



Happy Valley Elementary School District  
Board of Trustees

***Special Board Meeting***

September 21, 2021

Happy Valley Elementary Library  
17480 Palm Ave., Anderson, CA 96007

**OPEN SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**1.0 Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.**

**2.0 Roll Call – Cheryl Frazer, Ben Swim, Carla Perry, Nate Echols – Present**  
Tim Garman - Absent

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance led by – Ben Swim**

**4.0 Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Frazer, the board voted 4-0 to approve the agenda.

**5.0 Public Comment – Public Session Items not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of this body, may be addressed at this time or be submitted to the Superintendent in writing for Board consideration as an agenda item. Items not on the agenda are restricted in response and action by the Board and its members. A three-minute limit is set for each speaker on all items. The total time for public input on each item is limited to 20 minutes (Government Code 54952). In order to protect the rights of all involved, complaints about employees should be addressed through the District complaint process. Speaking about a personnel issue at a Board meeting may prevent the Board from being able to act on it. Please see an administrator to initiate the complaint process.**

5.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:02 p.m. – Prior to the Discussion/Action Item section, Ben Swim gave an overview of how items will be presented and discussed. He commented that Shelly Craig would give a brief synopsis of the topic prior to any comments from the public.

5.2 Items on the Agenda – None

5.3 Items not on the Agenda - None

5.4 Items in Closed Session - None

5.5 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:03 p.m.

**6.0 Discussion/Action Items:**

6.1 Student Masking: Mrs. Craig: The State of California has issued a mandate that requires face coverings to be worn while indoors at K-12 schools. The main goal of our district is to keep our schools open and provide the best education for our students. The district is at high risk of liability if we do not follow the mandate. The primary concerns are tort liability against the district, lack of insurance in the event of litigation, especially if we aren't following the mandate,

finances and penalties, potential criminal sanctions for failure to follow CDPH directives, and potential loss of funding. After conferring with superintendents in Shasta County, at the state level, and with Happy Valley's legal counsel regarding our district's practices, it is my recommendation that we continue wearing face coverings according to the state mandate. Our staff and students are respectfully following the mandate. My recommendation to the board in order to keep our schools open is that we continue to follow the mandate.

**Comments from the community: None**

6.2 CRT Curriculum: Mrs. Craig: AB 101 was approved in September and would add a one-semester ethnic studies course to the state's high school graduation requirements, starting with the 2029-30 academic year. Happy Valley Schools are not considering this curriculum at this time and we do not have a plan in place to engage in this curriculum in the future. This course requirement applies to high school students.

**Comments from the community: None**

6.3 Sex Education Curriculum: Mrs. Craig: The California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA, 2016) (The bill) requires school districts to ensure that all pupils in grades seven to twelve, inclusive, receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education. Our BP specifically covers the details of required topics that will be covered in Happy Valley Schools. Last year, we used Love Notes curriculum to address sexual health components with our 6, 7, 8 graders. This year, we plan to use the same curriculum and supplement with Heart Sexual Health Curriculum for a more comprehensive presentation of topics within our BP and CHYA. Our school counselor will be trained to use teach the curriculum and work with Hope Rising Shasta staff to meet the state requirements for sexual health. These curricula are designed to present a well-rounded approach to building healthy relationships, avoiding risk behaviors, and specifically address the required topics. The Heart Sexual Health Education curriculum is an extension of that curriculum that addresses the requirements of CHYA.

**Comments from the community: None**

6.4 Vaccine/Testing Mandates for District Staff: Mrs. Craig: After the testing/vaccine mandate was issued in August, there has been a lot of conversation about how to address the requirements and respect staff within our district. I have been involved in multiple conversations at the state, county, and local levels. I will attend another California Superintendents Association (CSA) meeting on Thursday to discuss the requirements and implementation of plans to implement the process. I have spoken with many of our staff and have asked how we might be most respectful of privacy and provide a plan that will allow us to comply with the mandate. At this time, we have surveyed our staff and have the results of that survey will also guide our conversation and help us as we take next steps. I will also speak with HVUSD's legal counsel to make sure we are making the best decision for our district.

**Comments from the community: None**

**7.0 Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session**

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Frazer the board voted 4-0 to Adjourn Open Session and Convene Closed Session @ 6:10 p.m.

<b>CLOSED SESSION – 7:00 P.M. (Dependent on length of Open Session)</b>
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**8.0 Closed Session**

8.1 Discussion/Action: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§54957)

**9.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session**

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Frazer, the board voted 4-0 to Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session @ 6:30 p.m.

**10.0 Report from Closed Session**

No reportable action

**11.0 Adjournment of Special Board Meeting**

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Frazer, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn Open Session @ 6:31 p.m.

Approved October 12, 2021

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Clerk of the Board