

Happy Valley School District
Regular Board Meeting
September 11, 2024
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:33pm

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Stewart, Lynd, Doolan

STUDENTS PRESENT: Morgan, Saskia, Travis, Odin

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MSC FREEMAN/WILLET to approve the Board Meeting agenda as written with the addition of information item number 6, Strategic Plan. Unanimous.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSC WILLET/FRANDLE to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting August 14, 2024. Unanimous.

C. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

D. BOARD REPORT

1. Cliff Hodges and Carly Trotter informed the Board of the upcoming gala event at the end of September and reminded everyone to buy their tickets.
2. Cliff Hodges informed the Board he is continuing with his CSBA classes, he will be taking classes three and four this year.
3. The Board introduced themselves to the new student Board members. Morgan and Saskia informed the Board that the 6th graders are being good role models to the other students, they had their first student council meeting, the 6th graders are getting ready to attend Outdoor Science School, and the beginning of the year has been a lot of fun.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Michelle Stewart informed the Board of the following:

1. Looking forward to the Gala September 28th.
2. On September 19th at 4pm, the State of the City of Scotts Valley will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Scotts Valley, which will include the SV Fire Dept. Fire Chief Mark Correira will speak to the involvement of the Fire Department with Happy Valley at the next Board meeting.
3. Back to School Night was successful. We appreciate the teachers' hard work and the flexibility of parents as we navigate around the construction site.
4. Sat in on interviews for a new IT position at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Ivan DeiRossi is retiring.

5. Thankful to Cliff Hodges for all the work on the sprinklers, the grass is starting to get green again.

F. STAFF REPORT

Lindsey Doolan informed the Board of the following:

1. Drive for Schools fundraiser starts tomorrow.
2. 1st grade is doing a unit on ladybugs.
3. Kindergarten is adapting well to school.
4. 5th/6th grade has had a great start to the year.
5. 3rd grade is going on their first field trip to the SC County Fair.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to close the meeting for a Public Hearing at 3:49pm 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/FREEMAN to reopen the meeting at 3:50pm there being no public comment. Unanimous.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. PARCEL TAX EXPENDITURES

The Board received information regarding 2023-2024 Parcel Tax Expenditures.

2. 6TH GRADE BOARD MEMBERS

The Board was introduced to the new 6th Grade Board Members, Saskia, Morgan, Travis and Odin.

3. SUPPLEMENTAL PE CURRICULUM

The Board received information regarding the supplemental PE curriculum, Push Play PE, which includes software and equipment.

4. 2024-2025 LCAP AND BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board received information regarding the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's approval of the Happy Valley's 2024-2025 LCAP and Budget.

5. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Board received an update regarding modernization construction. They are still behind schedule, hope to be completed at the end of the month.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board received benchmarks added on the Strategic Plan. Board to come back with goals at the next Board meeting as an action item. Focusing on goals 2 and 3.

I. ACTION ITEMS

1. RESOLUTION 24-25-01, SUFFICIENT TEXTBOOK/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

MSC FREEMAN/TROTTER to approve the Resolution 24-25-01, certifying that each student in grades K-6 has sufficient textbooks and instructional materials to ensure a quality educational program. Unanimous.

2. RESOLUTION 24-25-02, ADOPTION OF THE GANN

MSC FREEMAN/FRANDLE to approve resolution 24-25-02, 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 TROTTER/FREEMAN 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. BOARD POLICY

MSC HODGES/FREEMAN to approve the Board policy updates. Unanimous.

5. UNAUDITED ACTUALS

MSC FREEMAN/HODGES to approve the Unaudited Actuals for 2023-2024. Unanimous.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of contract with Brite Horizons.
2. Approval of contract with Bloom Pediatric Occupational Therapy.
3. Approval of vendor warrants paid since the last meeting.

K. COMMUNICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. September 17, 2024 - Picture Day, 8:30am, Stage
2. September 18, 2024 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom
3. September 23, 2024 - Hearing and Vision Screening, 8:30am
4. September 27, 2024 - PeaceBuilder Assembly, 11:15am, Stage
5. October 9, 2024 - Board Meeting, 3:30pm, MPR
6. October 14, 2024 - Staff Development Day, No School
7. October 16, 2024 - Parent Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Via Zoom

L. CLOSED SESSION

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

M. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reported out of closed session, at 4:54pm, nothing to report.

N. ADJOURNMENT

MSC WILLET/FREEMAN to adjourn the meeting, there being no further business, 4:55pm. Unanimous.

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