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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting February 26, 2013

PUBLIC SESSION: 5:00pm
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 5:05 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Debbie Johnson. Sue Roth arrived at 5:25 p.m. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

Board Clerk Michael Shulman requested A2 be pulled for discussion.

MSP Shulman/Johnson Vote: 5-0 (with above modification)

BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION

- Board member John Abel said he has been training for the SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge scheduled for May 4, 2013. He also related a conversation regarding the Smart Program in which corporate sponsors are teamed up with school districts with less than 10% of students going on to college.
- Board member Debbie Johnson said she attended the CCS playoffs between Scotts Valley and Soquel and related her observations of students during the pledge of allegiance and national anthem.
- Board President Art Bubb said he visited Vine Hill Elementary this week and observed nine classrooms. Amazing work going on.
- Board Clerk Michael Shulman was tutored in how to grade IB English essays. He explained the criteria used in the grading and the length of time to read and grade each essay. Mr. Shulman also attended the SVHS Fashion Show Saturday evening. Students made outfits that were then modeled by other students.
- Board Vice President Sue Roth said she will be attending the SVEF meeting this Thursday at Bruno's, 7:00p.m. On March 14th the SCZCSBA will hold their Board meeting at Pacific Elementary in Davenport. The school has an exemplary food service program they will demonstrate for the Board. The SCCOE recrafted the gun violence resolution and passed it at their last meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver attended the California Distinguished School team meeting today at Scotts Valley Middle School. The committee is recommending SVMS as a California Distinguished School. Friday a California Distinguished School team will be visiting Scotts Valley High School.
- STAR testing will begin after the spring break. There will be times when administrators will request no traffic on campus to avoid test interruptions.
- The district has set dates with Sally Swanson Architects, Inc. to conduct Needs Assessment Forums to introduce online surveys and to have an opportunity for discussion with parents about how our facilities work for our educational and extracurricular programs. Both Forums will be held at Scotts Valley Middle School in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. Vine Hill and Brook Knoll Elementary families are asked to meet on Wednesday, March 6. SVMS and SVHS families are asked to meet on Thursday, March 7.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding limited English speaking parents.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda item A2 was pulled for discussion regarding specific wording of the letter. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

MSP Shulman/Roth **Vote: 5-0** (A2 as modified)

MSP Shulman/Abel **Vote: 5-0** (Consent Agenda)

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2013**
2. **Approve the Letter to SVUSD Families and Community Members in Support of Athletic Programs**
3. **Approve Resolution Number 13-015 “Measures to Support a Reduction in Gun Violence” as Modified**
4. **Approve Letter to Legislators Regarding Funding Priority for School Safety**
5. **Adopt the CSBA Update to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures**
6. **Approve a Contract with Total Compensation Systems, Inc. for an Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities**
7. **Approve Warrants**

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman arrived.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Board Workshop on Effective Governance with Facilitator Babs Kavanaugh of BK Consulting**
Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

“Democracy is never a final achievement. It is a call to an untiring effort.” ~ John F. Kennedy

5:00 – 5:30	<p>Opening - District Assets, Challenges and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is one thing you are proud of? • What are the challenges on the horizon? • What is one thing that you want to accomplish while on this governance team?
5:30 – 6:00	<p>Overview – Effective Governance System – Alignment and Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Governance – Best Practices to guide the work • 12 Principles of Highly Effective Boards • Review of roles and responsibilities
<p><i>“Well-functioning, successful teams usually have chemistry that can’t be quantified. They seem to get into a virtuous cycle in which one good quality builds on another.”</i></p> <p><i>~ Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, Harvard Business Review</i></p>	
6:00 – 6:30	<p>Governance Culture – Providing Support - no surprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Superintendent need from the Trustees to be effective? • What do the Trustees need from the Superintendent to be effective? • What do Trustees need from one another to be effective?
6:30-7:00	<p>Working Dinner – Governance Handbook Review</p>
7:00 – 7:45	<p>Governance Structure and Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue review of SVUSD Governance Handbook with specific emphasis on: seeking answers; responding to community concerns, governance team goals
7:45 – 8:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps, Evaluation and Closing

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Art Bubb adjourned the public session at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees