



Happy Valley Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

Happy Valley Elementary Conference Room – Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

Happy Valley Elementary School Cafeteria – Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

17480 Palm Avenue, Anderson, CA 96007

OPEN SESSION – 5:00 PM Elementary Conference Room

1.0 Call to Order @ 5:00 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call – Nate Echols, Jodi Shearman, Carla Perry, Cheryl Best, Billy Soksoda – Present

3.0 Public Comment on Closed Session

The public is invited to address the Board regarding items that are listed under the closed session agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes each. The Board is not allowed under law to act on matters that are not on the Agenda.

3.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 5:01 p.m.

3.2 Person wishing to address the Board – None

3.2 Public Comment Session Closed @ 5:01 p.m.

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Open Session and convene Closed Session at 5:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION - 5:05 PM Elementary Conference Room

4.0 Closed Session

4.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal Release (§54957)

4.2 Conference Regarding Labor Negotiations (GC §54957.6) Certificated & Classified

5.0 Adjourn Closed Session and Convene Open Session

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn Closed Session and convene Open Session at 5:58 p.m.

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

6.0 **Call to Order** at 6:02 p.m.

7.0 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Nate Echols

8.0 **Report from Closed Session**

It was reported out there has been a complaint filed against a public employee. The complaint will go through the proper channels.

9.0 **Approval of Agenda** –

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Carla Perry, the board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda.

10.0 **Presentation** – CEI (Community Engagement Initiative) Presentation

Stacy Baldwin presented information to the board on the October 26th CEI conference in Santa Ana. She reported there were 500 people in attendance from all over California. Ms. Baldwin told the board the focus was on how communication can work between schools/parents/students. She stated the team was very excited to explore some of the ideas that were presented.

11.0 **Information/Discussion Items**

11.1 Community/Staff/District (suggested 2 minutes maximum per presenter)

- a) Community – None
- b) Certificated Staff – None
- c) Classified Staff – None
- d) Board Members – Carla Perry commented on the success of the Harvest Festival.
- e) Primary Site Update – Gina Murphy reported the following: **CELEBRATIONS:** Parade of Characters! First Trimester ends; Welcome Mrs. Tripp; Welcome Mrs. Kuwahara; Great progress on phonics assessments (UFLI); Improvement Science Huddles; Parent Volunteers; **EVENTS:** TK: TK got to take a field trip to Nash Ranch this month. We had a great time and we got to learn and experience so much together! We loved the petting zoo, train ride, bounce house, and of course, picking out our pumpkins! First grade had a great time at two field trips; our first was to the WV HS pumpkin patch/carnival/petting zoo and our second trip was to the Coleman Fish Hatchery. Despite the limited pumpkins and salmon running, the kids still had a fun time getting out into the community; **2nd & 3rd Grade** - West Valley Farm was so fun! Unfortunately, the farm had a water line break over the summer and it affected the pumpkin crop. Thanks to Gannon and Hayden Spencer's family, Errin Spencer went by her house after our field trip to pick up extras she had in her field and every student received one so we could do our **annual Pumpkin Math project!!** Pumpkin Math is a project where they have to scoop out and put their seeds into arrays in either 2s, 5s or 10s. We had almost **10,000 pumpkin seeds** since many kids had between 3 & 6 hundred seeds in their individual pumpkins. They really did such a great job!

Lastly, Mrs. Spencer's 2nd & 3rd grade has read over 2,000 books and well over 2 & ½ million words and reached the goals we've made in half the time we expect to make the goal! Truly a hard-working team! And finally, a huge shout out to PTO and Sandi Garcia for helping to make our field trip to Turtle Bay happen on Nov. 1st for the entire 3rd grade!! So grateful for the support.

- f) Elementary Site Update – Tim Drury commented on the following: Student Council: Leadership Development Day Chico at Bidwell HS; Candy Gram Sales, Halloween Dance; Fundraiser Nov 13 - Panda Express - 20% of Proceeds go to Student Council; October 8 – National Farmers Day; Mr. Westaby provided fresh produce for sampling during the morning break; Mrs. Snyder set it up and the cafeteria staff prepared the fruit and served it up; the shade structure is complete; Upcoming events include basketball games, no school on Nov. 10th for Veteran's Day, no school Nov. 20 – 24 for Thanksgiving Break, Dec. 1 – Student of the Month assembly, music in the quad on Fridays; Girls Basketball is in full swing; the PBIS team met for training last month. Day 2 of training will be held in November.

12.0 Communications to the Board – None

13.0 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.

13.1 Public Comment Session Opened @ 6:32 p.m.

13.2 Items on the Agenda – None

13.3 Items not on the Agenda – Multiple people spoke at this time in regards to concerns they have in different areas within the District. Concerns included: shortage of instructional aides at the elementary site; not enough support for underperforming students; dress code violations and consistency in discipline regarding those violations; concern that school staff members are undervalued, unappreciated and that many staff members just view working in the district as a job and not a place where employees love coming to work; lack of leadership; student behaviors; the multitude of meetings, trainings and conferences that take place during the school day and the amount of changes that have taken place over the last couple of years.

13.4 Public Comment Session Closed @ 6:55 p.m.

14.0 Consent Agenda - Consent Agenda items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. They will be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. **Board Members may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for later discussion.**

14.1 Approval of Minutes for Regular Board Meeting October 4, 2023

14.2 Approval of Warrants October 2 – October 26, 2023

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

15.0 Personnel:

15.1 Approve Personnel Action Report

On a motion by Cheryl Best, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the the Personnel Action Report.

16.0 Discussion/Action Items

16.1 Discussion: Parent Request to Discuss Vaccination Requirement

Michelle Larsen from the Shasta County Office of Education presented a power point on the regulations of immunizations for students to attend school; Mr. Gyves read a letter to the board from his son; Cassie Gyves read a statement to the board regarding her son.

16.2 Discussion: Communication: Board Meeting Procedures and Practices

Shelly Craig presented a document to the board (draft) regarding: understanding of board meetings, how and when the community can speak at board meetings and how the board can and cannot respond to the community during the meetings

16.3 Discussion: Notice of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board. Annual meeting to be held December 13, 2023 with the Date, Time, and Location of board meetings to be set at this time **(No action is required. For notification purposes only).**

16.4 Discussion/Action: Approve 2022/23 CEA Waiver Request

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2022/23 CEA Waiver Request.

16.5 Discussion/Action: Approve 2023/2024 Suicide Prevention Plan

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Carla Perry, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2023/2024 Suicide Prevention Plan.

16.6 Discussion/Action: Approve Basketball Tournament – Weed (Out of County – January)

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to approve the out of county basketball tournament in January.

16.7 Discussion/Action: Approve Date of Board Training

On a motion by Jodi Shearman, seconded by Cheryl Best, the board voted 5-0 to hold the board training on December 12th from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

17.0 Superintendent Update – Prior to the Superintendent update, Judy Semingson spoke to the board about the TK/K Facilities Grant the District had been awarded. She gave them an update and where we were at this time and what would be happening in the future; Mrs. Craig commented on the following: Community Engagement Initiative Team, Leaders, recognition; Abre Dashboard Progress, Positive Attendance; Driver diagrams and current teamwork; Teacher Evaluations before Winter Break; Modified Minimum Days: Engagement Teams, Driver

Diagrams, Improvement Huddles, PBIS and Assertive Discipline Review; UTK Facilities Tours and Initial Meetings; Expanded Learning Opportunities Plan: Updated plan next month, Ordering items and making plans for learning opportunities, Sending out teacher interest for January 3, 4, 5.

18.0 Business Manager Update – Roxanne Voorhees reported the following: She is working on the 1st Interim Budget; attended a conference where the focus was on ELOP funds and how other districts have spent their funds; the EV charging station project has been cancelled and the energy project has been completed.

19.0 Enrollment Update as of October 26, 2023 – 496 Students including Community Day School and Independent Study

20.0 Next Meetings

December 13, 2023

January 10, 2024 (Pending based on Organizational Meeting in December)

Board Meeting Times:

5:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. – Open Session – Community Comments on Closed Session – Elem. Conf. Room

5:05 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Closed Session – Elementary School Conference Room

6:00 p.m. – Open Session – Regular Board Meeting – Elementary Cafeteria

21.0 Adjourn Open Session

On a motion by Carla Perry, seconded by Jodi Shearman, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn open session @ 7:43 p.m.

Approved December 13, 2023

Clerk of the Board