

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 30, 2007**

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver.

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

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Allison Niday called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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 Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Allison Niday at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:05 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes. **Principals present:** Kathy Dunton, Vine Hill Elementary School; Kathy Frandle, Brook Knoll Elementary School; Mary Lonhart, SV Middle School. Also present was Amy Hedrick, Food Service Supervisor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- B. **SET THE AGENDA** as presented with exception of item A2, which was moved off Consent by request of Board member Jondi Gumz.
MSP Roth/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief overview of the Superintendent's Symposium she attended in Monterey last week. She felt it was very informative, especially the information concerning FCMAT. One of the highlights was that out of 200 superintendents attending the symposium, only 3 districts had completed the uploading of their CSIS data to the state. This task is extremely complex with deadlines set by legislation. Congratulations were extended to Director of Technology Shannon Calden for a very difficult task well done and on time. The state's CBO Academy was also discussed at this meeting and superintendents were informed of the rigors of the academy and commended on the superior participants that had applied and been accepted. Superintendent Silver also extended congratulations to Director of Business Services Liann Reyes on her participation in the state's CBO Academy.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Krista Patterson – Krista Patterson, Brook Knoll teacher, urged the Board to put compensation for teachers in the budget process.

Katie Bagley – Katie Bagley, SVEF representative and Brook Knoll teacher, reminded the Board of the date change for the Mt. Charlie Challenge Bike Ride. It is scheduled for April 28, 2007.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2007**
2. **Adopt Board Policy 1313 Civility** (moved to B4 on agenda)
3. **Adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113 Absences And Excuses and Accompanying Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1 Truancy**
4. **Approve the Surplus of Books and Materials from Special Education**
5. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
6. **Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report**
7. **Approve Warrants**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MSP Roth/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Walker

1. **Accept for First Reading the Single School Plans for Brook Knoll Elementary School, Vine Hill Elementary School and Scotts Valley Middle School**

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that each year in January, school sites that receive School Improvement dollars present their school plans to the Board for approval. The Single School Plans are comprehensive, including academic information and aligned budgets and expenditures targeted to improving school achievement. All sites were commended on the hard work and detailed information each Single School Plan contained.

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

2. **Accept for Information a Presentation on Scotts Valley Unified School District's Special Education Program**

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker gave a presentation explaining the core requirements of special education and the specific details of Scotts Valley Unified School District's special education program. The presentation included statistics and related costs for the services provided. Special education funding is provided by State and Federal funds, which are not enough to cover required services resulting in an encroachment to the General Fund.

3. **Accept for Information a Presentation on California's Requirement For Physical Fitness Testing and the District's Results for 2006**

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker gave an overview of the requirements for the Physical Fitness Testing which is administered annually to students in grades 5, 7 and 9. The testing assesses aerobic fitness, strength and flexibility. Our students performed very well in all areas.

Wendy Brannan - Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, shared her opinion on physical education and possible electives.

4. **Adopt Board Policy 1313 Civility** (was A2 on consent agenda; moved to B4)

Board member Jondi Gumz had asked that the Board Policy 1313 Civility be moved to B4 to further discuss the policy. Ms. Gumz explained she could not support this policy because of the vague language as to a specific number of incidents before the action is considered harassment. Board member Joseph Espinola felt that even one incident which threatens personal safety would be considered harassment and that the policy would be revised as necessary.

MSP Espinola/Roth 4-1 (Gumz voted no) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Approve the Nominations to Treasury Oversight Committee**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban gave a brief background of the two nominees, Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent for Business Santa Cruz City Schools and Steve Romines, Assistant Superintendent for Business Live Oak School District.

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

2. **Accept Information on 2007 Refinancing of the Certificates of Participation**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban reported that the sale of the district's COPs took place on January 18, 2007 with a delivery date of January 31, 2007 in the par amount of \$4,190,000. The district received a Moody's rating of AAA (Ambac-Insured), which is very favorable. The final payment will be September 2036 and will come from the amount set aside in the sinking fund. Interest rates range from 4% to 4.5%. The cost of issuance or "delivery date expenses" was \$236,034.96. The refinancing at this lower rate eliminates General Fund encroachment of approximately \$100,000 annually.

3. **Accept Information on the 2007-08 Governor's Budget**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes gave an informative review of the Governor's Budget for 2007-08 with slides provided by School Services of California, Inc. The 2007-08 Governor's Budget is a basic budget that meets minimum requirements, however, it does not address districts with declining enrollment. Also, the COLA of 4.04% does not extend to the federal portion of special education, which significantly encroaches upon the general fund. Other areas of concern are the Governor's proposal for sweeping health care coverage reform at a cost of \$12 billion, removing home-to school transportation from the Proposition 98 guarantee into the Public Transportation Account (\$628M) and shifting Cal Works stage II child care into Proposition 98 (\$269M). The effect of these two adjustments to Proposition 98 would be a rebenching downward.

John Magliato – John Magliato, SVEA representative and teacher at SV Middle School, stated his opinion concerning the Governor’s Budget for 2007-08 and previous budget years.

Rhonda McEntee – Rhonda McEntee, Brook Knoll teacher, expressed her opinion concerning the budget and shared information concerning her personal budget.

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion about the budget and the district’s negotiation process.

Board member Jondi Gumz asked for clarification on growing versus declining enrollment and the impact on funding.

4. Accept for Information a Presentation Regarding P-1 Attendance

Accountant Vickie Clark gave a report on the district’s average daily attendance for the first period (P-1). It appears that percentage ADA may be slightly higher than projected.

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion on improving student attendance.

5. Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Allison Niday stated there were no communications received.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Jondi Gumz attended the Lions Club and gave an update on the district’s Strategic Plan. She also attended the high school fundraiser ComedySportz and reported that it was fun and well attended. Board President Allison Niday and Board member Sue Roth attended the celebration for Richard Salome’s California League of High Schools Educator of the Year Award. Board member Joseph Espinola will be attending the CTA event this Friday and the grand opening for the Scotts Valley Cabrillo College branch on February 2nd. He also continues to be busy with sports and community activities. Student Board member Shelayne Hammack said the high school students were planning a teacher luncheon with table themes and invitations for February 14th. Also the high school Open House is scheduled for February 22nd and a dance on February 23rd. Sue Roth and Allison Niday continue to be actively involved in the WASC process at the high school. Board members reminded the audience to check the upcoming schedule of activities listed below.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

- Feb. 8, 2007 - BK PTA Coffee/Tea – 8:15-9:30 a.m. in room 2
- Feb. 9, 2007 - SVMS Dance
- Feb. 10, 2007 - VH PTA Tahitian Twilight Auction/Dinner Fundraiser – Coconut Grove
- Feb. 21, 2007 - SVMS Honor Roll Ceremony 7pm (*change in date)
- Feb. 22, 2007 - SVHS Open House
- Mar. 9, 2007 - SVMS March Madness 6:00pm Pavilion Basketball team vs Faculty/Staff
- Mar. 17, 2007 - BK PTA “Pot of Gold” Auction – Coconut Grove
- May 5, 2007 - SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge (moved from 4/28/07)
- May 20, 2007 - SVEF Ice Cream Social

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- February 13, 2007
- February 27, 2007
- March 13, 2007
- March 16, 2007 Strategic Plan
- March 17, 2007 Strategic Plan
- March 27, 2007
- April 24, 2007
- May 8, 2007
- May 22, 2007
- June 12, 2007
- June 12, 2007
- July 10, 2007
- August 14, 2007
- September 11, 2007
- September 25, 2007
- October 9, 2007
- October 23, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- December 11, 2007
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ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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