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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting February 28, 2012

CLOSED SESSION: 5:30pm
PUBLIC SESSION: 6:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, Michael Shulman, John Abel and Sue Roth. **Absent:** Larry Beaman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:30 p.m.

- A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)** Case # 2012-102
- C. CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. **Board Members present:** Art Bubb, Sue Roth, Michael Shulman and John Abel. **Absent:** Board President Larry Beaman and Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski. **Administration present:** Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Chief Business Official Vickie Clark, Director of Business Services Rudolph Ramirez and Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

- A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
Board Vice President Art Bubb reported the Board received collective bargaining information.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case # 2012-102**
Board Vice President Art Bubb reported the Board voted to accept administration’s recommendation.
- C. CONSIDERATION THE EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**
Board Vice President Art Bubb reported the Board voted to release 3.2 FTE certificated temporary positions.

SET THE AGENDA

Board Member Shulman requested agenda item E2 be pulled and moved to C2 for discussion.

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0 (with above modification)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver welcomed three members from Boy Scouts of America Troop 604. Alex Benko, Sean Kennedy and Alec Bobbitt, SVHS students, all have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Ms. Weaver and Board Vice President Art Bubb, on behalf of the Board and District, joined in presenting certificates of achievement and expressing the district’s pride and recognition of their contributions to the community. Alex, Sean and Alec each briefly explained their individual projects to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Superintendent Weaver said the district’s work this month has been focused on monitoring our program implementation, planning for budget development and programs for 2012-13 and participating in a variety of professional development activities.
- Superintendent Weaver and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton participated in the CISC Leadership Symposium held at Asilomar on Thursday and Friday last week.
- Superintendent Weaver along with Board Member Michael Shulman attended the S4C (Santa Cruz County College Commitment) dinner session last Friday evening at Cabrillo College.
- Superintendent Weaver gave a brief rundown of the standings of the district’s sports teams.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER’S REPORT

SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau reminded everyone that the SVHS Expo and Open House will be held tomorrow night with information being presented by students and staff in a trade show style.

SCZCSBA REPORT

Board Member Sue Roth said the next meeting of SCZCSBA will be held next week at Mountain School. SVEF met last Thursday and voted to support the district’s education parcel tax measure. Superintendent Weaver attended the meeting and presented updated information on the budget. The Mt. Charlie Bike Challenge is coming up in May and proceeds are encouraging at this point. They have added a 100 mile race and community activities for parents and children. SVEF is publishing their first Annual Report soon.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Mike Hanson explained that SVEA members were concerned with the RIF notices that would be issued pending approval of resolutions contained in the agenda for tonight’s meeting. He went on to say that SVEA members understand that the district must prepare for worst case scenario but are wondering if the reductions are spread equally across all levels and promised to work closely with the district.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding Board policies and the IB program in another district.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATION SERVICES

Dunton

1. **Approve the Update to Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5111 Admission to Reflect Amendments to Education Code 48000 and 48010**

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton reminded the Board that the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation were brought for First Reading on February 7, 2012. It is now ready for approval which will bring our policy into line with education code for the entry dates for kindergarten and first grade.

Superintendent Weaver took a moment to introduce and welcome newly hired Director of Business Services Rudolph Ramirez.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Receive an Information Report Regarding the District's Progress with Identifying any Structural Barriers and Development of a Plan to Enhance and Achieve ADA Compliance District Wide**

Superintendent Penny Weaver gave a brief overview of the work the district has been engaged in including contracting with Disability Access Consultants for the inspection of three school sites and the district office. Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin has been appointed Access Coordinator and will serve as the contact person for parents and the community requesting information. Superintendent Weaver introduced Barbara Thorpe, President of DAC who presented information regarding the site inspections as well as next steps in the transition/barrier removal planning process. Board Members asked clarifying questions. **Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. **Approve August 29, 2012 as the First Day of Instruction for the 2012-13 School Year**

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Penny Weaver requested the approval of August 29, 2012 as the first day of instruction for the 2012-13 school year so that parents and staff can be informed for planning purposes. As the district completes remaining items on the 2012-13 student calendar it will be brought to the Board for approval.

3. **Approve Courses Submitted for Implementation at SVHS Commencing the 2012-13 School Year**

MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Penny Weaver announced that, with Board approval, SVHS will be offering some exciting new courses for the 2012-13 school year. SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau and English teacher Ann Brooke-Freeman explained the new course offerings and the process used, including student input, in selecting these courses. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

4. **Vote for a Delegate to the 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly**

MSP Roth/Shulman Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Weaver informed the Board that Cynthia Hawthorne is interested in the current vacancy to the 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly. Board Member Sue Roth added that Ms. Hawthorne is currently the Board President in SCCS, a true advocate for students and their education and nominated her for the position to the 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly.

C. BUSINESS

Clark

1. **Approve Resolution Number 12-019 Authorizing District Employees to Sign Payroll and Vendor Warrant Orders and Other District Documents**

MSP Shulman/Abel Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark explained that this resolution amends the January 2012 resolution due to the hiring of a Director of Business Services. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

2. **Approve the Proposal Dated February 13, 2012 From California Property Record Systems for the Bi-Annual Asset Inventory** (moved from E2)

MSP Abel/Roth Vote: 3-1 (Shulman vote no)

Board Member Michael Shulman requested discussion regarding the contract with California Property Record Systems for the bi-annual asset inventory required to comply with GASB 34. Board discussion included costs incurred versus value, possible deferral of the inventory and consequences of this action. Board Members asked clarifying questions and staff responded appropriately.

D. PERSONNEL

Lewis

1. **Approve the Board Resolution Number 12-020, which Directs the Superintendent to Reduce or Eliminate Certain Certificated Services**

MSP Abel/Shulman Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that it was with great regret and a heavy heart that the district brings this and the following resolutions to the Board. The district has identified a shortfall of approximately \$870,000 for the 2012-13 school year. The district must plan for *worst case* scenario but are prepared to adjust the budget as information is received regarding the state budget, the education parcel tax measure and the Governor's tax initiative. This resolution allows the district to meet the notification deadline of March 15th for certificated employees. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

Ann Codd and **John Magliato** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. **Approve the Board Resolution Number 12-021, which Directs the Superintendent to Reduce or Eliminate Certain Classified Services**

MSP Shulman/Roth Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that this resolution will reduce the library clerk positions at all sites. Currently the library clerk positions are funded through the generous donation from SVEF. The district is required to reduce these positions until there is a known funding resource. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

3. **Approve the Board Resolution Number 12-022 Skipping Criteria**

MSP Shulman/Roth Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that Resolution #12-022 rescinds and supersedes Resolution #12-018, adopted by the Board on February 7, 2012. Staff determined it necessary to modify the skipping criteria listed on Resolution #12-018 due to the need to reduce additional particular kinds of services provided by certificated employee as indicated in Resolution #12-020. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Board Member Shulman requested agenda item E2 be moved to C2 for discussion)

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 7, 2012**
2. **Approve the Proposal Dated February 13, 2012 From California Property Record Systems for the Bi-Annual Asset Inventory** (moved to C2)
3. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
4. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
5. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Michael Shulman said he and his son attended the Mock Trial event and due to not knowing which courtroom SVHS was assigned, ended up watching the debate between Soquel and Harbor High Schools. He said his son was very impressed by the drama of the trial and hopes to see SVHS next year.
- Board Vice President Art Bubb attended the staff and parent meetings held at Brook Knoll to receive input as to the desired qualities for applicants for the position of Brook Knoll Principal. Staff members were very open and candid; however, not many parents attended for that portion of the meeting. Mr. Bubb concluded that parents must be happy with who is in place.
- SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau reminded everyone that this Friday is Art Night at the high school and encouraged Board and community members to attend. “You will be so impressed.”

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **7:50 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees