

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 11, 2026
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:31pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hodges, Willet, Stahl

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Freeman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd

STUDENTS PRESENT: Alissha, Mia

- A. APPROVAL OF THE REVISED AGENDA
MSC STAHL/WILLET to approve the revised Board Meeting agenda as written. Unanimous.
- B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
MSC WILLET/STAHL to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2026. Unanimous.
- C. COMMUNITY INPUT
None.
- D. BOARD REPORT
1. David Stahl informed the Board plans for the May 3rd BBQ are moving forward. A lot of fun activities are planned and more volunteers are needed.
- E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:
1. Attended the SSDA conference in Sacramento. Presented during the conference, "Improving Achievement in a High Performing District". Joined other leaders from small school districts to visit legislators at the State Capitol. Appreciates the Board's support in these learning opportunities. Was also able to participate in a podcast about instructional leadership.
 2. Attended the final day of Math Professional learning with Lindsey Doolan. A mentor coach will come in May to work with teachers. Monday during the PD day we will look at a new Math pilot.
 3. Have been working on teaching staff evaluations and am proud of the talent. Report cards go home tomorrow.
 4. We are preparing for testing that begins in April. Will meet with all 4th, 5th and 6th graders about their scores and encourage them to give their all.
 5. We continue to prepare for the Community BBQ on May 3rd. A lot of fun things have been planned, including a contest for Clerdale Milk bottles. We are still looking for someone to run the fundraising raffle and silent auction.
 6. B40 Middle School Mental Health Director praised Happy Valley for sending the

loveliest students to Happy Valley.

F. STAFF REPORT

None.

G. STUDENT REPORT

Alissha and Mia reported the following:

1. Had the read-a-thon.
2. Science Showcase was today.
3. Looking forward to no school on Monday and upcoming Spring Break.
4. Had a field trip to B40 Middle School.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. LCAP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Board received information about the LCAP development process including meaningful stakeholder engagement. The Board reviewed current goals and actions. The Board will look at the LCAP again before the end of the year.

A community member suggested we recruit parent volunteers for library.

2. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

The Board received information regarding enrollment for 2026-2027.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. AUTHORIZATION TO ORDER (ATO) UNDER SPURR MASTER CONTRACT

MSW STAHL/WILLET to approve the Category 2 Network Electronics to AMS.NET for a contract term of April 1, 2026 - September 20, 2027 for a total contract amount of \$5849.40 and an estimated E-rate discount of 50% (\$2924.70). Unanimous.

2. 2025-2026 2nd INTERIM BUDGET REPORT FOR HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL

MSC STAHL/WILLET to approve the Happy Valley School District's 2025-2026 2nd Interim Budget and Multi-Year Projection Report. It was noted that Happy Valley 's deficit spending is largely due to Special Education costs and salaries. It is both Board policy and CSBA recommendation to have a reserve of 17%. Unanimous.

3. BOARD POLICIES

MSC STAHL/HODGES to approve the board policy updates. Unanimous.

4. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ

MSC STAHL/HODGES to approve the deposit from the Community Foundation to Fund 57 held at the Santa Cruz County Treasury. Unanimous.

5. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

MSC WILLET/STAHL to accept the resignation of Board Member Carly Trotter and approve an open seat for an appointment. Unanimous.

6. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MSC HODGES/WILLET to approve April 14, 2026 at 3:30pm for a Special Board Meeting to review written statements and interview applicants in open session.

Unanimous.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

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

1. Vendor warrants paid since the last meeting.

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. March 12, 2026 - Report Cards Sent Home
2. March 16, 2026 - No School, Staff Development Day
3. March 18, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
4. March 27, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Theme - Cooperation
5. April 6 - April 10, 2026 - No School, Spring Break
6. April 13, 2026 - HV Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, Resource Room
7. April 14, 2026 - Special Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
8. April 15, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
9. April 22, 2026 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
10. April 24, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am, Stage, Theme - Leadership
11. April 27, 2026 - CAASPP Testing Begins

L. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:29pm to discuss

1. Negotiations
2. Superintendent Evaluation

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session at 5:08pm. Nothing to report.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC WILLET/STAHL to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 5:10pm. Unanimous.

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