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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting February 9, 2010

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

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 6:04 p.m. **Board Members present:** Michael Shulman, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng.

Administration present: Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel and Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: arrived late

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The district held a very good community meeting on February 2nd for budget discussion. Brian Ruf, a parent from Brook Knoll School, along with PTA Chairpersons spread the word and encouraged attendance at the budget meeting. Approximately 100 people attended so it was a very good turnout. This is the first of many meetings we hope to hold regarding the fiscal situation of the state and its affect on our district budget. Superintendent Silver thanked Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick for the excellent presentation of a very complicated subject. She also thanked Board Member Allison Niday and Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle for being there on behalf of the Legislative Action Committee and responding to questions.
- The new buzz word in education is 21st Century Skills. At the Superintendent Conference a few weeks ago information was shared from company surveys which asked what skills employers look for in new hires. Besides the three "Rs" employers responded with what they are calling the four "Cs" which are critical thinking & problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation. Superintendent Silver shared the information with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton only to learn she was already working with the teachers on these skills.
- Superintendent Silver attended a student concert at the high school last Friday night which was part of the IB Program community service requirement. The musical performance will benefit the Haitian victims of the recent earthquake.
- Happy Valentine's Day to the Board with valentine cookies compliments of Amy Hedrick, Food Service Supervisor.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng announced that the student government class would be hosting a teacher's luncheon tomorrow to show appreciation. Students at the high school are collecting funds for Haiti which accomplishes their student government final project of helping your community or the world. The Winter Concert raised over \$1,000 for Haiti. The Fashion Show last Saturday raised funds for the Invisible Children Project. There will be a Jamba Juice fundraiser tomorrow and Battle of the Bands is coming up.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Vice President Allison Niday announced that SVMS Counselor Lynn Beebe is currently being inducted to the Soquel High School Hall of Fame. Her jersey number will be retired. Congratulations to Ms. Beebe. Every two years CSBA revises their policy platform. It is a very interesting process and the policies are used by CSBA to guide them in everything they do including support or opposition of legislation. Board members can view the policy platform online and Boards as a group or individual Board members may submit suggestions. The deadline is March 31st.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding editorials in the newspaper relating to the Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting.

Derek Timm addressed the Board regarding last week's Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting and offered his expertise in marketing.

Danielle Winters addressed the Board regarding support of a parcel tax measure to avoid further cuts in education.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton

1. Receive for First Reading Recommended K-5 Textbook Adoption for Math

MSP Roth/Niday 4-1 Gumz opposed Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton explained the procedure, which began in the 2008-09 school year, and culminated with the piloting of selected publishers from February through May 2009 and again from September through November 2009. The recommended text is Houghton Mifflin California Math 2009. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding ongoing expense for consumables in future years and possible copyright laws regarding reproducing workbooks. Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle reminded the Board that copy equipment at the sites is old and may not be able to handle the volume of copies and the lack of manpower to do the job. The Board thanked Ms. Dunton and the K-5 teachers for the lengthy time dedicated to the process. Board Member JondiGumz inquired about Singapore Math and why it was not piloted. Ms. Dunton explained that Singapore Math was perused but not selected by the Math Adoption Committee as a pilot text for various reasons. Ms. Gumz stated she would not be able to support the selection made by the committee. *The presentation has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Continue Discussion of the Report Presented by the District's Facilities Committee

Board President Michael Shulman opened the continuing discussion of the District's Facilities Committee by suggesting the creation of a fact sheet that may be distributed by Board members at any gatherings they attend. Board discussion included obtaining information regarding a parcel tax versus a bond initiative, and statistics and costs pertaining to an election with mail-in ballots. Board Member Jondi Gumz reminded the Board that if there is opposition it will be difficult to pass either. Board Vice President Allison Niday clarified a statement made by Superintendent Silver at last week's Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting regarding not using parcel tax funds for teacher salaries. Ms. Niday went on to explain that using parcel tax funds to save student programs saves jobs thus affecting teacher salaries but an increase on the salary schedule dependent on parcel tax funds can not be removed when the parcel tax ends. Board members discussed ways to contact different segments of the community to bring people together for discussion in casual settings. Board member Sue Roth implored all Board members to do lots of listening and let community members express their ideas regarding what they feel are the priorities of the district.

Wendy Brannan, Derek Timm and Kelly McHenry addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. Vote for a Delegate to the 2010 CSBA Delegate Assembly

MSP Roth/Beaman 5-0 (Nominated: Bernard Bricmont & Rachel Dewey Thorsett)

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Board members discussed the four candidates running for two vacancies in Region 9-A, in which SVUSD lies.

C. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Accept Information on the Enrollment Projections for the 2010-11 Budget

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick provided information showing both the results and methodology used to determine enrollment projections for the next three years which is a key assumption in developing the District Budget for the ensuing fiscal year. *The presentation has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

D. PERSONNEL

Lewis

1. Approve the Board Resolution #10-016 Determination of Seniority Among Certificated Employees with the Same Seniority Date ("Tie-Breaker Resoluion")

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

Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis gave a detailed presentation of the criteria used in determining the order of termination and subsequent reinstatement of certificated employees who have the same seniority date if staffing reductions become necessary to balance the budget. *The presentation has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

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

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2010

2. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Brook Knoll Elementary

3. Approve Part Two of the Consolidated Application for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

4. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Owner/Architect Agreement Between the District and HMC Architects for Site Accessibility Repairs and Miscellaneous Closeout Work

5. Approve the Certificated Action Report

6. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Sue Roth shared some statistical information from a book on food service programs. An example was one million seconds equals eleven and one-half days.
- Board Member Jondi Gumz attended the fundraiser concert at the high school and several basketball games. She also attended the Fiscal Advisory Committee meeting on February 2, 2010 and was pleased with the turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting at **8:55 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Larry Beaman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees