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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 9, 2008

CLOSED SESSION: 6:15pm
DISTRICT OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM
4444 Scotts Valley Dr., 5B
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 6:17 p.m. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth and Jondi Gumz. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, and Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)) The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #08/09-1.

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Michael Shulman, Larry Beaman and Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick, Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel, Vine Hill Principal Kathy Dunton and Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Board President Allison Niday administered the oath of office to newly elected Board members Michael Shulman and Larry Beaman and reelected Board member Sue Roth.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))

The Board received and accepted the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #08/09-1.

MSP Roth/Gumz 3-0

PRESENTATION BY “NOTHING BUT TREBLE” HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Superintendent Susan Silver introduced Mr. Kent Kurrus and the high school chorus “Nothing But Treble” who entertained the Board and the audience with several musical renditions.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

Members of the Board Selected:

A. Officers

1. President: Sue Roth

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

Board member Larry Beaman nominated Jondi Gumz for President and Michael Shulman seconded but withdrew his support on the grounds that the Board President and Superintendent should have a good working relationship. Board President Allison Niday added that the Board President acts as the chief spokesperson for the district and since Ms. Gumz is employed by the Sentinel as a reporter there could be a conflict of interest. The Board voted 3-2 not to support Ms. Gumz as President.

2. Vice President: Jondi Gumz

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

3. Clerk: Michael Shulman

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

B. Superintendent as Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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

C. Reapproval of all current Board Policies and accompanying Administrative Regulations

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

Board member Michael Shulman suggested that the reapproval of current Board policies be done in June each year to accommodate any newly elected Board members to become familiar with the policies in advance.

D. Appointment of Scotts Valley Schools Financing Corporation Corporate Officers

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

1. President: Sue Roth
2. Vice President: Jondi Gumz
3. Clerk: Michael Shulman
4. Members: Allison Niday and Larry Beaman

E. Regular Board Meeting Schedule, Including Place and Time

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

MSP Shulman/Beaman (*amended to add tentative meeting in July) **5-0**

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

January 13, 2009	June 9, 2009
January 27, 2009	June 23, 2009 (tentative)
February 10, 2009	July 28, 2009 (tentative)*
February 24, 2009	August 11, 2009
March 10, 2009	September 8, 2009
March 24, 2009	September 22, 2009
April 14, 2009	October 13, 2009
April 28, 2009	October 27, 2009
May 12, 2009	November 17, 2009 (10 th holiday)
May 26, 2009	December 8, 2009

F. Board President's Appointments to Committees:

Scotts Valley City/Schools meets every other month. Appointed, **Jondi Gumz and Michael Shulman with Larry Beaman** as alternate.

Parks and Recreation meets the third Thursday of the month. Advisory non-voting capacity. Appointed, **Larry Beaman**

Health Advisory Committee (HAC). This committee was a requirement of the Wellness Legislation. Superintendent Silver explained this committee may no longer be required. Appointed, **Sue Roth**

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Appointed, **Allison Niday**.

Facilities Committee Appointed, **Jondi Gumz and Larry Beaman**.

Fiscal Advisory Committee Appointed, **Allison Niday and Sue Roth**.

Representative to elect members to County Committee on School District Organization Appointed, **Michael Shulman**

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0 (with the following amendments) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Amendments: Board Vice President requested agenda item A3 be moved to C5. Community member Wendy Brannan requested that agenda item A1 be moved to B3.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Silver is an interim representative to the Superintendency Council of ACSA which as a group is trying to approach legislators about the current budget. The group supports revenue increases, total flexibility for categorical funds for the next two years and a change from 66 2/3% to 55% for passage of a parcel tax. Superintendent Silver is also on the Board of the Association of Low Wealth Schools who are looking at proposals for equalization among school districts.
- Scotts Valley High School was recently audited on the way the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) is managed. Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau is commended for her management and passing of the audit. Good job Ms. Bariteau.
- The middle school is working on establishing a different schedule for the 2009-10 school year to accommodate intervention, foreign language, music, etc.

- At the recent CUE conference Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel and Director of Technology Shannon Calden gave a great presentation on what happens when a district tries to add two new software programs and install fiber optics all at the same time. They spoke from the heart and from experience.
- The district has begun working with a consultant from the County Office of Education to review our English Learner program and improve student achievement for our English Learner students.
- The district committees, Benefits, Fiscal Advisory, Facilities, Curriculum and Instruction, Promotion/Retention, Summer School, Health and Welfare and Safety and Emergency Preparedness continue to meet. Some are for employees only: community members interested in participating in Fiscal Advisory or Facilities should call the district office.

Shulman – rec notice of power outage – what was root cause – don’t know – will get back to you.

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 addressed the Board on various subjects including communication, district committees, requests for information and agenda items from previous Board meetings.

Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School Principal addressed the Board. He commended the performance by the high school chorus and announced the upcoming December 16th Holiday Concert which will feature the choir, band and fine arts display. The Holiday Assembly is scheduled for December 18th at 11:00am where students will present to students. Scotts Valley High School Instructional Assistant Mr. Rick Gladstone will be recognized by the California League of High Schools as an outstanding educator of 2008. Mr. Gunkel, who serves on the Board of the California League of High Schools, Santa Cruz County Superintendent Michael Watkins, Scotts Valley Unified School District Superintendent Susan Silver and many more educators will be in attendance at the ceremony to be held at Chaminade on December 11th. Mr. Gunkel expressed his privilege to work in the Scotts Valley Unified School District and acknowledged the challenges of conducting business for the Board.

Vic Marani, Member of County Board of Education addressed the Board with congratulations to new members and officers. He invited Board members to attend the County Board of Education swearing in on December 18 at 2:00pm. Mr. Marani suggested that Scotts Valley Unified School District consider televising their Board meetings.

Kathy Frandle, Brook Knoll Principal addressed the Board with the announcement that Brook Knoll and Vine Hill have been recognized as a California Honor Roll School for 2008 by the California Business for Education Excellence and Just for the Kids-California.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2008** (Moved to B3)
2. **Approve Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of November 24, 2008**
3. **Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District Section 403(b) Plan** (Moved to C5)
4. **Approve the Macs Lab, Inc. Contract for Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2009-10**
5. **Approve the Certificated Action Report**
6. **Approve Warrants**

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Approve Scotts Valley High School Choir to Attend the 2009 Heritage Music Festival, May 7-10 in Anaheim, California**MSP Gumz/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Music teacher Kent Kurrus gave a brief overview of the trip and answered questions for the Board. A certificated employee will be accompanying the group so no ADA will be lost. Board Vice President Gumz asked for a report after the trip.

2. Accept for Information Brook Knoll, Vine Hill, Scotts Valley Middle School and Scotts Valley High School Comprehensive School Safety Plans**MSP Shulman/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Silver explained that the sites have worked very hard on their Safety Plans to have them updated and complete early in the year. The Safety Plans will be brought back in January for Board approval. The Board commended the principals on their Safety Plans and asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 18, 2008 (Moved from A1)**MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item in relationship to an agenda item on the November 18, 2008 agenda.

Board member Allison Niday addressed Ms. Brannan's comments.

C. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Approve the 2008-09 First Interim Financial Report**MSP Gumz/Shulman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented the 2008-09 First Interim Financial Report. The Board is required to approve the budget before it's filed with the County Office of Education. Board members asked clarifying questions and were reminded that they may attend the monthly Fiscal Advisory Committee meetings to learn more about the budget.

2. Adopt the 2009-10 Budget Development Calendar**MSP Gumz/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained that the budget calendar gives the Board timelines involved in developing the budget which is due by June 30th. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Ann Codd addressed the Board for clarification regarding this agenda item.

3. Approve Resolution #09-012, the Report of Developer Fees**MSP Niday/Shulman Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained that developer fees were enacted to provide for construction or reconstruction of school facilities. The district is required to annually review and report the revenue and expenditures from developer fees. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Randy Johnson, Mayor of Scotts Valley addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Superintendent Silver and Board members addressed Mr. Johnson's comments.

***10:00 p.m.** (to extend the meeting for 15 minutes) **MSP Shuman/Gumz 5-0**
Student Advisory Vote: Aye

4. Approve Resolution #09-013 to Ensure that Certain Retirement Contributions Conform to IRS Revenue Ruling 2006-43**MSP Shulman/Niday Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained that CalPERS is in the process of building and installing a new business report system and is requiring all participating agencies to provide a copy of their resolutions.

5. **Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District Section 403(b) Plan** (Moved A3)

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

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained that due to regulatory changes effective January 1, 2009 all employers need to revise their 403(b) plan to reflect and operate in conformance with the Internal Revenue Code and relevant state regulations. The Board asked clarifying questions.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy said the high school would be holding their Winter Rally on December 12th and the Holiday Assembly on December 18th. The drama class will be performing at the Rally and should be fun.
- All Board members remarked on the CSBA conference and the workshops they attended. Board President Sue Roth mentioned the possibility of a Special Session for Board members to discuss and share information from the workshops they attended.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

January 13, 2009	May 26, 2009
January 27, 2009	June 9, 2009
February 10, 2009	June 23, 2009 (tentative)
February 17, 2009 Fiscal Forum	July 28, 2009 (tentative)
February 24, 2009	August 11, 2009
March 10, 2009	September 8, 2009
March 24, 2009	September 22, 2009
April 14, 2009	October 13, 2009
April 28, 2009	October 27, 2009
May 5, 2009 Communications Forum	November 17, 2009 (10 th holiday)
May 12, 2009	December 8, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **10:14 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees