



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting March 12, 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. **Absent:** Debbie Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin.

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.**

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #1213-3.
- B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b))** Cases: 1
- C. **CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**
- D. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- E. **MEET AND CONFER (Government Code 54957.6)** Conference with District Superintendent regarding **meet and confer** with Support Personnel Committee, Licensed Professional, Confidential and Management.

### **ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**

### **PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER**

Board President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Absent:** Debbie Johnson. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Chief Business Official Vickie Clark, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Business Services Rudolph Ramirez, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart, and Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Sharlene Santos.

## **CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT**

- A. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #1213-3. Board President Art Bubb reported the Board approved the recommendation from administration.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(b)) Cases: 1**  
Board President Bubb reported the Board accepted the recommendation from administration regarding a settlement for non-public placement.
- C. CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**  
Board President Bubb reported the Board received information.
- D. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.  
Board President Bubb reported the Board received information.
- E. MEET AND CONFER (Government Code 54957.6)** Conference with District Superintendent regarding **meet and confer** with Support Personnel Committee, Licensed Professional, Confidential and Management.  
Board President Bubb reported the Board accepted the recommendation from administration.

Board President Art Bubb asked for a moment of silence for the slain Santa Cruz Police officers.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SET THE AGENDA**

**MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0** (Board Member Johnson absent)

**Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

### **BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

- Board Vice President Sue Roth said she participated in sixteen hours of intervention training regarding mental health first aide at UCSC. A shorter training session dealing with students under the age of 14 will be coming soon. Ms. Roth also attended the memorial for the slain Santa Cruz Police officers. She attended the March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Needs Assessment Forums. Ms. Roth also attended the SVEF meeting and the district will be providing suggestions on needs for support.
- Board Clerk Michael Shulman attended the March 6<sup>th</sup> Needs Assessment Forum. He also attended the California Distinguished School presentation at the high school. Mr. Shulman has signed-up for the SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge.
- Board member John Abel also has signed-up for the SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge.
- Board President Art Bubb commented on the benefits of the Governance Workshop held at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Bubb and Superintendent Weaver met with a representative from a 2-way radio company to discuss availability options for emergency communications. He also accompanied Superintendent Weaver and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart to Sacramento for the California Schools to Watch program presentation. Mr. Bubb and Superintendent Weaver also met with Dene Bustichi, who currently teaches a construction class through ROP, to discuss options regarding facility maintenance. He mentioned his disappointment in the light attendance at the Needs Assessment Forums.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said the Scotts Valley Middle School began pilot testing to correlate with Common Core. The web site experienced some problems with audio and video, but the company is working to repair those items. Tanya Phillips has stepped up to provide technical assistance for online testing situations. Both Vine Hill and Scotts Valley Middle School were selected to participate in the pilot testing.
- STAR writing tests have been completed.
- Hosted by the PTA's, Vine Hill and Brook Knoll Elementary Schools are holding auction/dinners fund raisers. Vine Hill's auction was last weekend and Brook Knoll's will be in a couple of weeks. Both schools do great fund raising events.
- Chief Business Official Vickie Clark and Maintenance Consultant Mike Smith are finishing up the process required to go out for bid for the locking mechanisms for classroom doors.
- Brook Knoll teacher Rhonda McEntee was selected to participate in program training for SVMI.
- Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart attended the Curriculum and Instruction seminar in Monterey and will be steering us in our education program. Superintendent Weaver expressed her pride in the many staff members who obtain and share information within the district.
- The Strategic Planning Committee is meeting next Friday, March 22. Ms. Weaver said she received clear guidance from the Board at the Governance Workshop as to what they want to see out of the planning process. The district is planning an interactive session with an agenda and information going out to participants this week.
- The Needs Assessments surveys will be going out to parents and staff this week. Superintendent Weaver will report back to the Board regarding the surveys.

## **STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT**

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman said there was a great turnout last week for the Battle of the Bands and the proceeds will be donated to Jacob's Heart. The talent show is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> and the Ping Pong Tournament for March 28<sup>th</sup> which is open to the public. This Friday is the MORP dance which is a backwards prom. The WASC team will be visiting beginning March 17<sup>th</sup> so students have been learning about student learner practices, the traits of a good learner. The Parent Club is hosting a parent forum on March 20<sup>th</sup> with Coping with Stress presented by Dr. Lieb. Students have been fund raising to present gift baskets to the families of the Santa Cruz Police officers. On Friday, March 22 the district will hold their Strategic Planning Committee meeting and myself and two other students will be participating.

## **SVEA REPORT**

SVEA President Michael Hanson said that the SVEA negotiation team was very happy with the attitude and openness during negotiations this year. Testing is going well. Mr. Hanson said he is excited about piloting a tablet textbook with his students. He said the community will become more involved with the facilities assessments as more details emerge.

## **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding the last Board meeting and the recent Needs Assessment Forums.

## ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

### A. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Approve the AB1200 Report Disclosing the Fiscal Impact of the Scotts Valley Education Association (SVEA) Agreement for 2012-2013**

**MSP Roth/Abel Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that on February 26, 2013, representatives from SVEA and the District reached a tentative agreement signed on March 4, 2013 concluding negotiations for the 2012-2013 school year.

For the 2012-2013 school year only, the District agrees to provide a one-time bonus to each SVEA member equal to 2% of each respective member's total salary schedule placement;

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the District will agree to increase the annual academic stipends in Appendix E:

- Middle School Department Chairs (listed in Appendix E) from \$600 to \$800 per year;
- Elementary Student Study Team Lead Teacher from \$600 to \$800 per year;
- The stipend for WASC Coordinator will be available every year rather than being limited to years in which an accreditation process is required as is the current practice.

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the District will agree to add two Elementary Subject Matter Mentors stipends of \$800 each; one for math and one for English Language Arts.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the positive interactions between the SVEA bargaining unit and the district. Superintendent Weaver thanked Chief Business Official Vickie Clark and personnel at the SCCOE for their hard work expediting this process.

2. **Approve the Tentative Agreement Between the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Scotts Valley Education Association**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Weaver said that in the previous agenda item the Board heard the district's recommendation.

3. **Receive Information Regarding the Scotts Valley High School WASC Accreditation Study and Visitation**

Superintendent Penny Weaver asked Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau to share the details of the WASC Accreditation Study and Visitation. Ms. Bariteau said that Board members received a copy of the Self-Study report plus a tentative schedule of events. She explained that the WASC visitation is scheduled for March 17 – 20, 2013. The visitation team will begin by meeting with parents, community members, and anyone who would like to attend on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Tuesday the team will be going into classrooms and part of Wednesday they will randomly talk with students. Wednesday afternoon they will present their report and then make their recommendation to the state. The school will probably not receive word regarding the final decision until June.

4. **Vote for a Delegate to the 2013 CSBA Delegate Assembly**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 (cast ballot for George Wiley) Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the only nominee on the ballot is incumbent, George Wiley, who is interested in continuing his representation in Region 9-A. The Board may vote for George Wiley, place a write-in candidate on the ballot or not vote at all. Board members asked clarifying questions and agreed to cast their collective vote for Mr. Wiley.

5. **Approve Resolution Number 13-016 as The Big Read Month**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Roll Call Vote: 4-0 (absent Johnson) Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Weaver gave a brief history of "The Big Read" and explained the author and book of focus this year is John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. The goal is to get community members, teachers, and students of SVUSD to read, view, listen, and talk about John Steinbeck.

## B. BUSINESS

Clark

1. **Accept for Information the County Office of Education's Review of Scotts Valley Unified School District's Annual Financial Audit for 2011-2012**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark explained Education Code Section 41020 requires the County Office of Education to review the annual audit report for each district and determine whether or not the district is taking adequate steps to resolve any audit findings. There were no audit findings for the district's 2011-12 audit. The County Office of Education congratulated the district for this achievement. Board members asked clarifying questions.

2. **Receive for Information the County Office of Education's Review and Comments for the Scotts Valley Unified School District's First Interim Report for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the First Interim Report which the SCCOE concurred with the positive certification as submitted. The COE urges caution with deficit spending. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

3. **Approve the 2012-2013 Second Interim Financial Report**

**MSP Roth/Abel Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the second interim report which provides a comparison of the General Fund budget as adopted in June, with the most current budget projections. She also provided both budget and actual data for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

4. **Receive Information on the 2012-13 Enrollment and Projections of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 Enrollment**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented to the Board enrollment projections for the 2013-14 and 2014-15, the implications to the budget, and the methodology used to determine the projections. Board members asked clarifying questions. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

5. **Adopt the 2013-14 Budget Development Calendar**

**MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the annual budget calendar explaining the processes and timelines involved in developing the budget for the ensuing fiscal year including meetings with staff and community members. Board members asked clarifying questions

6. **Accept Information on the Proposed Local Control Funding Formula for California K-12 Public Schools and its Potential Affect on the District**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented information to the Board to review the potential affect of the Local Control Funding Formula on Scotts Valley Unified School District. Board members asked clarifying questions. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

7. **Accept Information on the Potential Impact of Proposition 30 on Scotts Valley Unified School District, and Continue its Discussion of How Education Protection Account Revenues will be Spent**

**MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark explained that the success of Proposition 30 prevents the implementation of the mid-year trigger cuts that would otherwise have occurred. Ms. Clark provided the Board with a review of estimates of the Education Protection Account (EPA) revenue and information on the district's expense reductions during the recession. Board members asked clarifying questions and requested options for reinstating previous cuts to be brought to the next Board meeting for review and discussion. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MSP Shulman/Abel      Vote: 4-0      Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2013**
- 2. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
- 3. Approve the Certificated Action Report**
- 4. Approve the Classified Action Report**
- 5. Approve Warrants**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Board President Art Bubb adjourned the public session at 8:00 p.m.**

**Minutes Recorded By:**

**Minutes Approved By:**

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**Brenda Spalding**  
**Administrative Assistant to Superintendent**

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**Michael Shulman**  
**Clerk to the Board of Trustees**