

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 29, 2008**

**Closed Session:**  
**District Office Conference Room  
4444 Scotts Valley Dr., Ste 5B  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

**Public Session:**  
**Scotts Valley City Council Chambers  
One Civic Center Drive  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

**PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Joseph Espinola. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**

Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Pat Kelban, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.

**PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:**

Board President Allison Niday reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:05 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola and Student Advisory Member Chenisha Sangha **Absent:** Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Mary Navarro and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban. **Principals present:** Vine Hill Elementary Principal Kathy Dunton, Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart and Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

**A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**

No action taken.

**SET THE AGENDA**

**MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief report on of the torrential rains' flooding of the high school gymnasium in early January. Work has been under way to repair the gym floor, but with new rains over the weekend leaks have appeared in areas that had not been leaking before. The work goes on.
- The next Vine Hill Book Club hosted by teachers Debby Rhoads and Chloe Johnson is scheduled for this Thursday. The book they have been reading is Hidden Talents.

- Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick is being honored for the *Go For Health, School Wellness Award* on February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Scotts Valley Middle School Mary Lonhart nominated Ms. Hedrick for this award and it is well deserved.
- Chief Business Official Pat Kelban has been working tirelessly for the last year and a half on obtaining a hardship grant to make repairs required at the high school. John Waite has been instrumental in following up and officially closing-out old projects through DSA. With all paperwork and applications finished, we can now apply for emergency hardship funding. We have made progress.
- Once a month Superintendent Silver holds an informal meeting called *Conversations with the Superintendent*. The meetings rotate between campuses and Board members often sit in. Any employee is welcome to attend and ask questions or state opinions. After the last two meetings Superintendent Silver has emailed a Newsletter to all employees summarizing the topics of the meeting.
- Scotts Valley High School will be holding its annual Open House Expo on February 20 starting at 6:00 p.m. It will be a community event and a chance to explore our school.
- Director of Technology Shannon Calden has been meeting with committees for months to review software for a student information system and also a student achievement data system. At an earlier Board meeting the decision was made to use *Data Director* for student information and now the committee is recommending *Power School* for student achievement data. This system will allow staff to analyze student data, plan instructional strategies and monitor progress. Teacher training is scheduled for August.
- The district received a letter from Barney Finlay, CBO at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education stating that the district's 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report is positive but warning that the Governor's Proposed Budget is the worst budget in history and the implications should be taken seriously.
- Superintendent Silver will be attending the Superintendents' Symposium later this week in Monterey and hopes to talk with other districts regarding their approach and attitude toward the Governor's Proposed Budget.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL**

Members of the audience are welcome to address the Board at this time during the meeting regarding items not listed on this agenda. The Trustees may ask questions for clarity but cannot take action on those matters until such matters are appropriately placed on a future agenda, according to law.

The Governing Board may prohibit members of the public, who speak during the time permitted on the agenda for public expression, from commenting on matters that are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the governing body. The Governing Board retains the discretion to adopt regulations at its meetings, which may limit the time for public discussion of items within its subject matter jurisdiction. Open Public Discussion at the beginning of the meeting is limited to 15 minutes. **For the record, please state your name at the beginning of your statement.**

**Ann Codd** – SVEA President invited Board member and audience to a rally in support of education at the clock tower in Santa Cruz on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

**A. CONSENT AGENDA Silver**

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2008**
2. **Approve a Contract with Caltronics Business Systems for the Lease of a Konica Bizhub 600 Copier for Scotts Valley Middle School**
3. **Receive, Review and Approve the California State Consolidated Application Report**
4. **Approve the Certificated Action Report**
5. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
6. **Approve Warrants**

**B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Navarro**

1. **Receive for First Reading the Single School Plans for Student Achievement from Brook Knoll Elementary School and Vine Hill Elementary School**

**MSP Roth/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Mary Navarro gave an overview of the requirements of the Single School Plans for Student Achievement and the overall purpose of providing a structured means to improve student academic performance. Single School Plans for Student Achievement have been approved by both school site councils. Brook Knoll Elementary

Principal Kathy Frandle and Vine Hill Elementary Principal Kathy Dunton gave an in-depth and informative presentation on how student data is used in an ongoing process to improve individual student achievement. Superintendent Silver commended both principals on their hard work and the evident results they have accomplished with student academic progress.

2. **Receive, Review and Approve the Arts and Music Block Funding Resolution #08-003 and Report for the 2007-2008 School Year**

**MSP Espinola/Gumz Roll Call 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Silver explained how the district's funds are being used to support a district-wide music teacher position. New reporting criteria requires governing boards to approve a Board Resolution specifying how the funds are being used.

3. **Receive for Information the Summary Report of the 2007 Physical Fitness Test**

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Mary Navarro gave a summary presentation of the 2007 Physical Fitness Tests administered to students in grades 5, 7 and 9. The presentation has been posted to the district's web site at [www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us](http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us).

C. **ADMINISTRATION**

Silver

1. **Approve the District's Application for Proposition 1D Funding for a Culinary Program Facility at Scotts Valley High School**

**MSP Roth/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief history of the evolving Career Technical Education (CTE) partnership between Cabrillo College, Santa Cruz County Office of Education Regional Occupation Program (ROP) and school districts in Santa Cruz County. The Culinary Program would afford a greater variety of CTE opportunities and career pathways for Scotts Valley High School students as well as other high school students in the county.

**Ann Codd** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

D. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Discuss the Relative Projects that Would be Funded by a Facilities Bond in Preparation for a Resolution Ordering an Election to Authorize Issuance of School Bonds**

Superintendent Silver asked the Board for direction including the amount of the bond, priority of projects to be listed on the ballot and the date of the election. Board members discussed relative aspects of the preparation for a resolution ordering an election. A draft resolution will be brought for First Reading in February.

**Doug Ranson, Jim Reed, Gene Scothorn, Sharon Gray, Nick Vrolyk, Michael Shulman, Jack Dilles, Martin Levy and Jackie Heald** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. **Receive Information on Entering an Agreement to Install Solar Electric Power Systems at Three (3) Schools**

John Waite of Waite Works, Inc. provided information to the Board on solar electric system providers and Power Purchase Agreements at the January 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Waite addressed the Board with additional information. Mr. Roger DeNault of Solar Technologies was present to answer questions and gave a brief overview of systems his company has installed at other Santa Cruz County schools.

**\*\*Board President Allison Niday asked for a motion to extend the Board meeting 15 minutes.**

**MSP Gumz/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

3. **Receive for Information Details of the Proposed 2008-09 State Adopted Budget**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban gave a brief overview and current information on the proposed 2008-09 State Adopted Budget.

**4. Approve the Budget Actions from November 1, 2007 Through December 31, 2007**

**MSP Gumz/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban gave a brief explanation of the budget actions.

**5. Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District**

**MSP Espinola/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board President Allison Niday eliminated Board discussion due to the late hour.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT**

Jan. 28, 2008	Annual Santa Cruz County School Boards Dinner	5:30pm Cocanut Grove
Jan. 31, 2008	Vine Hill Book Club	6:30pm, room P-8
Feb. 8, 2008	SVMS Dance	7-9:00pm
Feb. 21, 2008	SVMS March Madness	6:00pm
Feb. 22, 2008	SVHS Dance	7-10:00pm Student Union
Feb. 27, 2008	SVHS – IB parent night for incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> graders	6:00pm Student Union
Feb. 28, 2008	District Music “Collage” Concert	7:00pm SVHS Student Union

**OPEN HOUSE DATES**

Feb. 20, 2008	SV High School Expo – BBQ & Open House	6:00-8:00pm
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**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will be held on:**

- February 12, 2008
- February 26, 2008
- March 11, 2008
- April 8, 2008
- April 22, 2008
- May 13, 2008
- May 27, 2008
- June 10, 2008
- June 24, 2008 (tentative)
- August 12, 2008
- September 9, 2008
- September 23, 2008
- October 14, 2008
- October 28, 2008
- November 18, 2008
- December 9, 2008

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

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