

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2006**

**PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER**

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:00 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, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joseph Espinola, and Chuck Walker. Administration present were Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Susan Walker.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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 Wolf, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Susan Walker.

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)  
Early Retirement Positions**
  
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))  
Executive session of the public school employer or between the public school employer and its designated representative for the purpose of discussing its position regarding any matter within the scope of representation and instructing its designated representatives.**

**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. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joseph Espinola, Chuck Walker and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla. Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis; Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Susan Walker; Chief Business Official Pat Kelban; Accountant Liann Reyes; Kathy Frandle, Kathy Dunton, Gregg Gunkel and Mary Lonhart, Principals.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
No action taken.**
  
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
No action taken.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Silver announced that she will be mailing out letters to solicit volunteers for the Strategic Plan task forces. Dr. Silver described the task forces and encouraged anyone to join. Dr. Silver congratulated Accountant Liann Reyes, who is being accepted into a statewide program for training Chief Business Officials. It is a very difficult program to get into and Ms. Reyes was one of twenty-six from the state to be accepted. Dr. Silver announced the placement of a historical bell in the City Council Chambers. Dr. Silver introduced Tristan Carkeet, who volunteered his time to develop the new SVUSD website, which will be available February 24, 2006. Tristan did a presentation on the new website for the Board and the public.

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:**

**Tami Kittle, a teacher at SVHS**, showed the Board and public her income and expenses explaining how difficult it has been to live in this area on the salary she is receiving from the district now.

**Karen Babbit, a teacher at SVHS** discussed her expenses versus her income. Ms. Babbit mentioned the need to look for other jobs to help with her expenses, since the salary she receives from SVUSD does not cover them.

**Ann Codd, a teacher at Brook Knoll**, let the Board know how important good quality teachers are for the school district. She wanted to know how the teachers are being shown that they are being valued and appreciated.

**John Magliato, a teacher at SVMS**, was disconcerted that the second interim report was taken off of the agenda. He believes that teachers will need a better raise if the district wants to keep them.

**Kellie Finn, a teacher at Brook Knoll**, let the Board know she believes that if the Board wants to keep good teachers they will need to prioritize their decisions.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 24, 2006**
2. **Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement**
3. **Approve the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs**
4. **Approve the Certified Action Report of Employee Resignation**
5. **Approve the Certified Action Report of Employee Resignations, a New Hire and Unpaid Leave**
6. **Approve the Budget Actions from January 20, 2006 to January 31, 2006**
7. **Approve Warrants**

**AGENDA MODIFIED**

**Board president Sue Roth** pulled Item C.4, Approval of the Scotts Valley Unified School District's 2005-2006 Second Interim Report. It will be placed on a future Board agenda. Board Member Joseph Espinola

corrected the Minutes of the January 24, 2006 Board Meeting Closed Session to read: Readmission of Student 0405-1 Approved with Stipulations MSP Niday/Wolf 3-1.

**AGENDA APPROVED AS MODIFIED**

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

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**1. Accept Information on Proposed Summer School Program for SVUSD**

**Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Susan Walker** presented the K-5 program proposal for summer school interventions and special education. At the middle school there are only interventions. SVHS will have interventions and some classes for students who may be in danger of not passing, or prepared for, the high school exit exam. Vine Hill Elementary summer school dates are Tuesday 6/27/2006 through Wednesday 7/26/2006. MS Bridge summer classes and SVHS summer classes will be taking place Thursday 6/22/2006 through Thursday 7/27/2006. The program has one principal and two secretaries and it runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Jondi Gumz, a parent of a graduate from SVHS**, hoped that the SVHS will have help available in the summer to students who are struggling with math. Board Vice President Niday mentioned that the school can only offer summer school classes that have enough student enrollments. Ms. Walker explained that there are math classes available for students who need the extra help at the high school. Mary Lonhart mentioned that the middle school also offers a math class to students who want to improve or get ready for high school algebra.

**C. BUSINESS**

**1. Accept for Information the Letter from the Department of General Services Regarding the State Allocation Board Approval of an Apportionment for the District's Extreme Hardship Funding Application for the Replacement of the Scotts Valley Middle School Roof**

**Chief Business Official Pat Kelban** reported information from the State Allocation Board on funding for the middle school roof repairs. The district will need to complete the project within a year of filing for the funding. The state and district are each to pay \$103, 568.00. The state will provide up to \$471, 716 additional as an "extreme hardship" apportionment.

**2. Accept Information on SVUSD Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities Prepared by Total Compensation Systems, Inc. in Conjunction with Guidelines Established by GASB 43/45**

**Accountant Liann Reyes** presented a report on the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities. GASB 45 requires agencies to report their costs and obligations for post-employment healthcare and other post-employment benefits (OPEBs) or "retiree benefits." School Districts must disclose OPEBs as an expense and liability, and need to have actuarial valuations done to determine the unfunded liability for their financial statements. The initial fiscal year SVUSD will need to report the liability in its financial statements is 2008-09. This disclosure may have an affect on the district's ability to conduct future borrowing with a favorable bond rating.

3. **Accept Information on Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Review of the District's 2005-2006 First Interim Report**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained that SVUSD had received a letter from the SCCOE accepting the district's Positive Interim Report. The COE commended the district for recognizing and beginning to prepare for the effects of declining enrollment.

4. **Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District's 2005-2006 Second Interim Report**

This item was pulled.

5. **Approve the Payment of the 50% Health Benefits Savings for 2005-2006 to the Classified Bargaining Unit**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban mentioned that the 2004-05 negotiated agreement allowed for a change in healthcare providers resulting in a cost savings; 50% of this savings was to be returned to the employees and 50% was to remain with the district. The Classified employees agreed to have their portion put aside for the library clerks' salaries if needed. The Classified employees requested that the Board return the 50% savings to them since the district was able to pay the library clerks from Dollar-A-Day donation. Board members Joseph Espinola and Allison Niday thanked the Classified employees for their contribution.

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory was absent.

6. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory was absent.

D. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Accept for First Reading the Updated Job Descriptions for Attendance Secretary and School Registrar**

Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis explained that since both positions had grown because of added job criteria, new job descriptions were needed.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board member Marshall Wolf and Sue Roth talked about the two days in strategic planning and how well they went. Board President Sue Roth mentioned presentations that allowed the community to learn more about the district and its budget. Ms. Roth wanted to ensure that the public is made aware of the Task Force meetings that will be taking place. Principal of Brook Knoll, Kathy Frandle said it has been announced at PTA meetings and was put in newsletters. Joseph Espinola thanked Dr. Silver for how well the strategic planning sessions were organized and praised the skills of the facilitator Babs Kavanaugh. SVHS Principal Gregg Gunkel invited the Board to the SVHS Neil Simon comedy production this weekend. Mr. Gunkel mentioned that on February 22, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. is the Open House at SVHS. Allison Niday also mentioned that honor roll students at the middle school will be recognized February 23, 2006. Sue Roth displayed a brochure about partnerships with other school districts within our county, the result of work of a county wide Ad Hoc Committee.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

**The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings**

- February 28, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; March 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; March 28, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; April 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; May 9, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; May 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; June 13, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; July 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; August 15, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; August 29, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; September 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; September 26, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; October 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; October 24, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; November 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; December 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

**Strategic Planning Sessions**

- Strategic Planning Session May 5, 2006 at 8:45 a.m. at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

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Marie Lund,  
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By

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Chuck Walker,  
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

