Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
September 10, 2025
MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Freeman, Willet, Hodges, Trotter, Stahl
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Rossi
STUDENTS PRESENT: Mia, Alissha

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to approve the Board Meeting agenda as written. Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting August 13, 2025. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT
None.

D. BOARD REPORT
1. The Board introduced themselves to the new student Board members.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:
1. Great start to the school year. Everyone has been patient with the construction project, we had some donations and purchased new field activities, and all home visits have been completed.
2. The teachers are preparing to participate in a research project through the University of Kansas called CW-Fit that focuses on positive reinforcement during reading lessons. Each teacher will receive a stipend and the school will receive $20,000 for our participation.
3. Met with previous librarian, Laamie Young, who will be helping support volunteer librarians; and we are thankful for Lindsay Patel and her organization in the library.
4. This year we have a new theme each month and are passing out raffle tickets to students who are exemplifying the theme. Three raffle tickets are pulled at the assemblies and students get to choose a prize.

F. STAFF REPORT
Angie Rossi informed the Board of the following:
1. TK is painting.

2. Kindergarten is working on their alphabet.
3. 1st grade is doing their ant unit.
4. 2nd grade is working on maps.
5. 3rd grade is doing multiplication and division.
6. 4th grade is learning about California regions.
7. 5th/6th grade is doing math projects.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Alissha and Mia introduced themselves to the Board and informed them of the following:

1. 6th grade going to OSS.
2. We had our first assembly.
3. Buddies have started.
4. New games for recess.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to close the meeting for a Public Hearing at 3:39pm for the following. Unanimous.

1. SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOKS/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
   Allowing comment on whether the district has supplied each student with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials to ensure a quality educational program.
2. ADOPTING THE GANN LIMITS
   Allowing comment on whether the district establishes maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called the Gann Limit.
   MSC WILLET/STAHL to reopen the meeting at 3:40pm there being no public comment. Unanimous.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
   The Board received an update regarding restroom construction. The restrooms should be completed soon.
2. PARCEL TAX EXPENDITURES
   The Board received information regarding 2024-2025 Parcel Tax Expenditures.
3. 2025-2026 LCAP AND BUDGET APPROVAL
   The Board received information regarding the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's approval of the Happy Valley's 2025-2026 LCAP and Budget.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. RESOLUTION 25-26-01, SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOK/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
   MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve the Resolution 25-26-01, certifying that each student in grades TK-6 has sufficient textbooks and instructional materials to ensure a quality educational program. Unanimous.
2. RESOLUTION 25-26-02, ADOPTION OF THE GANN
   MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve resolution 25-26-02, which establishes maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called Gann Limits, for public agencies

including school districts. Unanimous.

3. CERTIFICATION OF PROVISION OF STANDARDS-ALIGNED WITH INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
   MSC STAHL/HODGES to certify that each student in the district has been provided with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional material in History/ Social Studies, Mathematics, Reading/Language Arts, and Science. Unanimous.
4. UNAUDITED ACTUALS
   MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the Unaudited Actuals for 2024-2025. Unanimous.
5. TRANSPORTATION PLAN
   MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the 2025-2026 Transportation Plan. Unanimous.
6. STRATEGIC PLAN
   No action. Will be brought back at next Board meeting for approval.
7. PROP 28 ARTS AND MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT
   MSC Freeman/TROTTER to approve the the Prop 28 Arts and Music Annual Report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Unanimous.
8. BOARD POLICY
   MSC WILLET/STAHL to approve the Board policy updates. Unanimous.
9. HEROES OF HAPPY VALLEY
   MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the Heroes of Happy Valley Application for George Purnell. Unanimous.

K. CONSENT AGENDA

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the following consent items. Unanimous.

1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Seniors Council.
2. Approval of Service Agreements for 2025-2026.
3. Approval of Authorization/Fee Schedule with Testing Engineers, Inc.
3. Approval of vendor warrants paid since the last meeting.

L. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. September 16, 2025 - Picture Day, 8:30am, Stage
2. September 17, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
3. September 22nd - 26th, 2025 - 6th Grade OSS
4. October 2, 2025 - Scotts Valley Fire Safety, K, 1st and 2nd Grade
5. October 4, 2025 - Redwood Gala/Casino Night, Bargetto Winery
6. October 8, 2025 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
7. October 15, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
8. October 20, 2025 - Hearing and Vision Testing

M. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:32pm to discuss Superintendent Goals.

N. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session, at 4:46pm, nothing to report.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:47pm. Unanimous.

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