



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting June 9, 2009

**CLOSED SESSION: 6:00pm**  
**DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
4444 Scotts Valley Dr., Ste. 5B  
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**PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00pm**  
**SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
One Civic Center Drive  
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

### **PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman and Michael Shulman. Also in attendance was Superintendent Susan Silver and Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick.

### **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, Karen Jelcick, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- B. 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 “meet and confer” process with Support Personnel Committee..

### **ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 7:00 p.m.**

### **PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at **7:02 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Michael Shulman, Larry Beaman and Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick, Vine Hill Principal Michelle Stewart and Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT - JUNE 6, 2009**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)**

Positive evaluation.

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT – JUNE 9, 2009**

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No action taken

**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 “meet and confer” process with Support Personnel Committee.

No action taken.

**SET THE AGENDA**

Board President Sue Roth pulled item D4 from the agenda.

**MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0** (with above modification)      **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Superintendent Silver reminded everyone that Vine Hill Elementary School has had an interim principal for the past few months. The position was posted and the district received approximately thirty applications. The district interviewed many good candidates and ultimately chose the best candidate, Michelle Stewart who has been serving as the interim principal. Superintendent Silver congratulated Ms. Stewart and commended her on an excellent job as interim principal. Ms. Stewart thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Vine Hill principal and to continue her career with Scotts Valley Unified School District with excellent colleagues and students.
- Superintendent Silver also recognized Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick who was honored on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the second annual Go For Health Awards conducted at the County Office of Education. Ms. Hedrick and Board President Sue Roth were instrumental in developing the district’s student wellness policies several years ago. Scotts Valley Unified School District is one of the few districts in the state that has a Food Service Department operating in the black due to Ms. Hedrick’s resourcefulness. She runs the Food Service Department with the help of many loyal volunteers and is truly innovative with ideas to help students choose to eat healthy. Board members Sue Roth and Allison Niday both extended their appreciation and recounted times of Ms. Hedrick’s resourcefulness and flexibility.
- Superintendent Silver also thanked Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel for the elaborate and thoughtful Senior Awards Ceremony. It was extremely well done and very obvious that students and parents enjoyed themselves. Mr. Gunkel gave credit to his staff for all the ingenuity and hard work that made the Senior Awards Ceremony so successful. Students were awarded approximately \$600,000 in scholarships.
- Superintendent Silver also thanked everyone who attends the bi-monthly Board meetings and supports education by being informed.

**STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER’S REPORT**

Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy said that things at the high school are winding down with finals during this last week. Graduation is tomorrow at 4:00pm and then the next day is summer.

## **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.**

**Susie Christensen** addressed the Board regarding the CAC appointment. Superintendent Silver addressed Ms. Christensen's comments.

**Peter McLean** addressed the Board regarding the CAC appointment.

**Mira Haslam** addressed the Board regarding cuts to education.

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding meeting protocol.

**Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School Principal** announced that high school senior Robbie Erlin was selected by the Texas Rangers baseball team.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **A. ADMINISTRATION**

**Silver**

1. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 1340 – Access to District Records, 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability, 4112.2 – Certification, 4112.21 – Interns, 4112.23 – Special Education Staff, 4117.7 – Employment Status Reports, 4117.14 – Postretirement Employment, 4118 – Suspension/Disciplinary Action, 5113 – Absences and Excuses, 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment, 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention, 5131 – Conduct, 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 5145.12 – Search and Seizure, 6115 – Ceremonies and Observances, 6154 – Homework/Makeup Work, 6155 – Challenging Courses by Examination, 6162.51 – Standardized Testing and Reporting Program, 6162.52 – High School Examination, 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education, 9012 – Board Members Electronic Communications, 9223 – Filling Vacancies and 9320 – Meeting and Notices**

Superintendent Silver asked that policy 5113 Absences and Excuses be pulled from the agenda.

The policy will be brought at a later date.

**MSP Beaman/Niday 5-0** (with above modification)

The Board's discussion included modifications to AR5144.1 and BB9012, clarification regarding the detail of policies and research done by CSBA prior to the district receiving the updates.

**Wendy Brannan** and **Ilana Packer** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

\*Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy left at 8:00pm to study for finals.

### **B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**Dunton**

1. **Receive for First Reading Recommended Textbook Adoption for Math for Scotts Valley Middle School (SVMS)**

**MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0**

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton explained the Math Adoption Committee's process for selecting new math textbooks to be brought to the Board for adoption. Scotts Valley Middle School Math teacher Sylvia Jacobsen answered technical questions regarding the texts and online supplements.

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

## C. BUSINESS

Jelcick

### 1. Accept Information on the May Revision for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 California State Budget Act

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick gave an overview of the May revision as proposed by the Governor. Board members asked clarifying questions regarding the use and restrictions of Federal Stimulus funds and timelines for future textbooks adoptions.

**Ann Codd** asked clarifying questions of Ms. Jelcick.

## D. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

Board President Sue Roth, on behalf of the Board, thanked the administrative team for their support of the district during this difficult fiscal crisis by reducing the length of their 2009-10 work year by 2 days.

**MSP Niday/Shulman 5-0**

### 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 26, 2009

### 2. Accept a Proposal from the Scotts Valley Unified School District Administrative Team to Reduce the Length of Their 2009-10 Work Year by 2 Days

### 3. Approve Additional District Employees as Authorized Contacts for the District's Bank of America Clearing Accounts

### 4. Approve the Appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bone to North Santa Cruz County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Pulled by Board President Sue Roth when agenda was set.

### 5. Approve a Waiver Granting a Full Diploma to Two Students Who Passed the California High School Exit Exam with Modifications

### 6. Approve the SVHS Varsity Football Team and Cheer Squad to Travel to San Antonio, Texas for a Pre-Season Game Against Alice High School on September 4, 2009

### 7. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report

### 8. Approve Warrants

## BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board member Larry Beaman experienced a great day with Brook Knoll students at the Boardwalk.
- Board member Allison Niday has spent hundreds of hours working with a group in Santa Cruz to draft a resolution in support of education to be sent to the legislation. The resolution is getting state-wide recognition. Ms. Niday worked with the Telethon to raise funds for arts and sports for eight area high schools. She was also instrumental in the Falcon Club fundraiser Wine Down held at Malones' Grand Grill.
- Board Clerk Michael Shulman attended the middle school's sixth grade award ceremonies. There was a great diversity of students receiving awards. Mr. Shulman also noticed that real estate advertisements promote homes because they are in the Scotts Valley Unified School District. The excellence of the district is a good selling point.
- Board Vice President Jondi Gumz watched the arts and sports Telethon fundraiser. Ms. Gumz was invited to the initial Special Education PTA meeting and remarked on the parents' dedication. She also mentioned the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade the City of Scotts Valley holds each year. Ms. Gumz felt the Senior Awards night was a marvelous tribute to the quality education our students are receiving. She also remarked on how inspirational Vine Hill Principal Michelle Stewart's comments were today at the promotion ceremony about having a positive attitude.

- Board President Sue Roth visited the Brook Knoll 3<sup>rd</sup> grade New Brighton camp-out and was greatly impressed with the curriculum and enthusiasm of the students and the parents. She also attended the Senior Awards Ceremony at the high school. Ms. Roth received information today that the County Office of Education Board of Trustees has four representatives for Scotts Valley Unified School District. Ms. Roth attended the Vine Hill Open House which was fantastic and their life labs were great. The Wine Down fundraiser for the Falcon Club which Ms. Niday helped put together was very nice. She also commended Ms. Niday for her work on the Arts/Sports Telethon and the legislative action resolution. Ms. Roth also congratulated Luke Thornley, a student at SVHS, on his achievement of Eagle Scout rank which will be awarded to him on June 13<sup>th</sup>. His project was the Brook Knoll life lab garden and tool shed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **9:10 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Brenda Spalding  
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

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Michael Shulman  
Clerk to the Board of Trustees