

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 24, 2006**

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order 6:10 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 Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent, and Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:10 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 was absent. Also in attendance was Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent and Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

A. Consideration of Readmission of Expelled Students (EC 48916, EC 48912)

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 7:06 p.m. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joe Espinola, and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla. Chuck Walker was absent. Administration present: Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent; Carolyn Lewis, Personnel Services Administrator; Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Pat Kelban, Chief Business Official; Liann Reyes, Accountant; Kathy Frandle, Gregg Gunkel, Kathy Dunton and Mary Lonhart, Principals.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth reported that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss:

A. Consideration of Readmission of Expelled Students (EC 48916, EC 48912)

Readmission of Student Approved with stipulations 0506-2 MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0

Readmission of Student Approved with stipulations 0405-1 MSP Niday/Wolf 3-1

AGENDA APPROVED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Susan Silver, Superintendent, mentioned she has been in Monterey at the Superintendents' Symposium including today's workshop for new superintendents. The symposium's surprise guest speaker on Friday will be Arnold Schwarzenegger. Rob Reiner is also expected to speak.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

A.1 Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2006

A.2 Approve Contract for American Eagle Enterprises for Refurbishing of the High School Bleachers

A.3 Approve Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

A.4 Approve Modifications to Number of Instructional Minutes at SVHS for the 2005-06 School Year

A.5 Approve the Certified Action Report

A.6 Approve Warrants

MSP NIDAY/WOLF 4-0. Student advisory voted yes.

BUSINESS

B.1 Accept Information on the Governor's Budget

Superintendent Susan Silver mentioned that she had written a letter that summarized a few of the things that will be in the presentation. The letter will be in school newsletters and on the new web site.

Dr. Silver and Ms. Kelban had gone to the School Services of California meeting on Friday, January 13th. School Services put the budget in the state context before going into the specifics for the funding in California. The positive aspect of the budget proposal is that it will fund COLA at 5.18 to 5.8 percent for the General Fund and Categoricals. The proposed budget has funding for growth in enrollment; however, SVUSD is now declining in enrollment. **Dr. Silver explained that SVUSD is considered a Low Wealth School District because the funding that the district receives for each student is well below the state average.** The governor is proposing to put more money into mandated cost reimbursement, which will still not be enough to meet the state's commitment from previous years. The state deficit will have an impact on the school districts. Additional considerations for how SVUSD will be negatively affected in 2006-07 will be decline of enrollment of 106 ADA (\$500,000), rising costs of health benefits, employee raises, intervention programs, elimination of \$480,000 Dollar-A-Day funding, and continuing pressure to build capacity for student achievement.

CBO Pat Kelban mentioned that Special Education will get the 5.18% COLA only on the state portion of Special Education funding. She reminded everyone that this is only an estimate at this time. SVUSD COLA is \$269.00 per ADA. The Governor proposes an estimated equalization aid of \$53.69 per ADA according to School Services of California. The impact of declining enrollment reduces the revenue limit

from the calculated 5.698% to only 2.842%. Because of declining enrollment we must be prepared for a decrease of revenue limit funding.

Board Vice President, Allison Niday mentioned that the Board should sit down with their legislative action group along with Susan Silver to figure out what it is the Board should be lobbying for. Ms. Roth talked about the Board having budget workshops and the strategic planning committee which will hopefully help to clarify priorities.

John Magliato from SVMS appreciated the budget presentation. He knows this district has been very conservative. The deficit seems to be the same as what it was in the past. Mr. Magliato's belief is that teachers are leaving because of the cost of living versus what they are getting paid.

B.2 Approve Budget Actions from November 1, 2005 to January 19, 2006

Pat Kelban, CBO talked about the budget action form included in the packet. Ms. Kelban went over column B, which is defined as the Board Approved Operating Budget. She mentioned that there will be more information available at the Board meeting February 14th. The projected ending balance as of June 30 is \$553,537.

MSP Wolf/Niday 4-0. Student advisory was absent.

B.3 Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Wolf/Espinola 4-0. Student advisory was absent.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

C.1 Approve Single School Plans for Student Achievement

Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Education Services, had distributed to the Board the Single School Plan for Student Achievement packets from SVMS, Brook Knoll, and Vine Hill Elementary. Ms. Walker explained that school plans are required for schools that receive categorical funds, particularly school improvement funds. Even though the high school does not receive School Improvement funds, it does have a planning group and they do go through approximately the same process. Ms. Walker pointed out that there is still incredible pressure to maintain and increase the district's level of student achievement.

ADMINISTRATION

D.1 Accept for Second Reading Draft of Board Policy 1325, Advertising and Promotion

Susan Silver reminded the Board about Kim McCarthy's concern regarding need for principal approval of advertising in student publications and agreed on recommended wording for the Policy. Ms. McCarthy spoke with the high school Principal Gregg Gunkel. The journalism teacher would be deemed "designee" for approval purposes. The Board approved the Policy with the recommended changes.

MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0 with recommended changes. Student Advisory was absent.

D.2 Approval of District Openers for SVEA Negotiations

Board Vice President Allison Niday mentioned that at the last Board meeting there was a conversation on adopting a new approach to negotiations that would focus on the core values of the district, what those core values translate into and how the district will function. Ms. Niday read the core values. **Ms. Niday** pointed out that Article 22 and Article 8 are included in core value number one. Article 12 is in core value number three. Ms. Niday informed SVEA that the district and the Board would not know what the real budget is until May 2006 or later. She said it would be better to be conservative now than try to backtrack later.

Ann Codd from Brook Knoll said that after listening to what was being talked about she was puzzled by the terms. Board member Joe Espinola explained the core values and their relationship to the Articles.

Ms. Niday stated that she and Sue Roth sat in as observers at a preliminary session with management and SVEA negotiating teams. To build the conversations around the values we hold as a district will keep us focused on the bigger picture.

MSP Wolf/Niday 4-0. Student Advisory was absent.

D.3 Accept Information on the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation

Susan Silver stated that Williams legislation requires quarterly reports of any complaints received. Again this quarter, there were no complaints received.

PERSONNEL

E.1 Accept for First Reading the Job Descriptions for Scotts Valley Unified School District Counselors

Carolyn Lewis, Personnel Services Administrator, explained that the district did not have a job description for the high school counselor. Susan Silver, Susan Walker and Carolyn Lewis worked together and created a new description for the high school counselor and also updated/created a description for the counselor of the middle school and the elementary school. Ms. Niday inquired whether or not this job description had been reviewed by the site administrators.

Board member Marshall Wolf requested that the school sites, counselors, and SVEA representatives look over the job descriptions and bring any comments they may have to the Second Reading.

Lynn Bebe, counselor, at the SVMS suggested that the descriptions be as uniform as possible.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Niday stated that she and Susan Silver went to the Joint City-School Committee meeting. Mr. Wolf mentioned he had been present at the Education Foundation meeting, that the total received to date from Dollar-A-Day was \$30,000, which had been donated by fifty people. Mr. Wolf mentioned there is carryover of \$60,000 from last year. They anticipate \$25,000 from the bike ride and \$20,000 from the ice cream socials. **Board member Joe Espinola** attended the Parks and Recreation planning meeting. He mentioned there is a proposal for a new development and plans for some other downtown units which should hopefully make housing more affordable and attract more families. Susan Walker announced that Lisa Jacobs, the Resource Specialist at Brook Knoll, is being recognized as Educator of the Year by The Balance Group.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings

- February 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m.; 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.
- **Governance Team Workshop January 31, 2006, 5:00 p.m.**

Strategic Planning Sessions

- February 3rd and 4th at 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Marie Lund,
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

