

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 28, 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, and Joseph Espinola. Chuck Walker was absent. Administration present was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

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, and Joseph Espinola. Chuck Walker arrived at 6:20 p.m. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

A. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006

B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006

C. 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 Susan Silver 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 7:07 p.m. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joe Espinola, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla. Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Principals Kathy Dunton, Kathy Frandle, Mary Lonhart, and Gregg Gunkel; District Food Service Manager Amy Hedrick; Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis; Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, and Accountant Liann Reyes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

A. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Approval of Valerie Quandt appointed as Summer School Principal.
MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0. (Walker absent)

Denial of one request from an elementary school teacher to return from leave at the end of Family Medical Leave Act in May for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year. MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0.
(Walker absent)

B. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Chief Business Official Patricia Kelban, effective April 9, 2006. MSP Espinola/Niday 5-0. (Walker present)

The board named the District Accountant, Liann Reyes, to the position of Director of Business Services, effective April 10, 2006. Ms. Kelban has agreed to stay on in a temporary, approximately half time hourly basis, while Ms. Reyes trains and transitions into this new role. MSP Espinola/Wolf 5-0.

C. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))

No action taken.

SET THE AGENDA:

A request was made to modify the agenda as stated by moving item C.1 Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District's 2005-2006 Second Interim Report to follow item B.1. Approve Participation in the Early Retirement Program for Two Certificated Employees for the 2006-2007 School Year. MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Silver was saddened by the retirement of Ms. Pat Kelban, as she has brought stability to the District. However, Dr. Silver was also pleased with how it has worked out for both Ms. Kelban and Ms. Reyes, and reminded the audience of Ms. Reyes recent acceptance to attend the Chief Business Officials training program. The original Scotts Valley Unified School District historical bell is now on display in the City Council Chambers. This evening, Ms. Marian Pokrietz of the Historical Society was asked to return and share a brief history about the school district and the bell. One of our district employees for over 30 years, Jerry Cacace, had the bell hidden away, and expressed gratitude that it was no longer in his custody and was now on display in a safe place. Ms. Rachel Dusa, former student, was instrumental in painting the District seal on the wooden display for the bell. There was a request to clang the bell, and Mr. Cacace and Ms. Dusa obliged.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC-ORAL Limit to 15 minutes:

Jane Hoffman, Vine Hill Teacher: Ms. Hoffman encouraged the board to please consider the importance of a living wage for our teachers.

Wendy Brannan, Community Member: Ms. Brannan believes there is room for improvement in how we conduct our meetings, record our minutes, and make records available to the public.

Becky McDermott, Brook Knoll Teacher: Ms. McDermott asked for a cost of living increase in order to live, and stressed the need for a competitive pay scale in order to keep our outstanding teachers.

Vicky Powers, Scotts Valley Middle School Teacher: Ms. Powers reminded everyone that last year was the first year a 1% was given in a couple of years. The 1% this year was to be a starting point for negotiations. She feels cuts should be made at the district office if needed to support pay increases for teachers.

MaryAnn Dominguez, Vine Hill Teacher: Ms. Dominguez shared research demonstrating that the most important factor in student achievement is quality teachers. Every teacher wants the salary schedule to reflect appreciation for the quality teachers in this district.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2006
2. Approve Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of February 3 and 4, 2006
3. Approve the Updated Job Descriptions for Attendance Secretary and School Registrar

4. Approve Brook Knoll's Fourth Grade Overnight Field Trips to Coloma and Sacramento
5. Approve the Surplus of Four Vehicles
6. Approve Warrants

The consent agenda was approved as stated. MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve participation in the Early Retirement Program for Two Certificated Employees for the 2006-07 School Year

Dr. Silver reported that we have two requests this year for early retirement; one from Bob Hagopian and the other from Linda Knectel. Mr. Hagopian's project will be that of teacher/mentor/coach in the History content area. He will look at new adoptions and curriculum, and will work to implement these items as well as support new teachers. This will further our K-12 unification process across the District. Ms. Linda Knectel will be assisting with SOAR and Web Days, STAR testing, makeups, ELL, and facilitating IEPs to help bridge the gap between the teachers and the IEP.

MSP: Niday/Wolf 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Board Vice President Niday thanked Mr. Hagopian for getting her involved, as his student, with the Dolphin Splash, as her interest in journalism continued at Harbor High, and even through her current business.

Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart stated that she started with the district in Special Education and was nurtured by Linda Knectel, and then knew Mr. Hagopian first as a colleague, and now in her roll as principal. She knows that the middle school won't be the same without them, and thanked them both from the bottom of her heart.

C. BUSINESS

1. Approve the SVUSD 2005-06 Second Interim Report

Item C1 was moved up on the agenda. Dr. Silver reminded the audience of our low wealth status. The 2nd Interim Report was pulled from the board meeting two weeks ago in order to make adjustments in health and welfare assumptions, Special Education, and New Teacher Project revenues. Dr. Silver explained that the 2nd Interim Report and multi-year projection include costs for Class Size Reduction, Counseling, and Assistant Principals in the General Fund without the need for layoffs. While this final decision has not been made, the 2nd Interim Report was prepared with this in mind.

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban used overheads and discussed in detail the 2nd Interim Report, a full copy of which is included in the board packet. We will certify positive for the 2nd Interim reporting period, following our 1st Interim positive certification. The 2nd Interim also includes an analysis of all funds, which must be in a positive cash flow position and have a positive ending balance.

Fund 13-Cafeteria Fund has a new program this year, which is doing well, and projects to have a positive ending balance.

Fund 21-Building Fund is where our Certificates of Participation are being paid. We have expected State funding to cover this cost, and are working for additional OPSC dollars from the State.

Fund 25-Capital Facilities Fund is where we deposit developer fees, and this fund pays for our leased portables.

Fund 40-Special Reserve Capital Outlay has money donated from the Falcon Club earmarked for stadium and field development. Our lawsuit settlement dollars are also on deposit in Fund 40.

Fund 01-General Fund has both the unrestricted and restricted parts. We are a low wealth district, and according to the 0304 Revenue Limit list provided by School Services, we are located on the last page, tenth from the bottom. We are also experiencing declining enrollment and are currently at 2744 Average Daily Attendance. A review of Fund 01 shows encroachments of \$2.1 million; the Multi Year Projection was also reviewed.

MSP Niday/Walker 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Mr. Magliato had questions regarding the assumptions for 2007-2008 COLA, and why, in a year of dropping enrollment, no pink slips are being issued. Dr. Silver responded that the early interim report and multi-year projection enabled us to feel confident that no layoffs of permanent staff will be needed.

B. ADMINISTRATION (continued)

2. Accept Information on the Falcon Club's Proposal for Developing an All-Weather Track and Field Facility at SVHS

Neil Frost, President of Falcon Club, gave an overview of the goals and achievements of the Scotts Valley High School sports program. Louie Walters, Athletic Director, spoke about our prior athletes and some of the colleges they now attend. Student athletes Briana Wright and Hailey Huxtable spoke about poor track and field conditions and the resulting injuries student athletes have had. With an all-weather track, the school could host meets. Art Munoz, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, spoke to the success of the program, and how sports kept him out of trouble, and how it keeps kids occupied. The team made CCS finals, but had to practice on the courts just before the big game because field conditions were too dangerous.

Neil Frost summarized by stating how the sports program has grown from 23 teams in 2002 to 42 teams next year. He presented a \$32,000 check for fall sports stipends. In addition, he formally requested that a previous deposit for the stadium be returned to the Falcon Club so they may move forward with their plans to get a stadium design package started.

He also requested that the District, to enable the Falcon Club to use their funds for their capital facility plans, reassume the High School coaching stipends.

3. Approve Recommendation that the Board of Trustees Vote for a Delegate to the 2006 CSBA Delegate Assembly

Board Vice President Niday suggested the District support Barney Brickmont. MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

4. Approve the Request to Transfer Properties Located at 145 Old Graham Hill Rd., APN 060-201-47 and APN 060-201-20 from the Santa Cruz City School District to the Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Espinola/Walker 5-0, Student Advsiory Vote: Aye

5. Accept for First Reading the CSBA Recommended Policy and Administrative Regulations 1312.3, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures and Administrative Regulation and Complaint Form AR/E 1312.4

Dr. Silver spoke regarding the policy and procedures required in order to be in compliance with the Williams legislation. The language presented is in accordance with CSDA recommendations.

D. PERSONNEL

1. Accept for Second Reading the Updated Job Descriptions for Scotts Valley Unified School District Counselors

These job descriptions have now been reviewed by the principal and SVEA. The final draft had no significant changes in content. MSP Niday/Espinola 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Student Advisory Member, Nathan Scalla, reported on the staff versus student basketball games, citing the boys' varsity won their first game of year. The girls' varsity lost due to injury, and the boys' JV beat the girls JV. Mr. Scalla participated in the task force meeting on Student Achievement and STAR Test participation. He also reported that the high school had five or six wrestlers make it to CCS, and one is going on to State, Dustin Black.

Board Vice President Niday reported that next Wednesday will be the STAR test information meeting and the community outreach committee will also meet.

Board Member Wolf reported on the Finance Task Force meeting, and that the discussion centered on how to get more money. The next meeting will cover how to best use the resources we have. Mr. Wolf attended the high school Open House, and noted good attendance at this event. He also attended the CCS Finals for the girls' soccer team at Valley Christian.

Board Member Espinola went to the Fund Raising auction for Brook Knoll, and noted what a great group the PTA is. He felt they would earn what they did last year. Mr. Espinola attended the Parks and Recreation five-year plan meeting. There was much discussion about the Polo Ranch and what's happening with it. He also attended the Facilities Task Force meeting last night, which was a good meeting. The group is large, but is well focused. He closed by making note of the Vine Hill auction scheduled for April 1st.

Board Member Walker participated on the Human Resource Task Force, which looks to the development of all personnel.

Board President Roth reported her attendance at all task force meetings, except for the financial one. She is encouraged by the enthusiasm and interest from both community and staff members to produce a document to determine our direction. She stated that the entire plan will be presented in May.

Principal Kathy Frandle reported the passing of Mr. Ken Dye, retired Scotts Valley Middle School History teacher.

Principal Gregg Gunkel reported that the next day was a minimum day due to WASC accreditation. The accreditation work would be good for a term of up to six years.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will be begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and will be held on the following dates:

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| ☛ March 14, 2006 | ☛ August 29, 2006 |
| ☛ March 28, 2006 | ☛ September 12, 2006 |
| ☛ April 25, 2006 | ☛ September 26, 2006 |
| ☛ May 9, 2006 | ☛ October 10, 2006 |
| ☛ May 23, 2006 | ☛ October 24, 2006 |
| ☛ June 13, 2006 | ☛ November 14, 2006 |
| ☛ July 11, 2006 | ☛ December 12, 2006 |
| ☛ August 15, 2006 | |

Strategic Planning Sessions

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Liann Reyes
Accountant

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker
Clerk to the Board of Trustees