

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 11, 2005

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Scotts Valley Unified School District Office, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. Board Members present: Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Marshall Wolf was absent. Administration present Tim Cuneo, Interim Superintendent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 5:35 p.m. in the Scotts Valley Unified School District Office, 4444 Scotts Valley Dr., 5B, Scotts Valley. All Board members were in attendance with the exception of Marshall Wolf. Also in attendance was the Interim Superintendent, Tim Cuneo.

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 meeting at 7:03 p.m. **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Marshall Wolf was absent. **Administration present:** Tim Cuneo, Interim Superintendent and Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President, Sue Roth

PERSONNEL

MSP Niday/Walker 4-0 to approve the **Certificated Personnel Action Report of July 11, 2005.**

Public Employment Direction was given regarding the search for a permanent superintendent and the process of that search.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo reported that there had so far been 24 requests for information and applications for the superintendent position. An additional 150 letters were sent out to contacts throughout the state to notify them of the opening and application process and to invite those individuals and their colleagues to apply for the position. He went on to report that the Assistant Principal position at the high school closed last Friday with fourteen (14) applicants and that paper screening would be finalized the next day with interviews late the same week or early the next week.

Superintendent Cuneo reported that the first of the three portables would be arriving at the high school on July 12th with the other two on Thursday and Friday of the same week. The delay was caused by the trucking company subcontracted to do the hauling. He went on to say that everything was in great shape and that a decision had been made regarding the electricity in the art room and the conversion so that same room can be used for science. He thanked Mike Smith for helping Patricia Kelban to look at ways to save on energy during the summer months. The savings could be as much as \$15,000. Board Member Niday added that Mike Smith has been trying to help with this for years.

Superintendent Cuneo explained that the Sentinel headline “Parents Shut Out. . .” was very misleading. Parents will be given every opportunity to react to any policy that the Board puts in place. A draft of the policy will go to the Board with a minimum of 2 readings. Parents may react at that time.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:

Jondi Gumz thanked Valerie Quandt for her hard work as the SVHS IB Coordinator. She reported that 10 of the 15 IB diploma candidates were successful in getting their diplomas. Her son’s exam score was high enough to earn him 30 UC credits.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

BUSINESS SERVICES

B.1 Board Policy 5113 – Student Absences and Excuses MSP Niday/Roth 3-1 with Walker voting against approval of the first reading of this policy. This proposed revision will return to the Board at the next meeting for a second reading and possible action. The existing policy is in alignment with Ed Code. There was much discussion regarding this item. Board Member Walker will do some research on this; Ed Code, the Attorney General’s opinion, other districts, etc. and bring the additional information to the next Board meeting.

B.2 Regular Board Meeting Schedule – 2005-06 School Year MSP Niday/Walker 4-0 to change Board meeting dates from the 2nd and 4th Monday to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The first Tuesday meeting will be held on August 9th. The time and location will remain the same.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

C.1 Public Participation at Meetings of the Board of Trustees Superintendent Cuneo presented a brochure outlining the procedure and a “Request to Speak to the Board” form. The main use of this form is to provide a name, issues and contact information. This will not be used to filter speakers.

C.2 Quarterly District Status Report to the County Office of Education (COE) – Williams lawsuit. The report was provided in the Board packet. There were no complaints to report, the information will now be sent to the COE.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to report.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Niday reported that she traveled to Sacramento on June 29th with the 5th graders of the Student Legislative Action Committee. They met with Assemblyman John Laird, Senator Simitian and Secretary of State Bruce McPherson.

President Sue Roth reported that the Board has several Special Closed Session meetings in their future. The first will be on 7/19 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the District Office to discuss criteria for the new Superintendent. 7/25 they will meet between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the District Office to formulate questions for the Superintendent interview process. On 8/8 the Board will meet 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the District Office to receive the paper screening that was done by Diane Siri, County Superintendent of Schools; Julie Haff, Superintendent of SLV District and Marc Liebman, Superintendent of schools in Berryessa District. Superintendent interviews will take place the week of August 15th.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Facilities update – projects and proposed projects.

The next regular Board meetings will take place on Tuesday, August 8th and August 23rd.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Peggy Moran, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By

Chuck Walker, Clerk to the Board of Trustees