

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 24, 2007

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Allison Niday called the Closed Session to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members** in attendance were Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))

Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Walker, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Allison Niday at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:05 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz, Chuck Walker and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes. **Principals present:** SV High School Principal Gregg Gunkel; SV High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau; and SV Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart. Also in attendance was Amy Hedrick, Food Service Supervisor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

April 18, 2007:

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**
Board President Allison Niday reported the Board engaged in discussion regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association. No action was taken.

April 24, 2007:

- B. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**
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SET THE AGENDA

Superintendent Susan Silver requested the Board pull item D3 due to information that may result in cost savings to the district and bring the item back on May 8, 2007.

Board member Joseph Espinola moved that the Board set the agenda with the above modification.

MSP Espinola/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver has been visiting sites this week as students are starting STAR testing and noticed that students are ready and taking the testing seriously. Currently the duties for the Lead/Grounds/Maintenance Specialist are contracted out. Having an employee perform these duties will be a cost savings to the district as well as provide services to all sites. The Facilities Specialist job description needed to be updated and Daniel Garcia has been doing this job for several months. The Business Department is also investigating options for transportation to bring a savings to the district. Superintendent Silver reminded everyone about the SVEF Mt. Charlie Bike Challenge this Saturday. She also congratulated SV High School Principal Gregg Gunkel and his staff on the WASC review that took place last week. The whole school, staff and community worked extremely hard on everything and the WASC committee validated their commitment and commended their insights in having plans already in place to address areas of need. Overall the WASC committee was very complementary.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Members of the audience are welcome to address the Board at this time during the meeting regarding items not listed on this agenda. The Trustees may ask questions for clarity but cannot take action on those matters until such matters are appropriately placed on a future agenda, according to law.

The Governing Board may prohibit members of the public, who speak during the time permitted on the agenda for public expression, from commenting on matters that are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the governing body. The Governing Board retains the discretion to adopt regulations at its meetings, which may limit the time for public discussion of items within its subject matter jurisdiction. Open Public Discussion at the beginning of the meeting is limited to 15 minutes. **For the record, please state your name at the beginning of your statement.**

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member stated her opinion on various topics of safety and DSA.

Monique Pacurariu – Monique Pacurariu, parent and community member stated her opinion concerning district and teacher negotiations.

Erin Vierhus – Erin Vierhus, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning personnel placement.

Katie Bagley – Katie Bagley, board member of SVEF and teacher, reminded everyone of the upcoming SVEF events. The Mt. Charlie Bike Challenge will be this Saturday and encouraged everyone to come to the BBQ at Skypark. She also stated the need for volunteers for the upcoming Ice Cream Social on May 20. Volunteers can sign up online.

Amy Barton – Amy Barton, parent and community member, spoke in support of teachers.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. Approve Minutes from the Strategic Planning Meeting of March 16 and 17, 2007
2. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 27, 2007
3. Approve the Contract for Audit Services to be Provided by Goodell, Porter & Fredericks, LLP Certified Public Accountants
4. Approve School District Discretionary Block Grant Expenditures
5. Approve the Expenditure of Unspent One-Time Block Grant Monies For Vine Hill Elementary School, Brook Knoll Elementary School, Scotts Valley Middle School and The Independent Study Program
6. Approve the Funding Application for Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program for 2007-2008
7. Approve the Appointment of Susie Christensen and Elizabeth Walch to North Santa Cruz County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
8. Approve a Pre-Season Trip for the Scotts Valley High School Football Team to Kona, Hawaii, from August 13 Through August 18, 2007
9. Approve the Appointment of Gregg Gunkel, Louie Walters and Valerie Bariteau as Representatives for 2007-2008 Academic Year for the Santa Cruz Coast Athletic League (SCCAL) and the Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Sports Federation (CIF)
10. Accept for Information the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation
11. Approve the New Job Description for the Lead Grounds/Maintenance Specialist
12. Approve the New Job Description for the Facilities Specialist Series
13. Approve the Revised and Updated Job Description for the Assistant Superintendent Educational Services
14. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
15. Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report
16. Approve Warrants

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Peter McLean – Peter McLean, community member, stated his opinion concerning several items on the consent agenda.

MSP Espinola/ Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Approve the Revised Agreement Between the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Support Personnel Committee

Superintendent Susan Silver explained that for the past several years, Memorandums of Understanding have been written to reflect the agreement between the Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Support Personnel Committee; these have been added to the existing contract in a random order. Members of the Support Personnel Committee and District staff met to decide on placement and wording of all prior agreements so there is a complete and logical written agreement.

MSP Roth/Espinola 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Kim McCarthy – Kim McCarthy, SV High School teachers, stated her opinion concerning article IV, A4 in the Support Personnel Agreement.

Barbara Bodine – Barbara Bodine, SV Middle School classified employee, stated her opinion concerning article IV, A4 in the Support Personnel Agreement.

C. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Walker

1. Approve the Revision to the Existing High School Graduation Requirement in the Area of Science

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker briefly explained that this item was brought to the Board on April 27, 2007 for information.

MSP Espinola/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. BUSINESS

Kelban

1. Approve the Budget Actions from February 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes gave a brief recap of the budget actions.

MSP Gumz/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. Accept for Information the Review of the 2006-07 Second Interim Financial Report Prepared by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Director of Business Services explained the Second Interim Financial Report prepared by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and reiterated the cautions from Barney Finlay concerning flat or declining enrollment for school districts. Chief Business Official Pat Kelban also explained cautions by Mr. Finlay concerning GASB 45 which will be implemented in 2008.

3. Approve the Bid for the Brook Knoll School Roof Replacement

This item was pulled from the agenda.

4. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Scotts Valley Unified School District and the Hidden Pines Homeowners Association

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained that this MOU allows us to move forward with bringing electrical power to the maintenance yard at SV Middle School.

MSP Gumz/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Clerk Chuck Walker stated there were no communications received.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Student Advisory member Shelayne Hammack said that respect week at the high school went very well and the speaker was inspiring. Students are getting ready for IB tests and finals. Board member Chuck Walker attended the Sea Otter Classic and was pleased to see Scotts Valley kids participating. Board member Joseph Espinola is continuing to keep busy with work and his involvement with SV Little League and Girls' Softball. Board member Jondi Gumz attended the assembly during respect week at the high school and was very impressed with the speaker. She continues to read IB essays at the high school and attended some of the WASC meetings last week. She was excited to hear the positive comments by parents during the WASC committee interviews. Ms. Gumz also commented that the Chemistry classes need equipment and if anyone knew of someone that would like to make donations please contact Mr. Crawford at the high school. She also visited Vine Hill and discussed reporting with the 4th grade future journalists who were very concerned about the recent pet food contamination. Board Vice President Sue Roth attended several days of the WASC committee interviews and was also part of the initial WASC process. She appreciated being part of the process which helped her to understand the vision and goals of the high school on a very detailed level. The WASC committee and parental comments honored what the high school is doing. Ms. Roth also attended the Fiscal Advisory Committee meetings and the Facilities Needs Committee meetings and is very excited about the involvement and education that is happening in these committees. Board President Allison Niday and Board Vice President Sue Roth attended an informative workshop Money Talk – Getting Down to Facts put on by EdSource last week. Ms. Niday has been working with the Legislative Action Committee and will be taking information to Sacramento. She attended respect week at the high school and commented on the Career Day interest from the students. Ms. Niday has also been attending the Fiscal Advisory Committee meetings and has volunteered for a committee on Intel Science and Engineering Fair scheduled for 2010. She will be attending the fair this year in Albuquerque and will bring back information to talk to our students about submitting entries in 2010. Ms. Niday and Ms. Roth are attending the Arts meetings where work is taking place to establish a five year strategic plan for the arts. Ms. Niday reminded everyone of the Special Board Meeting on May 1st at 6:00 p.m. for a budget study workshop that the Fiscal Advisory Committee has been invited to attend.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

- April 26, 2007 - SVHS Annual Golf Tournament – Pasatiempo Gold Course
- April 27-May 13 - SVHS Spring Musical Brigadoon – weekends only
- April 28, 2007 - SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge (changed again - was 5/5/07)
- April 30, 2007 - SV Rotary Annual Awards Dinner
- May 5, 2007 - BK Annual Student Authors Fair – Capitola Mall 10:00am-4:30pm
- May 8, 2007 - National Day of the Teacher
- May 10, 2007 - SVMS Open House
- May 18, 2007 - SVMS Dance 7:00-9:00pm
- May 19, 2007 - SVMS 8th Grade Pasta & Steak Fundraiser – SV Community Center
- May 20, 2007 - SVEF Ice Cream Social
- May 24, 2007 - Brook Knoll Open House & Vine Hill Open House

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Please note:

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Budget Study Workshop in preparation for recommendation and adoption of the 2007-08 Scotts Valley Unified School District Budget

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will be held on:

- May 1, 2007 Budget Study Workshop
- May 8, 2007
- May 22, 2007
- June 12, 2007
- July 10, 2007
- August 14, 2007
- September 11, 2007
- September 25, 2007
- October 9, 2007
- October 23, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- December 11, 2007

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL - CONTINUED

Speaking on behalf of district teachers and expressing their individual opinions were; **Peggy Benjamin**, Vine Hill teacher; **Cheryl Butler**, Brook Knoll teacher; **Christine Smith** – Vine Hill teacher and SVEA president; **Jane Hancock**, Vine Hill teacher; and **Naomi Lyall**, SVHS teacher.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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