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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting January 8, 2013

CLOSED SESSION: 5:30pm
PUBLIC SESSION: 6:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** Debbie Johnson. Also in attendance was Superintendent Penny Weaver.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)** Superintendent mid-year evaluation

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 6:03 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** Debbie Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart, and Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Sharlene Santos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Art Bubb asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Sandy Hook School shooting.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)**
Superintendent mid-year evaluation.
Board President Art Bubb reported the Board held discussion regarding the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation, no action taken.

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 (absent: Johnson)

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION

- Board Vice President Sue Roth said that UCSC will host the 29th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation on February 6th at 7pm in the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium with the featured speaker Bob Moses, founder of the nationwide U.S. Algebra Project. He will address Quality Public Education as a Constitutional Right: School Children as Constitutional People.
- Board member John Abel said he had the opportunity to tour a school campus while in the state of Washington, which highlighted for him the neglect of facilities by the state of California.
- Board President Art Bubb said in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook School shooting, he toured all four schools in the district noting ingress and egress. Trustee Johnson also toured Brook Knoll and Vine Hill with him and afterwards they met with SVPD Chief Weiss for discussion regarding school safety. There are no perfect answers, but good dialogue. Mr. Bubb thanked Chief Weiss and Lt. Wilson for attending the Board meeting tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said she hoped everyone had a good break. Facilities Specialist Mike Smith was on duty while most of us were on break and the district did experience some flooding at the high school resulting in damage to textbooks. One area was the result of the rain and the other was the result of a fire sprinkler malfunction. Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau commended the SVPD and SVFD for their great response whenever there is a need and commented that firefighters remained on campus Monday evening to help with some of the water cleanup.
- Superintendent Weaver said the Strategic Planning Committee will hold its annual meeting on March 22, 2013 with Babs Kavanaugh facilitating.
- The Program Implementation Visit will be at Vine Hill Elementary this Thursday, January 10, 2013 where Superintendent Weaver will observe DOT (Daily Opportunity Time).
- Scotts Valley High School will host the SCZCSBA Board meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 5:45pm with a presentation on GLAD.
- The news release from State Superintendent Tom Torlakson announced the middle schools named to Schools to Watch which included Scotts Valley Middle School. Superintendent Weaver and Board members expressed their gratitude to SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart, the staff, and students for their hard work and commitment to excellence in achieving this outstanding recognition. SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart added that there will be presentations in Sacramento toward the end of February and in Washington D.C. in late June, but will pass on details as she receives them.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman said many students are tired after the winter break. The Winter Formal is scheduled for this Friday at the Coconut Grove, finals will be coming up in two weeks, sophomores will be taking the CAHSEE exit exam on February 5th and 6th, and on Jan. 31st the Mr. SVHS Pageant will be held at 7pm in the student union.

SCZCSBA REPORT

Board Vice President Sue Roth attended the Santa Cruz County Board meeting on December 15, 2012 where several attendees spoke regarding the Sandy Hook School shooting. Santa Cruz City Schools drafted a resolution regarding violence at schools to be taken to their Board on January 16th. SCZCSBA is considering rewording that resolution to send out to all districts to use if they choose. There was discussion at the Santa Cruz County Board meeting to possibly change the time of their meetings to make it more advantageous for interested parties to attend. There was also discussion at the Board meeting regarding the bond passed by Pajaro USD in which two County Trustees signed a published letter, using their titles, speaking against the bond. There is nothing in policy prohibiting public statements of Trustees' opinions; however, support of school districts by the County Board of Trustees is critical in obtaining public trust and support.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mike Keogh addressed the Board regarding the process for Measure K Parcel Tax appeals.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding gun control, mental health issues and ADA compliance.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. Receive and Discuss Information About Safe Schools Planning

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the State Department of Education and Emergency Management Agency jointly asked California's schools to immediately begin reviewing their safety policies. Each school site has a Comprehensive School Safety Plan and the district is in the process of reviewing and updating any recent state requirements, plus receiving input from parents, teachers, and community members. Ms. Weaver showed samples of components of the safety plans such as ICS charts, maps of school sites, and go boxes containing necessary items during an emergency situation.

Scotts Valley Unified School District Chief of Police John Weiss gave an overview of the police department's role during an emergency situation citing that shootings can happen anywhere but pointed out that Scotts Valley is blessed with great demographics having a five mile radius and critical response time of less than three minutes. Also, the Scotts Valley Police Department already has a presence at the high school and the elementary schools through officers who teach criminal justice and DARE courses. The SVPD would like to reinstate the Resource Officer at the high school but can't dedicate a full-time officer until the department is up to full staffing. Chief Weiss said officers are encouraged to randomly visit the school sites to observe and make their presence known. The department works closely with other law enforcement agencies in the county and train in the schools with staff on lockdown and code red scenarios. Chief Weiss said that to accurately know what is going on in the community, parents and community members can sign-up for Nixle community alerts on the SVPD web site at www.scottsvalleypd.com.

Board members engaged in detailed discussion regarding challenges to aging facilities, training, door locks, radios, funding to address issues, identifying potential risks in the community, and receiving input from staff and community members. Board members directed clarifying questions to Chief John Weiss and Lt. John Wilson.

Wendy Brannan and **Shara Sheard** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Superintendent Weaver summarized the discussion by stating that the district will review training with staff for code red scenarios, check on cost and reliability of two-way radios for district-wide communication, bring information to the Board regarding the cost of inside/outside door locks for increased safety, which may have to go out for bid under state law, and review the video resource Run, Hide, Fight recommended by Chief Weiss.

2. Receive and Take Action on the Measure K Appeals Committee Recommendations (moved from A3) (uphold the recommendation of the Appeals Committee on cases #1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and hold over case #3 until January 22, 2013 for further review with legal counsel)

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 (with modification above) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver gave an overview of the district's process for parcel owners to appeal the denial of their application for exemption from the Measure K Parcel Tax. The district mailed over 6,000 letters and applications to every parcel owner in the district. The Appeals Committee was comprised of various community members meeting the criteria for the committee and convened on December 18, 2012 to hear appeals from six parcel owners. Of the six appeals, three parcel owners appeared in person and the other three were reviewed in absentia. Ms. Weaver gave a brief description of the reason for denial and the recommendation of the Appeals Committee for each case. Cases #1, 4, 5, and 6 were denied because they were received after the deadline and will be processed for the remaining two years of the parcel tax. Case #2 involved legal counsel and the district acted accordingly. The parcel owners have not been informed of the Appeals Committee's recommendation pending the Board's ruling. Any possible changes by the Board could create confusion for the parcel owners.

Mr. Keogh addressed the Board regarding his appeal and the specifics of his situation. He also expressed his confusion with the district's process.

Board members asked clarifying questions and agreed to pull Case #3 to review in Closed Session with legal counsel at the January 22, 2013 Board meeting. Case #3 will be placed on the January 22, 2013 Board agenda and Mr. Keogh was invited to return to speak with the Board during Public Session on January 22, 2013.

3. Participate in a Workshop to Review and Discuss Agreements in the Board’s Governance Handbook and to Discuss Governance Team Priorities and Goals (moved from A2)

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the Governance Workshop is periodically reviewed and updated. The Board and Superintendent will discuss practices and understandings that build and sustain a positive Board-Superintendent relationship and is therefore important to engage in when all members are present. Board members engaged in discussion as to appropriate dates and Superintendent Weaver will provide information of available dates for the facilitator at a later time.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Vice President Sue Roth requested a correction on B2 for retirement dates for Jay Kerley and Paula Medeiros to read 2013 not 2012.

MSP Shulman/Abel 4-0 (with above correction) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2012**
2. **Approve the Certificated Action Report**
3. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
4. **Approve Warrants**

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Art Bubb adjourned the public session at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees