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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting January 24, 2012

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

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 5:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman and Sue Roth. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 p.m.

- A. **CONSIDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)** Interim Principal
- B. **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.
- C. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)** Superintendent mid-year evaluation

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 6:02 p.m. **Board Members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, Sue Roth, John Abel, Michael Shulman 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, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Phil Menchaca and Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart.

Board President Larry Beaman requested a moment of silence in memory of Scotts Valley Middle School teacher and counselor Lynn Beebe. Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart eulogized Lynn and her service to the district and dedication to the students and community of Scotts Valley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

- A. CONSIDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)** Interim Principal Board President Larry Beaman announced the Board voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation by Superintendent Weaver. In respect to all employees the announcement will be held until all parties can be notified.
- B. 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 President Beaman said the Board discussed potential negotiations and directed staff to prepare a proposal.
- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)** Superintendent mid-year evaluation
Board President Beaman said the Board began the mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

SET THE AGENDA

Board member John Abel requested corrections to D1 changing the word Ritz to Ritt. Board President Beaman requested the updated fiscal impact on D4 to read \$40,728.

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 5-0 (with the above corrections) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said that she along with Chief Business Official Vickie Clark and SVMS teacher and lead negotiator for SVEA John Magliato attended the Governor's Budget workshop in Sacramento on January 17th. Information from that workshop will be reported by Chief Business Official Clark during agenda item B2.
- Superintendent Weaver, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart had an excellent visit with SVMS math classes. They were able to observe program implementation, student engagement and students demonstrating their understanding of lesson objectives. Superintendent Weaver said she was enthused about the program.
- The district has completed the staff planning meetings regarding projected enrollment for general education as well as special education students. The enrollment for the 2012-13 school year is projected to remain steady pending the registration of new kindergarten students. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton will present information regarding the transitional kindergarten program next month.
- Superintendent Weaver said the district has been working to appoint an interim principal at Brook Knoll Elementary. She will be meeting early tomorrow morning with the Brook Knoll staff and have announcements ready to go out afterwards. The district will engage in a full selection process with job postings and recruitment in February and interviews in March to fill the position for the 2012-13 school year. Ms. Weaver acknowledged Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Phi Menchaca thanking him for his contributions to SVUSD and Brook Knoll and wishing him well and continued success.
- Superintendent Weaver thanked the Director of Technology Carl Guerin and everyone who worked with him for their hard work on the all data certification. This state report dealt with personnel and all the data that pertains to employees and their credentials. The district has received notification from the state that the data was received and certified.
- Superintendent Weaver also thanked Administrative Assistant Brenda Spalding for her timely work on the School Accountability Report Cards (SARC). The state was delayed this year in providing data pertaining to the SARC's. Ms. Spalding completed the task allowing time for the principals to verify the templates. SARC's must be posted by February 1st each year.
- The calendar surveys are in and Brook Knoll teacher Ann Codd will be attending the county-wide calendar meeting at the end of the month. Ms. Weaver said she hopes to bring the 2012-13 student calendar to the Board next month.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski said students at the high school finished finals last week with IB students' essays being sent off for grading. A fashion show is scheduled for February 10th and a staff luncheon on February 15th.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Clerk Sue Roth said she had the opportunity to attend the SCCSBA meeting in the new library in SLVUSD. The building is very impressive with the library on the lower level and the middle school on the upper level. The County Office of Education will be hosting a Brown Act training open to all Board members in late February. The COE is also considering sponsoring training regarding parcel tax and bond measures. There was also discussion at the SCCSBA meeting regarding the COE's purchase of a building.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Mike Hanson said there was not a lot to report at this time. After the decision of the Board tonight regarding the education parcel tax SVEA plans to conduct an official vote.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the International Baccalaureate program.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATION SERVICES

Dunton

1. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Brook Knoll Elementary School

MSP Bubb/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton gave a brief overview of the requirements and processes involved in developing the Single School Plan for Student Achievement. Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Phil Menchaca with input from Brook Knoll teacher Sharlene Santos presented an overview of information regarding the Brook Knoll Elementary School Single Plan for Student Achievement including student test scores, goals and strategies for improvement and application of the intervention program. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation and SPSA has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

Rhonda McEntee, Brook Knoll teacher addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

B. BUSINESS

Clark

1. Adopt the 2012-13 Budget Development Calendar

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the annual budget calendar explaining the processes and timelines involved in developing the budget for the ensuing fiscal year including meetings with staff and community members.

2. Accept Information on the 2012-2013 California State Budget

MSP Abel/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented detailed information regarding the Governor's proposed budget and its possible impact on education and the district. Board members asked clarifying questions. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

C. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. Accept a Report of the Education Parcel Tax Public Opinion Poll Prepared by Gene Bregman of Gene Bregman and Associates

MSP Bubb/Abel Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Penny Weaver said that the district contracted with Gene Bregman and Associate to conduct a limited poll of public opinion during the first weeks of January following the Board's authorization at the December 10, 2011 Board meeting. Mr. Bregman said his company conducted a random poll of 250 community members. The poll results indicated that 72 percent of voters surveyed would vote for a parcel tax if the amount was \$48. He added that the poll has a 6 percent margin of error to consider. Mr. Bregman also said that while 60 percent of those polled felt that there was a great need for more money in the school district, 45 percent had no idea about the parcel tax or had only heard a little about it and had no opinion on it yet. There are approximately 7,500 taxable parcels in Scotts Valley and a tax rate of \$48 would amount to roughly \$300,000 a year, far less than the projected deficit of \$500,000 if the Governor's tax measure passes and \$790,000 if it doesn't pass. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svUSD.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

2. Review and Adopt Resolution Number 12-012 Proposing an Education Parcel Tax Measure Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

MSP Bubb/Shulman Roll Call Vote: 5-0 (precinct vote, tax rate of \$48 for 3 years)

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

MSP Abel/Bubb Roll Call Vote: 5-0 (to post notice of public hearing to align with 45 day requirement)

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Weaver asked Board members to consider the information received from Mr. Bregman regarding the opinion survey in their deliberations on the education parcel tax resolution. She reminded them that the resolution language is not complete needing a decision regarding the type of ballot, the tax rate and duration.

Derek Timm and **Jim Reed** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Board discussion included the Governor's November tax measure, the continued district deficit with the community poll indicating support of a lower than hoped for tax rate of \$48 per year, the need to fiscally protect the district, the pros and cons of waiting or moving forward and indicators from the Governor's proposed budget. Board President Beaman thanked everyone for their work and gave direction to Superintendent Weaver to go forward with the posting of a Notice of Public Hearing to be held on March 9, 2012 at 9:00am.

Ann Codd addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

3. Accept a Report Regarding Facilities and Playground Follow Up Inspection

MSP Abel/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Weaver introduced maintenance consultant John Waite of Waite Works, Inc. to update the Board regarding facilities and playgrounds. She added that the maintenance personnel are very willing workers with a definite sense of direction and are restricted only by the district's financial condition. Mr. Waite gave a detailed review of the inspection by a certified playground inspector from Keenan and Associates, the deficiencies the inspection revealed and the subsequent remedies. He also updated the Board regarding repairs in process and pending repairs to facility and system issues including water pipe breakage and system problems. Mr. Waite thanked the Board for the approval to use the Community Service Work Program which was a tremendous help. He also thanked the many, many incredible volunteers in our community, such as Mike Smith, Wes Koenig and Ian Scott to name only a few, who help with any projects wherever they are needed.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item. Board President Beaman and Superintendent Weaver responded to Ms. Brannan's comments.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MSP Abel/Roth (with correction to D1 and D4) **Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2012**
2. **Approve the 2010-11 School Accountability Report Cards for Brook Knoll, Vine Hill, Scotts Valley Middle and Scotts Valley High Schools**
3. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
4. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
5. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **8:35 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees