

**HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 8, 2023
3:30 pm, Multi-Purpose Room
Agenda**

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes- Regular Board Meeting, October 11, 2023

C. Community Input

Members of the audience are welcome to address the Board of Trustees at this time during the meeting regarding items not listed on this agenda. The Trustees may ask questions for clarity but cannot take action on those matters, if desired, until such matters are appropriately placed on a future agenda, according to law. Three minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter (Board bylaws 9323).

D. Board Report

E. Superintendent's Report

F. Staff Report

G. Student Report

H. Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing Regarding Calling an Election to Renew Existing Education Parcel Tax**
- 2. Public Hearing Regarding Happy Valley Elementary School Updated- Safe School Plan, Emergency Procedures**

I. Information Items

1. Enrollment Update

The Board will receive an update regarding enrollment.

2. Modernization Update

The Board will receive an update regarding modernization.

3. CAASPP Scores

The Board will receive information regarding Happy Valley's CAASPP scores for the 2022/2023 school year.

4. Certification 2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals

The Board will receive information regarding the certifying of Happy Valley's 2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

5. Community Foundation of Santa Cruz

The Board will receive an update regarding the Happy Valley School Foundation Fund through September 30, 2023.

J. Action Items

1. Resolution 23-24-04

Resolution ordering an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the district the question of continuing the levy of an education parcel tax upon each parcel in the district for educational purposes and establishing the specification of the election order.

Majority vote of Board required for adoption of the Resolution

Background/Staff Report:

The District continues to have a need for local revenues to support its quality programs. The District parcel tax of \$99 per parcel per year which was approved in June 2018 is scheduled to expire in 2023-24. By submitting a renewal parcel tax measure to District voters, the District will continue to have a source of general fund revenues that can enable it to continue its quality programs and attract and retain qualified teachers.

The Resolution presented for Board vote following a public hearing calls a March 5, 2024 parcel tax election in the District, on the same date as the statewide primary election. The Resolution contains all legally required elements to call a parcel tax election. It calls for continuing the same parcel tax of \$99 per parcel for a new term of 8 years. Revenues will be applied to maintaining art and music programs, providing classroom technology, attracting and retaining teachers and staff and supporting classroom instruction. The senior citizen exemption will continue to apply to the renewed tax as was approved in 2018 and property owners who have already been granted an exemption will not have to re-apply for an exemption.

In order to call the parcel tax election, the Resolution must have a majority vote of the Board, and the signed resolution must be filed with the County Election official no later than December 8, 2023, for placement on the March 5, 2024 ballot.

Recommendation:

Motion to adopt resolution placing parcel tax renewal measure on March 5, 2024 ballot.

2. Happy Valley Elementary School Safe School Plan, Emergency Procedure

The Board will receive and consider approval of the Happy Valley Elementary School Safe School Plan, Emergency Procedures.

3. Board Policy

The Board will receive information regarding board policy updates and will consider approval of these.

4. Contract with Harshwal and Company LLP

The Board will consider approval of a contract with Harshwal and Company LLP, Certified Public Accountants.

5. Field Trip Forms

The Board will receive and consider approval of updated field trip forms.

6. Board Involvement and Professional Development

The Board will consider creating a policy for board involvement and professional development.

K. Consent Items

1. The Board will consider approval of vendor warrants paid since the last meeting.

L. Communications and Announcements

1. Nov. 10- No School, Veterans Day
2. Nov. 11- Redwood Gala, 6:00 pm, Bargetto Winery
3. Nov. 13-Nov 17- Parent/Teacher Conferences
4. Nov. 15- Parent Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Via Zoom
5. Nov. 20-Nov 24- No School, Thanksgiving Break
6. Dec. 1- PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15 am, Stage
7. Dec. 13- Board Meeting, 3:30 pm, MPR
8. Dec. 20- Parent Club Meeting, 6:30 pm, Via Zoom
9. Dec. 21- Winter Concert, 9:35 am, MPR
10. Dec. 22- PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15 am, Stage

M. Closed Session

Negotiations

N. Report Out Of Closed Session

O. Adjournment