

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 13, 2005**

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:35p.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, Marshall Wolf, Joseph Espinola, and Chuck Walker. Administration present was Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed 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 in attendance were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolfe, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was the Superintendent, Dr. Susan Silver.

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957): SUPERINTENDENT**
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**

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 7:02 p.m. All Board Members were present. Administration present: Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent; Carolyn Lewis, Personnel Services Administrator; Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; and Gregg Gunkel and Mary Lonhart, Principals.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President, Sue Roth reported that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss:

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

AGENDA APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Members of the Board Selected:

A. Officers:

1. President: **Sue Roth**

MSP Espinola/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

2. Vice President: **Allison Niday**

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

3. Clerk: **Chuck Walker**

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

B. Superintendent as Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Susan Silver

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

C. Regular Board Meeting Schedule, Including Place and Time

The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

MSP Roth/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

D. Board President's Appointments to Committees

Scotts Valley City/Schools meets every other month.

Board President, Sue Roth and Board Vice President, Allison Niday.

Parks and Recreation meets the third Thursday of the month.

Chuck Walker, Joe Espinola as alternate.

Health Advisory Committee (HAC). This committee is a requirement of the TUPE Grant and new Wellness Legislation.

Board President Sue Roth will continue.

County Office of Education Ad Hoc Committee to run through Spring 2006.

Board President Sue Roth will continue.

Legislative Action Committee

Allison Niday will continue.

COMMITTEES APPROVED

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- **Recognition: Helmet Safety Essay Winners**

Dr. Silver, Superintendent, introduced Mary Lonhart, Principal of Scotts Valley Middle School. Mary Lonhart recognized Middle School teacher Lydia Snyder for her endeavors on the Helmets for Life rally. Mary Lonhart thanked the community and Bell Helmet Company for the prizes for the raffle. Mary Lonhart and Lydia Snyder developed a Helmet Essay contest for the students. The Essay was to have responded to one of three questions, using 500 words. Mrs. Lonhart introduced the skateboard essay winner Kassandra Omvik. Kassandra won a full pad set, helmet and a skateboard. Kassandra read her essay to the Board.

Mrs. Lonhart introduced the biking essay winner, Matt Beatty who won a Fox Fork, and the snow board essay winner, Clara Yuh who won a helmet from Bell Helmet and a full snow boarding suit. Mrs. Lonhart read both Matt's and Clara's essays. Mrs. Lonhart thanked the participants and their families for their achievements.

Dr. Silver commended the participants for their excellent writing and then introduced Gregg Gunkel, SVHS principal. Mr. Gunkel spoke about the safety of helmet use in biking, and boarding sports. He commended the participants on their essays. Board member Allison Niday also commended the participants on their being excellent examples.

Mr. Gunkel announced that two teachers are receiving recognitions. Karen Babbit was nominated by one of her students as a Disney Scholar. Mr. Gunkel noted that the California League of High Schools recognizes educators of the year. His staff nominated Naomi Lyle as Educator of the Year in this school district. She will be recognized on Wednesday December 14th in San Jose as Scotts Valley Educator of the year.

Dr. Silver talked about the elementary schools' Buy-Back-Days. Two had been used previously, leaving one more day to use; the first half of the remaining day was used by elementary staff to debrief their first use of the new standard based report cards.

Dr. Silver mentioned that Ernie Alexander was voted as the new president of the Educational Foundation. The foundation will be taking over Dollar-A-Day from the principals. Letters will be mailed out with an explanation, soliciting donations.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:

Board Member Sue Roth opened public speaking.

Jondi Gumz made a suggestion regarding the strategic planning process. She explained that one way to get input from the community would be to set up an online process in which the community and the students could participate.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 15, 2005**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of December 6, 2005**
3. **Accept Information on New Hires: Certificated**
4. **Accept Information on New Hires: Hourly**
5. **Warrants**

Consent Agenda approved MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

B.1 Appointment of Parent Representative to the North Santa Cruz County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee

Board President Sue Roth introduced Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Susan Walker recognized Sheryl Wobber, a dedicated member of CAC for ten years, who also facilitated budget advisory committees. Sheryl talked about the parent special education handbook, which had special education regulations up to October of 2005. After October 2005 the Federal Education Code was updated. Federal laws are now in line with the No Child Left Behind, and state regulations are being brought into alignment with federal laws. She explained that the handbook will be revised as the new laws become known. She explained that the Community Advisory Committee advises the SELPA governing board on issues that are parents' concerns. The SELPA governing board approves special education plans for the North County Santa Cruz area. The board appointed Melissa Duell as new parent representative.

MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

B.2 Acceptance of Information on the International Baccalaureate Program at Scotts Valley High School

Valerie Quandt, IB Coordinator, described the IB Diploma Programme. There are presently a total of thirty-nine junior and senior students from SVHS in the full IB Program. There are 202 students from SVHS taking one or more IB classes. The programs' teaching philosophy is TOK, Theory Of Knowledge. The objective is to teach students to be critical and analytical. Students who have IB exam scores above 4 (on a scale of 1-7) are able to obtain university credit in every subject offering. There are also a large number of scholarships given to IB students. Valerie introduced Sarah Chen who is a senior at SVHS. Sarah spoke to the Board about how the IB program has helped her.

Glenn Hines asked whether the program covered religion. Valerie explained that it does.

Jondi Gumz mentioned that the IB program was very helpful for her son when he went to college.

Board Member Joe Espinola asked how the Board or district could expose more kids to the IB program. Valerie answered that SVHS has an open enrollment. **Gregg Gunkel, principal of SVHS,** mentioned that the IB program draws students from outside of the district.

Suzy Quinn, a parent of a SVHS senior, thanked the district for the IB program for her child.

Holly Royaltey, a history teacher at SVHS, gave her perspective as a teacher who went to the training. The teaching is based on critical thinking and analysis. The IB component is what makes her more interested in teaching. Holly said that from a teaching perspective this program is fantastic.

ADMINISTRATION

C.1 Authorize Participation of the Scotts Valley Unified School District in the CALPASS (California Partnership for Achieving Student Success) Partnership

Dr. Silver explained that when a student leaves the school district, we would like to know how the student is doing. The CALPASS program will allow the district to track how the students are doing after they leave the district. Student privacy will be respected.

MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

C.2 Accept Information on the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation

Under the Williams Legislation, in the areas of health and safety, textbook availability and teacher qualifications, schools are to report any complaints against the school. The report shows no complaints were made this quarter.

C.3 Determine Whether to Nominate a Board Member (or Members) within the Geographical Region or Sub region for a Position on the CSBA Delegate Assembly

It was determined that since Board member Allison Niday is currently a Delegate, no new nomination would be made.

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

BUSINESS

D.1 Approval of Resolution 06-017 Regarding Accounting of Development Fees for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year

The district collected \$682,175.00 in developer fees and interest in 2004-05. The balance remaining in the fund (Fund 25 – Capital Facilities) was \$472,410.00. The district used these funds for the lease and site improvements of portable classrooms and on lease/purchase of a portable bathroom at the high school. The total expenditures were \$625,214.00.

MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

D.2 Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Niday/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications at this time.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla spoke about the 16 families adopted for Christmas by the high school. He mentioned the Winter Sports Rally. He also talked about the success of the high school's Winter Ball, which raised \$2500 dollars. Board member Allison Niday spoke about her attendance at the Delegate Assembly where she heard from a variety of education leaders and elected officials including Bruce McPherson, Jack O'Connell and Alan Bersin. The Delegate representatives also elected a new president, a president-elect and a new vice-president during the conference. Board member Marshall Wolf mentioned that during the conference he had gone to a session about teaching religion in schools and negotiations planning. He appreciated the training. Sue Roth mentioned she also appreciated getting the training. Nathan Scalla spoke about varsity football and volleyball playoffs.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- **Board Governance Workshop scheduled December 15, 2005**
- **Regular Board meeting scheduled January 10, 2006**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Marie Lund,
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

