

Happy Valley School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 14, 2026  
MINUTES

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Freeman, Hodges, Trotter, Stahl, Willet

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Royer

STUDENTS PRESENT: None

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2025. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman thanked the Board and staff for everything they do.
2. Cliff Hodges informed the Board he attended the meeting for the community event May 3, 2026. There is a reimagining of the previous school community BBQ's. Meetings are monthly.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Great start to the new year. The 100th day of school is next week.
2. Observing classes, participating in professional development, and will be attending a webinar on the governor's state of the budget.
3. The bathrooms were closed for a day due to ramp issues. The company will do a permanent remedy in the spring.
4. Participated in a safety training and have prepared staff for a February drill with the students.

F. STAFF REPORT

Kate Royer informed the Board of the following:

1. TK is working on numbers and letters.
2. K/1 is learning about MLK and they have a new class pet, a stick bug.
3. 2nd grade is learning about coins.
4. 3rd grade is learning about MLK.

5. 4th grade went on a field trip to Henry Cowell.
6. 5th/6th grade is working on percentages and fractions. There was a visit from B40 Middle School.

G. STUDENT REPORT

None.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2025-2026 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FEDERAL PROGRAMS (CARS)

The Board received information regarding the winter release of the 2025-2026 Consolidated Application for Funding Federal Programs.

2. LCAP MID-YEAR UPDATE

The Board received information regarding the LCAP mid-year update.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2024-2025 FINANCIAL AUDIT BY HARSHWAL AND COMPANY

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to accept the 2024-2025 Financial Audit as presented. Unanimous.

2. SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD (SARC)

MSC STAHL/HODGES to approve the 2024-2025 SARC. Unanimous.

3. CONTRACT FOR CATEGORY 1 INTERNET ACCESS WITH OR WITHOUT TRANSPORT AND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER SERVICES

MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to approve a contract for Category 1 Internet Access With or Without Transport and Internet Service Provider Services with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Option B, for the contract term of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2031 for a total contract amount of \$38,210.00 (\$7642 per year) and an estimated E-rate discount of 50%. Unanimous.

4. 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

No action taken. To be brought back for approval at the next meeting.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN

No action taken. To be brought back for approval at the next meeting.

J. CONSENT ITEMS

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

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. January 19, 2026 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr Day
2. January 21, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
3. January 30, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am
4. January 30, 2026 - Spirit Day, TBA
5. February 11, 2026 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR

6. February 13, 2026 - No School, Lincoln Holiday
7. February 16, 2026 - No School, Presidents' Day
8. February 18, 2026 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
9. February 27, 2026 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 10:45am

L. CLOSED SESSION  
None.

M. ADJOURNMENT  
MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business,  
4:03pm. Unanimous.

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