

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
May 14, 2025
MINUTES

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Tom-Conway, Vahradian, Ruwe

STUDENTS PRESENT: Odin, Saskia, Morgan

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC TROTTER/STAHL to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting April 23, 2025. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. HONORING OF RETIREES

The Board honored retirees Katherine Tom-Conway and Melinda Vahradian for their years of service at Happy Valley School.

E. BOARD REPORT

1. Katie Freeman informed the Board she looked into grants through Bill and Melinda Gates.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. There are only two more weeks of school, we are wrapping up this year and already preparing for the next.
2. We completed our English learner and state testing.
3. The teachers and staff were spoiled last week for Teacher Appreciation week.
4. Ms. Conway held her last music concert and it was amazing.
5. Participated in a field trip to the Special Education regional programs and saw some of the programs our students participate in. We are thankful for our surrounding districts who support us when we need to place high needs students.
6. Mrs. Rossi and Mrs. Ruwe presented information sessions for our TK and K students for next year.
7. Attended the May revise meeting.
8. Over the next two weeks we look forward to the following activities: Verbal judo,

wildlife assembly, PeaceBuilder assembly, the talent show, 6th grade graduation, an all school field trip, and Open House tomorrow night.

9. Special thank you to the student Board members for their service this year.

G STAFF REPORT

Carey Ruwe informed the Board of the following:

1. Kindergarten finished their farm project.
2. First grade is working on their bird unit.
3. Second grade has been working on their opinion unit.
4. Third grade is completing projects for Open House.
5. Room 2 is debating video games vs board games.
6. Room 1 is working on their end of the year play.

H. STUDENT REPORT

Student Board members gave their highlight of being on the Board:

1. Odin liked learning about what was happening at the school.
2. Saskia liked knowing what was going on at school.
3. Morgan liked getting to know Board members and learning about the school.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SANTA CRUZ

The Board received an update regarding last quarter's Endowment Fund statement.

2. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Board received an update regarding construction. There were no bids for the restroom project so we will advertise again. Hopefully this will not delay the project. There are some flooring and electrical issues being addressed.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN END OF YEAR REPORTS AND REVIEW

The Board received an update regarding Strategic Plan End of Year Reports and Review.

4. ELOP REPORT

The Board received an update regarding ELOP. Because there is carryover we should be able to offer after school activities next year.

J. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025-2026 BOARD SCHEDULE

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the 2025-2026 Board schedule. Unanimous.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN

MSC TROTTER/FREEMAN to approve the 2024-2025 HVESD Strategic Plan. Unanimous.

3. BOARD POLICY UPDATES

MSC FREEMAN/STAHL to approve the Board Policy updates. Unanimous.

4. BOARD RESOLUTION 24-25-05 AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES TO SIGN PAYROLL AND EXPENDITURE WARRANT ORDERS AND OTHER DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve Resolution 24-25-05, Authorizing signatures to Sign Payroll and Expenditure Warrant Orders and Other District Documents. Unanimous.

5. BOARD RESOLUTION 24-25-06 URGING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATION UNDER SENATE BILL 1315 AND TO PRIORITIZE THE NEEDS OF SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

MSC STAHL/FREEMAN to approve Resolution 24-25-06, Urging the California Department of Education to Fulfill Its Obligations Under Senate Bill 1315 and to Prioritize the Needs of Small School Districts. Unanimous.

6. APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 CARS FOR FUNDING FEDERAL PROGRAMS

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the Consolidated Application for Funding Federal Programs for 2025-2026. Unanimous.

7. LITERACY SCREENING TOOL

MSC STAHL/TROTTER to approve a Multitudes Literacy Screening Tool. Unanimous.

K. CONSENT ITEMS

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the following consent items:

1. MOU with Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Project. Unanimous.
2. Vendor warrants paid since the last meeting. Unanimous.

L. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. May 15, 2025 - Open House, 5:30pm
2. May 20, 2025 - Talent Show, 10:30am, Stage
3. May 21, 2025 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, MPR
4. May 23, 2025 - 6th Grade Play, 10:45am, Stage
5. May 26, 2025 - No School, Memorial Day
6. May 27, 2025 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15am, Stage
7. May 27, 2025 - Spirit Day, TBA
8. May 28, 2025 - 6th Grade Graduation, 5:00pm, Stage
9. May 29, 2025 - All School Field Trip
10. May 30, 2025 - Last Day of School, Field Day
11. June 11, 2025 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
12. June 18, 2025 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR

M. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned into closed session at 4:35pm to discuss Superintendent Goals.

N. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session out of 5:15pm. The Superintendent gave an update on goals.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MSC WILLET/TROTTER to adjourn the meeting, there being no further

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business, 5:20pm. Unanimous.