

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 25, 2006

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. Board members present: Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Administration present was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

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

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 5:30 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 Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- B. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the Support Personnel Committee.
- C. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957):** Certificated requests for leave of absence.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at 7:03p.m. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joe Espinola, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla. Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Principals Gregg Gunkel, Kathy Frandle and Mary Lonhart; Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis; Chief Business Official Pat Kelban; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, and Director of Business Services, Liann Reyes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association. Collective bargaining was discussed, but no direction was given.

- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the Support Personnel Committee. Collective bargaining was discussed, but no direction was given.
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957):** Certificated requests for leave of absence.
Approved MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Walker 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Silver reiterated that STAR Testing started today. Valerie Bariteau, Assistant Principal at SVHS has initiated a campaign to bring scores up at the high school. Several weeks ago Ms Bariteau gave a presentation to parents explaining the importance of testing. She has also complied incentives bags for students including goodies and healthy snacks. We are hopeful scores will improve with this additional emphasis. At the last Board Meeting Carolyn Lewis gave a presentation on teacher turn-over in our district. The Board had inquired as to reasons other districts have turn-over. All districts contacted had similar reasons for teacher turn-over, mainly cost of living in area and retirement. Dr. Silver informed the group that our SRO, Bill Smith has sustained an injury and will not be able to work for some time. He was injured volunteering as a firefighter with his firefighter son. We are looking for someone to take his place. If anyone knows of someone that could fill this position, please contact the District Office. We are also enlisting the help of the County Supervisor. Dr. Silver stated that the SVUSD Governance Handbook is now posted on our website. She also announced the Strategic Planning Committee would be meeting next Friday, May 5, 2006 at SV City Council Chambers. Letters to the members will be going out tomorrow. At this meeting there will be presentation by the various Task Forces. She was impressed with the hard work and dedication of all the members of these groups. A final draft will go to the Board by the end of May or beginning of June. Dr. Silver, John Waite, and Pat Kelban participated in a table top exercise with the City of Scotts Valley, simulating a toxic spill near Vine Hill. Drills such as this will help improve district emergency plans and drills at sites. The County Office of Education has grant money that can be used to facilitate preparedness at sites. Dr. Silver participated in a CSBA task force last Friday, April 21st. The task force will be developing a handbook for school board members whose districts are engaged in construction projects.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC-ORAL Limit to 15 minutes:

Wendy Brannan: Ms. Brannan, parent and community member, requested that the high school update their School Safety Plan. She also stated that she was not previously aware of the schedule change at the high school during STAR Testing. Mr. Gunkel said it was posted on the marquee, discussed with students, and beginning and ending of day stays the same, only modified to accommodate testing. Ms Niday reminded us that the change in schedules was on a previous board agenda and was voted on at that time.

Kim McCarthy: Ms McCarthy, teacher at SVHS, explained her budget considerations when purchasing a house in this area to emphasis her view that teachers needed more than a 1% salary increase. She felt that the savings from the change of health benefits plan for employees could be used for salary increases. She also suggested a plan to increase ADA and other revenues. She cited other districts' parcel taxes and encouraged our Board to seriously consider a parcel tax.

Jondi Gumz: Ms. Gumz invited everyone to meet the candidates at the Candidates Forum on May 4, 2006 at the Scotts Valley Senior Center from 7-9:00pm

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. CONSENT AGENDA Silver**
1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 28, 2006 Consent
 2. Approve the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Claiming Agreement Consent
 3. Appoint the Following Representatives as California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives for Scotts Valley High School in the Santa Cruz Coast Athletic League (SCCAL). Consent
 4. Approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2006-2007 School Year Consent
 5. Approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2005-2006 School Year Consent
 6. Accept for Information the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation Consent
 7. Approve the Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Job Description Consent

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye - As modified with the correct spelling of “Brannan”

- B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Walker**
1. Receive for First Reading Recommended Textbook Adoption for History Social Science for Scotts Valley Middle School (SVMS). 1st Reading
Susan Walker explained that our district can only choose from textbooks approved by the State. Ms Lonhart had brought some samples of the textbooks that the Middle School had chosen by McDougal-Littel. The textbooks and teaching materials that accompany them will be on display in the Middle School Library for anyone to peruse. Ms Niday informed us that Senator Simitian is pushing a bill to give more school districts more flexibility in choosing books. Ms Lonhart explained that books must last until the next adoption, which is usually a 5-7 year cycle. Mr. Gunkel will bring textbook samples from the High School next month.
 2. Receive for First Reading Recommended Policy BP 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities. 1st Reading
Dr. Silver explained that the current policy must be updated to comply with new requirements that students must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEEE) in order to graduate from high school. The proposed policy allows students who have not passed the CAHSEE but have completed all other state and district graduation requirements to receive a Certificate of Scholastic Achievement, provided the student has attempted to pass the exam each time the exam was offered and has fully participated in remediation opportunities offered by the school, district or County Office of Education. Students in this category would be permitted to participate in graduation activities and would be eligible to receive a diploma retroactively upon passing the exam.

- C. ADMINISTRATION Silver**
1. Accept for First Reading Policy 5030 Student Wellness 1st Reading

Dr. Silver explained that this presentation was to be given by Amy Hedrick, Food Service Manager, who was unable to attend due the death of her father. Patty Durkee, District Nurse, gave the presentation on the Wellness Policy Committee, which began in October 2005. The goal is to establish a nutrition guideline for food served at school and health promoting activities on campus. In accordance with law and in conjunction with the Health Advisory Committee, they have drafted a student wellness policy. They will continue to monitor and evaluate the policy. Ms Roth told us there will be a 2nd reading next month.

Wendy Brannan: Ms Brannan, parent and community member, expressed her love of the candies, cookies, etc. sold by students as fundraisers for various field trips and school organizations. She would not like to see these fundraisers ended because they are an excellent way to raise funds.

2. Adopt Resolution 06-023 in Support of SB 1358 and Resolution 06-024 in Support of AB 2070 for School District Equalization Funding in the State's 2006-07 Budget Action

Ms Niday in conjunction with the District's Legislative Action Committee (LAC) drafted the two resolutions. There are two bill before legislators that are essentially identical and both deal with the Equalization money from the state. Senator Simitian is leading the push to bring districts into financial equalization. The Scotts Valley LAC urge our government officials to pass these bills. The LAC encourages more parents and students to participate in this committee. MSP Espinola/Walker 4-0 Student Advisory vote: Aye Tallied 4-0

3. Provide Direction to the Administration Regarding District Mission/Vision/Core Beliefs Discussion

Ms Roth gave some background on the drafting of the District Mission/Vision/Core Beliefs by the Board and the Strategic Planning Committee. Ms Niday commended the 26 members of the Strategic Planning Committee for their insights in drafting this document that will become a living document of the Strategic Plan for the District. Mr. Espinola and Ms. Roth concurred. Dr. Silver pointed out that this copy of the draft was missing one bulleted item and the correct copy would be presented at the May 5, 2006 Strategic Planning meeting. Ms Roth pointed out that this item would come before the Board again.

D. BUSINESS

Kelban

1. Approve Resolution 06-022 Authorizing Participation in the Joint Borrowing with the Santa Cruz County Board of Education in Connection with its Proposed 2006 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Action

Ms Reyes gave a presentation explaining that this was a resolution in the event the District may need too borrow in order to cover cash flow problems when expected revenues arrive later than needed. It was not a statement that the District needed to borrow money at this time.

MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0 Student Advisory voted: Aye Tallied 4-0

2. Receive for Information a Report on the P-2 Average Daily Attendance For 2005-06 Information

Ms Vickie Clark, Business Technician gave a presentation on the P-2 Average Daily Attendance. She pointed out that enrollment was not down as much as had been anticipated. The District enrollment is down 75 students, but Average Daily Attendance is consistent with previous years. However, further decreases in enrollment in the next few year are anticipated. Ms Clark gave a very interesting look at the history of attendance in the Scotts Valley School District, showing an attendance register from 1902-06.

3. Receive for Information a Report on District Facilities

Information

Ms Kelban with information provided by John Waite of Waite Works gave a report on what has been happening in the District concerning maintenance. Ms Kelban is diligently working with OPSC to retrieve funds owed the District. The overall Maintenance Program was brought before the Board a few months ago. Many repairs and improvements at the sites have already begun. The heating problems at the High School have been resolved through the contract with Thermal. Lighting for the high school gym is coming in shortly. Other items that are issues and being looked at are the fire alarm systems on all sites, drainage, graffiti, landscaping, including pest control, roof leaks and campus clean-up especially at the high school. Ms Niday relayed her observation of appalling litter at the high school. Ms Kelban and Ms Reyes explained the system "SchoolDude", which allows the district to enter, track, plan and approve maintenance needs. Ms Kelban also said that training of personnel would take place in summer months. Ms Niday wanted to know if the district had noticed any savings at the high school since new heating system was put in place. Ms Kelban informed the Board that it was too soon to tell, but she was working with PGE to realize any savings possible. The systems will be monitored on a monthly basis. Mr. Espinola expressed thanks to John Waite and the maintenance crew for their hard work.

Wendy Brannan: Ms Brannan, a parent and community member, expressed a desire to keep the American Disabilities Act in mind as we remodel or repair buildings.

Kim McCarthy: Ms McCarthy, a teachers at SVHS, informed the Board that on Sunday, April 30th starting at 8:30am trees would be planted at the high school with the assistance of Mike Smith and his auger. Funds for these trees and plants were donated by Key Club - \$500; Kiwanis - \$100; and an individual Kiwanis member - \$100. Ms Kelban asked that they take into consideration availability of water when deciding placement of the trees. Mr. Gunkel assured her that water availability had been a consideration.

4. Receive for Information a Report on the District 2006-07 Adoption Budget

Information

Ms. Kelban gave a presentation on the 2006-07 budget stating that the decline in revenue was not as dramatic as predicted. The 2nd Interim Budget was presented to the Board in March.

E. PERSONNEL

Lewis

1. Approve Classified Personnel Action Report

Action

The Board approved the hiring of Peggy Moran as Secretary at Brook Knoll Elementary School.

MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory voted: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk, Chuck Walker read a letter received from the SVHS Parent Club. It complimented the newly hired administrative team of Principal, Mr. Gregg Gunkel; Assistant Principal, Ms. Valerie Bariteau; and Superintendent, Dr. Susan Silver for putting students foremost in their decisions and willingness to keep communications open.

BOARD DISCUSSION

All Board members commented on the current STAR Testing and their wishes that testing run smoothly. Mr. Scalla said Monday was his only day without tests. He also mentioned the play production of Bat Boy being presented by the SVHS. Ms Roth wanted to commend the new layout of the high school newsletter. Ms Niday attended the Vine Hill Auction and said it was very successful. The Scotts Valley Rotary will hold their annual Student Recognition Dinner on Monday, May 1st. Students being recognized will each give a small speech. The Exchange Club will be honoring Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year on May 12th at The MacKenzie Room at Pasatiempo. The SVHS Parent Club will

be holding their annual "Spring Into Summer" luncheon on May 6th at the SV Community Center. Mr. Espinola has been working with the SV Parks and Rec Department to help enforce rules for the skate park. He spends a lot of his time coaching girl's softball and Little League for his daughter and son. Mr. Walker chaperoned Baymonte students on a trip to Mexico. He discussed the SVHS with them and 80% say they will go to SVHS in the fall. Ms Roth went to China over the Spring Break and compared their schools and education system to ours with surprisingly little differences. Ms Niday was in Tahoe for her Spring Break and also did some comparisons with schools in that area.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and will be held on the following dates:

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| ☛ May 9, 2006 | ☛ September 12, 2006 |
| ☛ May 23, 2006 | ☛ September 26, 2006 |
| ☛ June 13, 2006 | ☛ October 10, 2006 |
| ☛ July 11, 2006 | ☛ October 24, 2006 |
| ☛ August 15, 2006 | ☛ November 14, 2006 |
| ☛ August 29, 2006 | ☛ December 12, 2006 |

Strategic Planning Session:

- May 5, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

Home Page = <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us>

A person with a disability may contact the Superintendent's office to request receipt of an agenda in an alternative format or to request disability-related accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the public board.

Minutes Recorded By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker
Clerk to the Board of Trustees