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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting March 26, 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 5:35 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Absent:** Debbie Johnson. Also in attendance was Superintendent Penny Weaver.

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

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

- A. CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)** Superintendent's Contract

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PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

- A. CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)** Superintendent's Contract
Board President Art Bubb reported the Board provided the Superintendent with a "me too" clause in compensation of a one-time 2% bonus, the same as all other employee groups.

SET THE AGENDA

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

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION

- Board Vice President Sue Roth said she watched the Big Read focus book *The Grapes of Wrath*. She attended the Strategic Planning meeting last Friday and was very impressed by the information provided by the students. She especially liked the idea of “if you can teach it, it’s the best way to learn” and the “why are we learning this” connection to reality. She commended staff for the planning and implementation of the meeting. Ms. Roth asked if the Board could discuss the district’s graduation requirements at a future Board meeting with comparison to other districts in the county and in relation to students leaving to attend other high schools with less rigorous requirements. Ms. Roth also attended the WASC summation and commended SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau and her staff for their hard work.
- Board Clerk Michael Shulman attended a couple of the WASC sessions and felt they were very inspiring. He also attended a valuable stress workshop hosted by the SVHS Parent Club. Mr. Shulman would like to see some of the ideas from the workshop incorporated at the lower grade levels. He also attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting and commended Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin for the planning and implementation of the day.
- Board member John Abel attended the Strategic Planning meeting and also felt it was well organized and the students did a great job. Mr. Abel attended the Brook Knoll PTA Auction last weekend which was well attended. Information on how much the auction raised is not available yet. He has registered for the SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge scheduled for May 4th.
- Board President Art Bubb attended a couple of the WASC sessions. The WASC report out was great. Mr. Bubb thanked SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau and staff for their hard work. He also attended the Strategic Planning meeting and thanked Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin for the excellent planning of the day. He especially enjoyed that the students had a voice in the meeting. Mr. Bubb will be attending the SVMS Schools to Watch celebration on Thursday, March 28th and hopes to see everyone there.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said the WASC accreditation process was amazing thanks to the hard work of SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau and staff.
- Ms. Weaver thanked Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin for all her hard work in planning and implementing the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. She also thanked the students, Jillian Koopman, Ben Roumimper, and Julia Morrison for participating and providing the committee with a student’s view. The Strategic Plan will be brought to the Board for approval at a future Board meeting.
- The Schools to Watch celebration for the Scotts Valley Middle School will take place on Thursday, March 28th and the community is invited.
- The Common Core online assessments pilot at SVMS and Vine Hill is going well thanks to the support of Technician Tanya Phillips. Most of the technical problems were on the other end. We do need to make sure laptops are back on carts and charged.
- On April 27th Comcast will host a Comcast Cares Day at the high school. SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau explained that a Comcast employee nominated the high school. Comcast then requested a list of things the high school would like to have done. It is going to be great!

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER’S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman thanked Mr. Hanson for his help in the preparation for the Strategic Planning meeting. She also commented that she didn’t feel the graduation requirements are that hard to achieve. Today a group of students from Aptos High School came to observe our student government to get ideas they can use at their school. It was nice to be a model for other schools. The Ping Pong tournament is scheduled for Thursday with the proceeds going toward the purchase of lights for the football field. We are also working on a dodge-ball tournament and a few other activities. We are also beginning to plan for activities for next year.

SCZCSBA REPORT

Board Vice President Sue Roth said the SCZCSBA met at Pacific School in Davenport. The enrollment of approximately 100 students is half home schooled and half regular attendance. They have an extensive garden that they use in the school meals. The resolution for gun safety and mental health has cleared most districts in the county. Soquel will place a parcel tax on the May 7th ballot. Statistics were published regarding a survey asking students where they feel the safest of all the public areas they go to. Schools were the number one choice.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Mike Hanson said he enjoyed the Strategic Planning day, but it was as tiring as teaching. STAR testing is coming up and so are stress levels. We are also happy that WASC review is complete. It was a lot of hard work and the committee should send us an accreditation in June. Our reflection on ourselves and how we are performing was spot on and we hope the district aligns the goals based on the WASC.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the fiscal management of the district.

A. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Adopt the Scotts Valley Unified School District Student Calendar for 2013-2014**

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

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the attached 2013-2014 Student Calendar is the result of district representative collaborative meetings, including superintendents and bargaining unit representatives, hosted by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Input from an online survey with staff and parents has also been considered.

2. **Receive Information About the Facility Inspection Tool as Related to the School Accountability Report Cards**

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

Superintendent Weaver said this agenda item is in response to questions at a previous Board meeting regarding the facilities information collected for use in the SARC's. The district uses the FIT (Facility Inspection Tool) developed by the OPSC (Office of Public School Construction) to perform the annual inspections. Maintenance contractor Mike Smith provided information on the inspections. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

3. **Approve the Revised Scotts Valley Unified School District Governance Handbook**

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

Superintendent Weaver explained that the Governance Handbook was revised after the February 26, 2013 Governance Workshop facilitated by Babs Kavanaugh.

4. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: 5141.31 – Immunizations, 514 – Discipline, 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 5145.6 – Parental Notifications, 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten, 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth, and 6174 – Education for English Language Learners**

MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 (with modifications) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Penny Weaver gave a brief overview of the substantial changes to the policies and administrative regulations. Board members asked clarifying questions.

B. BUSINESS

Clark

1. **Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget for Staffing**

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 (to table agenda item for more discussion on April 9, 2013)

Superintendent Weaver explained that Chief Business Official Vickie Clark has held staffing meetings with principals over the past two months and has transposed that information into the budget projections. Ms. Clark presented a preliminary budget which included the district's positions, contract-related stipends, and certain ongoing service agreements. The Board was also provided with options for changing staff levels in order to further the district's goals, along with the associated cost estimate for each change. Board members asked clarifying questions and ultimately voted to continue the discussion at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 9, 2013.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman needed to leave 7:40 p.m

C. CONSENT AGENDA

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 12, 2013**
- 2. Approve the Agreement for Infinity Communications Consulting Services for E-Rate and California Teleconnect Fund (CTF) Projects, Application Management, E-Rate Funding Recovery, Audit Assistance and RFP/Bid Management Services**
- 3. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
- 4. Approve Warrants**

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Art Bubb adjourned the public session at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees