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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting April 28, 2009

CLOSED SESSION: 6:45pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00pm
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PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:45 p.m. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman and Michael Shulman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver and Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Michael Shulman, Larry Beaman and Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Business Services Vickie Clark, Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick, Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle and Vine Hill Interim Principal Michelle Stewart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

Action was taken to dismiss employee with a vote of 5-0.

SET THE AGENDA

Board Vice President Jondi Gumz suggested moving agenda item C4, discussion of a Communication Forum, to A1. Board Member Allison requested that it stay at C4 to give more time to B1, budget discussions.

MSP (as stands) Niday/Shulman 4-1 (opposed: Gumz) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Silver attended the high school assembly this morning dedicated to making students aware of the perils of driving while intoxicated. The presentation was very impressive with real DUI cases presided over by Judge Paul Marigonda and accident survivors recanting their ordeals.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy said that STAR testing week went well at the high school with healthy competition with San Lorenzo Valley High School. The drama department has been performing Guys and Dolls this week with the final showing this weekend. The high school will hold a blood drive on May 12th. The high school track team is undefeated this year and their next game is this Thursday against Harbor High School.

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.**

Kathy Frandle, Brook Knoll Principal gratefully acknowledged the hard work contributed by over one hundred volunteers last Saturday at Brook Knoll Elementary School during the Comcast Cares work day. Comcast furnished all supplies for building benches in front of the school where students wait for their rides, painting doors, benches, picnic tables, applying bark on the landscape areas and repairing fences around the life lab gardens. The school looks great!

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton

1. Approve the Secondary District Plan and Application for the Work Experience Education (WEE) Program

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton gave a brief overview of the work experience program at the high school and explained the requirements by the California Department of Education for the Secondary District Plan and Application for the Work Experience Education (WEE) Program. Board members asked clarifying questions.

B. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Consideration of Options for Balancing the Fiscal Year 2009-10 District Budget

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick gave a brief summary of the information regarding the state budget and its affect on education that is provided by the County Office of Education and School Services of California. The Board was provided with administration recommended options grouped according to priorities for addressing the three year, \$1 million shortfall. At this time the COE is predicting that any stimulus dollars will come with rigorous accountability requirements and may only be used for one time expenditures. Board member Allison Niday, who also chairs the Legislative Action Committee that will meet this Thursday, April 30th at 5:00 p.m. at Brook Knoll School, invited anyone to come to the meeting to hear information and/or share ideas. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the options presented and requested information that is covered by bargaining unit agreements. Board President Sue Roth concluded that the Board was in consensus without a vote regarding the administration recommended options for addressing the shortfall.

Wendy Brannan, Terry Sovulewski, Peggy Duckett, Ann Codd and Trevor Ponos addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Ann Codd, President of SVEA addressed the Board to request that negotiable topics be withheld from public discussion regarding the budget.

2. Approve the Application for State Fiscal Stabilization Funding

MSP Niday/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Member left at 8:20 p.m. to do homework.

Superintendent Silver gave a brief explanation of the State Stabilization Funds and the application which is due on May 4, 2009. Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick further explained the purposes for which the funds may be used and the state reporting requirements.

3. Approve the Budget Actions from February 1, 2009 through April 17, 2009 Budget

MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0

4. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Niday/Gumz 5-0

C. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Adopt Scotts Valley Unified School District's Student Calendar for 2009-10

MSP Beaman/Niday 5-0

Superintendent Silver explained that the district is bringing forward the 2009-10 student calendar for approval so that parents will have access to the beginning and ending dates as well as holidays for planning purposes. The employee work days are not included in the calendar since negotiations are still ongoing.

2. Adopt the 2009-10 Scotts Valley Unified School District Strategic Plan

MSP Shulman/Gumz 5-0

3. Adopt the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 5111.1 – District Residency, 5111.12 – Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment, 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance, 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement, 5127 - Graduation Ceremonies and Activities, 6146.11 – Alternative Credits Toward Graduation, 6153 – School-Sponsored Trips, 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination

MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0

Superintendent Silver explained the wording changes made to policies 5117 Interdistrict Attendance and 6153 School-Sponsored Trip and that policy 4111 Recruitment and Selection had been pulled from the agenda after discussion at the April 14, 2009 Board meeting.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the agenda item.

4. Provide Direction Regarding the Scheduled Communication Forum

Superintendent Silver asked for direction from the Board regarding a special Board meeting to address communication or the budget. Board member Allison Niday suggested another meeting to further discuss the budget. Board Clerk Michael Shulman felt a special meeting needed a clearly defined focus and more advance notification to the public. The Board decided to not hold a special meeting on May 5th.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the agenda item.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2009
2. Approve the Sixth-Grade Student Trip to the Yosemite Institute for the 2009-10 School Year
3. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
4. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Larry Beaman attended the SVEF Mt. Charlie bike ride fundraiser. He also met with four legislators to talk about the fiscal crisis and the affect on school districts.
- Board Member Allison Niday will be attending the International Science Fair in Reno next week and was impressed with the County Science Fair entries by Vine Hill students. She has registered for the upcoming Delegate Assembly but is still waiting for word on the reelection results after the recent election for Delegate Assembly Representative for Region 9A ended in a tie.
- Board Vice President Jondi Gumz attended the production of Guys and Dolls at the high school and was impressed by the talent of the students. She also helped at Brook Knoll's Comcast Cares work day. Ms. Gumz suggested discussion regarding the televising of the Board meetings to reach more of the community.
- Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle sits on the Board of Balance 4 Kids. The organization is holding a fundraiser called the Human Race to help with the purchase of supplies for the special needs kids. The Human Race will be held on May 9th on West Cliff Drive.
- Board President Sue Roth has been participating as an employee in the Emergency Preparedness Training at UCSC. She reminded everyone to vote in the May 19th election. Board member Allison Niday recommended several resources to better understand the propositions on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **9:05 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees