



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting January 25, 2011

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

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

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)**  
**Case #2010-101**

### **ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**

### **OPENING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SESSION – 6:00p.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, Michael Shulman, John Abel and Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Business Services Vickie Clark, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Phil Menchaca.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SET THE AGENDA**

Wendy Brannan requested that agenda item D6 be pulled for discussion. D6 moved to C3.  
**MSP Roth/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye** (with above modification)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Susan Silver commented on the many items of business that staff has been working on this week. Work has been ongoing to complete the School Accountability Reports Cards, compiling budget information for the possibility of a parcel tax, and gathering of information for other items the Board requested which is not complete at this time. Hopefully, staff will have more information at the next Board meeting.
- Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick gave a brief update on the Brook Knoll and Vine Hill playgrounds. The district's insurance carrier does biannual inspections of the playgrounds and an inspection by a certified playground inspector is recommended but not required to be done every three years. It is good business practice to have both inspections done at the same time and address all issues at once. The recent inspection found issue with surface material, several entrapment areas and worn parts. All level one issues have been resolved with the exception of the surface material which is being ordered. Worn parts are also in the process of being replaced.
- The FCMAT report of SELPA that was provided last spring has been assimilated into a Strategic Plan with goals, objectives and timelines and was adopted by the SELPA Board. Through this plan SELPA will be able to look at how programs are funded and provide opportunities for districts to work together to provide services to students throughout the county.
- Superintendent Silver said that a state review team arrived yesterday at the district office to begin reviewing the district's special education program. The reviewers will be meeting with parents of special needs students tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at SVHS. The review is similar to a WASC self-review in that it's very thorough and hopefully we can use the results similar to the FCMAT report to improve our services.

## **STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT**

Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward said high school student have just finished finals and are beginning a new semester. Next week there will be the Battle of the Bands, the Falcon Club's Annual Fashion Show with proceeds going to the Invisible Children Program, an ASB teacher luncheon, and Mr. SVHS Pageant with proceeds going to the student prom night. Other fundraising activities are still active. SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau also reminded the Board that the annual SVHS Expo Open House is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT**

Board Clerk Sue Roth said the SCCSBA met last Thursday and the association's bylaws were adopted. Copies of the bylaws will be passed on to Board members as soon as they are available. During the meeting Soquel High School advanced drama department presented a very powerful skit on bullying. The SCCOE has dropped their membership in the SCCSBA citing conflict of interest in their oversight role of the county districts. CSBA will be presenting workshops through the SCCOE for Board members regarding superintendent evaluations and board self evaluation and governance.

## **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Peter McLean** addressed the Board regarding the district's Special Education review and the parent night.

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding playground regulations and issues and requests of information.

**Zachary Gorski** addressed the Board regarding a student break between semesters.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**Dunton/Fippin**

#### **1. Receive for First Reading the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Scotts Valley High School MSP Shulman/Roth 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. Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau presented detailed information regarding the SVHS Single Plan for Student Achievement including student test scores, goals and strategies for improvement. Board members asked clarifying questions.

*The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

2. **Accept Information on the Eagle's Nest Preschool in the Scotts Valley Unified School District**

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

Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief summary of the inception of the Preschool program. Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin presented a detailed overview of the Eagle's Nest Preschool program located on the Brook Knoll School campus. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

**Peter McLean and Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

**B. ADMINISTRATION**

**Silver**

1. **Determine Whether to Place a Parcel Tax Before the Voters in Spring, 2011**

Motion was made by Board Member Abel to not place a parcel tax on the spring ballot and to place the parcel tax on the next Board agenda to develop a definitive plan.

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

**Wendy Brannan, Derek Timm and Ann Codd** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of the results of the community parcel tax survey administered by Godbe Research and presented to the Board at the Special Board Meeting on January 19, 2011. TBWB Strategies Sarah Stern was on hand to answer questions regarding the survey and next steps for placing a parcel tax on the ballot in the fall or next spring. Superintendent Silver suggested the Board continue the parcel tax discussion on the next Board agenda to develop a plan including goals, objective and timelines regarding a future parcel tax.

2. **Approve the 2009-2010 School Accountability Report Cards for Brook Knoll, Vine Hill, Scotts Valley Middle and Scotts Valley High Schools**

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

Superintendent Silver explained that state law requires all public schools receiving state funding to prepare and distribute, by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a School Accountability Report Card (SARC). This year the state was unable, due to a shortage of staff time because of imposed furlough days, to populate the SARCs with data submitted over the year by school districts. This in turn created a greater demand on district and site staff time. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The SARC's are available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

Motion was made to extend the meeting 15 minutes until 9:15 p.m.

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

**C. BUSINESS**

**Jelcick**

1. **Accept Information on the 2011-12 California State Budget**

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

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

Motion was made to extend the meeting another 15 minutes until 9:30 p.m.

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

2. **Receive for Information the Review of the 2010-11 First Interim Report as Required by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

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

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented the First Interim Report which the SCCOE concurred with the positive certification as submitted. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

3. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District** (Moved from D6)  
**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**  
Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

Wendy Brannan requested that agenda item D6 be pulled for discussion. D6 moved to C3.

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 11, 2011**
2. **Approve Part Two of the Consolidation Application for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**
3. **Approve the Budget Actions from December 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010**
4. **Approve a Non-Public Placement to the Bay School**
5. **Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement for Scotts Valley Middle School**
6. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District** D6 moved to C3.
7. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
8. **Approve Warrants**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board President Larry Beaman announced that in lieu of the decision to not put a parcel tax on the ballot this spring the tentative Special Board Meeting scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> will not be necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **9:20 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Brenda Spalding  
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

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Sue Roth  
Clerk to the Board of Trustees