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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 10, 2009

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

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at **7:02 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 Student Services Evelyn Clancy, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Scotts Valley Middle School Assistant Principal Tracey Bosso and Vine Hill Principal Kathy Dunton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

Board President Sue Roth pointed to a typo on agenda item C8. Barbara Tansy's range should be 25 instead of 30. Correction has been made and is posted as back-up on district web site.

MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0 (with above modification) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Susan Silver announced that the winners of The Scotts Valley Water District poster design contest for water conservation were all students of Emily Brandt's Graphics 2 class at Scotts Valley High School. The 1st place winner was Iggy Strbac, 2nd place was Jonathan Poore and 3rd place was Jack Fogelquist. Their posters will be printed in the Scotts Valley Banner and they will receive cash awards at the Scotts Valley Water District meeting on February 12th.
- The district along with Scotts Valley fire and police officers participated in an ICS (Incident Command System) training today. The ICS is part of the district and sites' Emergency Disaster Plan.
- The past several weeks the Board has reviewed and approved the job description for the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The Superintendent decided to appoint Vine Hill Principal Kathy Dunton to this position. Fifth grade teacher Michelle Stewart will step into the role of Interim Principal at Vine Hill. Ms. Dunton thanked the Board for their foresight in keeping the district moving forward and for giving her this opportunity. She read the letter she sent home to parents announcing her move. Ms. Stewart also thanked the Board for the opportunity. Board members welcomed Ms. Dunton and Stewart to their new positions and were enthusiastic about benefits to the district regarding these placements.

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 regarding the School Accountability Report Card and the Brown Act.

Kellie Finn addressed the Board regarding the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position.

Ann Codd SVEA President addressed the Board regarding teacher morale.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Receive Information About the State Fiscal Crisis and Its Effects on the Scotts Valley Unified School District

Superintendent Silver explained that at this time the state legislature has still not come to a resolution about the state fiscal crisis. Superintendent Silver and Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick have visited each school site to keep staffs informed of any information the district has obtained regarding the state budget. Ms. Silver shared with the Board the information being presented at the sites. Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained that the County Office of Education has directed districts to have three plans ready to implement when known budget cuts are decided by the state. Ms. Jelcick showed a chart depicting the various categorical programs, their cost and personnel attached to each.

2. Receive for First Reading the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Scotts Valley Middle School

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

Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart gave an in-depth presentation of the SVMS's Single Plan for Student Achievement which includes plans for a new daily schedule to be implemented next year. The purpose of the SPSA is to provide a structured means to improve student academic performance that has been approved by both the School Site Council and the Board. Board members commended Ms. Lonhart, Scotts Valley Middle School Assistant Principal Tracey Bosso and the middle school staff for their hard work on the SPSA and asked clarifying questions.

3. Approve Resolution Number 09-015 Advocating Prompt Action by the State Legislature to Resolve the State's Fiscal Crisis and Address Its Effects on Public Education

MSP Niday/Gumz Roll Call 4-1 (Opposed: Beaman) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

The Board discussed language of the resolution and the effect the resolution. The resolution was faxed and/or mailed to legislators and the Governor.

B. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Accept Information on the Enrollment Projections for the 2009-10 Budget

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained the process and the results of projected enrollment figures for the next four years. This information is used in the development of the district budget. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. **Accept Information on the Solar Electric Power Systems**

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented information and recommendations discussed at a recent meeting by the Superintendent, the CBO, the Director of Maintenance & Operations and a Board member. The recommendation was to not go forward with a contract for solar power at this time. The Board asked clarifying questions and requested more information regarding the habitat protection by the Department of Fish and Game.

Roger DeNault of Solar Technologies addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

C. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Silver

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

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 27, 2009**
2. **Adopt the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Vine Hill Elementary**
3. **Approve Part Two of the Consolidated Application for Fiscal Year 2008-09**
4. **Approve the Proposal to Provide a School Facilities Needs Analysis**
5. **Approve a Change Order for the Repair of the Multipurpose Room Floor at Scotts Valley High School**
6. **Approve the Surplus of Books and Materials**
7. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
8. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
9. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy said the high school is looking forward to the Open House Expo and BBQ on February 25th and the Battle of the Bands scheduled for February 27th in the student union at 7:00pm. CAHSEE testing was done this week. Coming up are sporting events and the mock trial. The marketing class is promoting a Green Campaign. Board Member Allison Niday asked that due to the late hour for a student the Board consider putting the Student Advisory member's comments earlier in the Board meeting.
- Board Member Larry Beaman enjoyed the CTA brunch and information shared.
- Board Member Allison Niday also attended the CTA brunch. She also extended an invitation to everyone to come to the Legislative Action Committee meeting on February 23rd at Brook Knoll Library at 6:00pm.
- Board Vice President Jondi Gumz commented on Mr. Salome's upcoming marriage and move to the Sacramento area. She also attended the CTA brunch and hoped to move forward on the Education Coalition discussed at the brunch. Ms. Gumz also attended Vine Hill's Science Fair and was very impressed. She held her first Meet the Constituents at Coffee Cat on Saturday.
- Board President Sue Roth will be attending the February 12th Webcast regarding policy and budget provided by the County Office of Education and encouraged other Board members to join her. Stuart Rosenstein from Queer Youth Association has requested a statement from the Board to be read at the group's awards ceremony in May at Scotts Valley High School. Ms. Roth will bring a draft statement to the next Board meeting for approval. Ms. Roth will also be attending a workshop on March 30 in Berkeley regarding policy brief on collective bargaining. She felt the dialog at the CTA brunch was incredible and was enthralled by the Vine Hill Science Fair. Ms. Roth, Ms. Gumz and Ms. Niday will be participating in IB Program self-evaluation. Ms. Gumz asked that the Board set a date for the Superintendent's mid year review of progress toward goals. Ms. Roth suggested that Ms. Gumz send her available dates to the Superintendent's Assistant to be coordinated between the Superintendent and all Board members.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Brown Act training (including Committees)
- Televised meetings
- Resolution to suspend pay to Legislators for late budget
- Green resolution for Earth Day

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **9:55 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees