classroom Choice
 6. April 1 - April 5, 2024 - No School, Spring Break
 7. April 2, 2024 - Campus Closed
 8. April 17, 2024 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
 9. April 24, 2024 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
- L. CLOSED SESSION
The Board adjourned into closed session at 5:06pm to discuss
1. Negotiations.
 2. Superintendent Evaluation.
- M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
The Board reported out of closed session at 5:22pm. Nothing to report.
- N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 5:23pm. Unanimous.

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