

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 23, 2005

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:40 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, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Allison Niday was absent. Administration present Tim Cuneo, Interim Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED MSP Wolf/Espinola 4-0

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Allison Niday. Also in attendance was the Interim Superintendent, Tim Cuneo.

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 meeting at 7:03 p.m. **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Allison Niday was absent. **Administration present:** Tim Cuneo, Interim Superintendent and Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President, Sue Roth reported:

PERSONNEL

1. **Certificated Personnel Action Report of August 23, 2005. MSP Espinola/Walker 4-0** to approve new hire of Cathy Drew as Counselor at Scotts Valley High School and to grant a .40 FTE Leave of Absence to Kathy Rauch, Mathematics Teacher at Scotts Valley High School.
2. **Classified Personnel Action Report of August 23, 2005. MSP Wolf/Espinola 4-0** to approve new hire of Donna Potts as Library Clerk at Scotts Valley High School.
3. **Public Employment Title: Superintendent** – No Action Taken.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Interim Superintendent Cuneo reported that the first day of school will be September 1st. On August 31st there will be an all district meeting where all staff will attend at 10:30 a.m. at the Hilton. Following that meeting they will move to the Student Union at the High School for the Rotary Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

The new lunch program will be in effect at the elementary schools this year. All new portables at the high school are in place, connected and ready for students. The high school had projected an enrollment of 933 but at this time there are 986 students registered. Spanish I and Algebra I enrollment was tight so the

district has authorized .2 FTE teachers to help bring those class size numbers to where they belong. Elementary enrollment is up at this time also.

Mr. Cuneo reported that on Thursday, August 25th, he would be attending the joint middle school, high school in-service at the high school between 8:00 and 3:00.

He went on to report that the Superintendent selection process was on target. There had been input from community members; he reminded the audience that this is a confidential process and that it is moving ahead.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:

Parent Don D'Andrea spoke regarding BP 5113 and he stated that "this" Board had directed Stephen Fiss to write the policy to state that parents were to be notified before their children could be released from school for confidential medical services.

Parent Wendy Brannon spoke regarding a telephone conversation that she had recently had with an unnamed Board member. She felt that she was not treated right nor was she allowed to express her opinions.

Community Member Jondi Gumz stated that 1) she had volunteered that day to help with registration at the high school. She had collected signatures from 9th graders pledging to recycle bottles and cans in the coming year. 2) She and the new high school Assistant Principal had met with Susie Quinn, SVHS Parent Club, to brainstorm ways in which to increase participation of students taking the STAR tests.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA MSP Wolf/Espinola 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES

B.1 An Update on the State Adopted Budget Wolf/Walker 4-0 to accept the update to the 2005/06 District Budget. Superintendent Cuneo reported that as the STRS shift was rescinded the State would not be holding the 2% (\$175,000); this amount plus an additional \$31,000 would go back into the unrestricted budget (see agenda backup for detail). He went on to state that the District reserve is very tight and that his suggestion would be to put this additional money into the reserve. This recommendation will be reviewed with the Leadership Team. Possibly a large portion could go to the reserve with some of the money going toward a one time item.

Audience Member Carole Harris Asked that this money be reviewed and cautioned that the District should keep the community in mind. She feels that the District can not continue to go to the community year after year to ask families to fund their children's education.

Parent Jerryne King asked if the Dollar a Day money was actually a budget item. She asked how much had actually been collected for this school year. **Mr. Cuneo** answered that the money is in the budget but as fundraising revenue. This money is tracked.

B.2 Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services presented the Board, for a first reading, Course Outlines that have been offered by the Independent Study Program, MSP Wolf/Espinola 4-0 to approve the listed Course Outlines for a first reading. Superintendent Cuneo asked the Board to put this item on the next agenda as a Consent Item for approval as second reading. The Board agreed.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Clerk Chuck Walker read an email dated August 12, 2005 to the Board from Fred Hennes. He also read a letter from the County Office of Education addressed to Sue Roth as Board President, approving the District's Adopted Budget for the 2005/06 School Year.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 13th – Revisit BP 5113 as an Information Item – with sample policies from other School Districts – Board may give direction to Superintendent at that time regarding Action Item with first and second reading.

Facilities update – projects and proposed projects.

The next regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, September 27th, October 11th and 25th

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Peggy Moran,
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees