

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 13, 2007

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 5:30 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, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver.

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

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Allison Niday called the Closed Session to order at 5:30 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, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Susan Silver.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Government Code Section 54956.9)**
Attorney, Tim Volkmann will address the Board in regarding SVUSD vs. Tech 5 litigation.
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #06/07-2.
- C. **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 **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, 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 Frandle, Brook Knoll Elementary School; Mary Lonhart, SV Middle School; and Gregg Gunkel, SV High School. Also present was Amy Hedrick, Food Service Supervisor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS OF MARCH 6, 2007

- A. **PERSONNEL** - The Board met in closed session to hear the concerns of teachers denied early retirement as provided in Section 16.2.8 of the collective bargaining agreement with the Scotts Valley Education Association.
Board President Allison Niday stated the Board heard concerns. No action was taken.
- B. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE**
Board President Allison Niday reported that the Board voted 4-0 to non-reelect a .4 FTE music teacher.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS OF MARCH 13, 2007

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Government Code Section 54956.9)**
Board President Allison Niday reported that the Board received information from Tim Volkmann regarding SVUSD vs. Tech 5 litigation. No action was taken.
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))**
The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #06/07-2.
Board President Allison Niday reported that this item was taken off the agenda.
- C. **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.
Board President Allison Niday reported the Board received information from Superintendent Silver; no action was taken.

SET THE AGENDA

Board member Chuck Walker moved that agenda item C3 be moved to immediately following the public comments section to allow people in attendance to hear information regarding the District's 2006-07 Second Interim Financial Report.

MSP Walker/Espinola 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
(Board Member Sue Roth was absent)

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:05 p.m.

Review and consider adoption of a report entitled “School Facilities Needs Analysis” prepared as of February 6, 2007 to consider and respond to all comments received by the district related to the adoption of alternative school fees.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Members of the audience are welcome to address the Board at this time regarding the topic of this special meeting.

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.**

Board President Allison Niday received no comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECONVENES

Board President Allison Niday reconvened the regular Board meeting at 7:05 p.m..

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver thanked SVHS Principal Gregg Gunkel and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart for their hard work in gathering information and completing the application process for California Distinguished Schools. Both schools received Honorable Mention with feedback from evaluators as to how to improve their applications. They are eligible to apply again in two years. Superintendent Silver gave a brief overview of information that will be presented, reviewed and evaluated at the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, March 16th and 17th. The Fiscal Advisory Committee and the Facilities Needs Committee have met several times over the past several months. These committees are comprised of teachers, parents, community members and staff who are taking time to learn about our budget and district needs and give input into options to resolve problems. Reports regarding Fiscal Funding from Governor Schwarzenegger will be available on March 14th and 15th. The reports will give information concerning the adequate amount of funding for students to acquire proficiency. Superintendent Silver was very impressed with the recent press release concerning the SVHS Athletic Program. The SVHS wrestling team were named scholar/athletes with an average GPA of 3.54.

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.

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Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning the Calendar for 2007-08 and the Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Peter McLean – Peter McLean, community member, stated his opinion concerning availability of public information.

Speaking on behalf of district teachers were; **Cindy Gustafson**, parent and community member; **Diana Garrett**, parent and community member; and **Michelle Bensky**, parent and community member.

Agenda Item – C 3 Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District’s 2006-2007 Second Interim Financial Report

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes gave an informative presentation of the District’s 2006-07 Second Interim Financial Report. Local education agencies are required to file two reports during the fiscal year (interim reports) on the financial health of the district. The second interim report covers the period ending January 31, 2007.

John Magliato – John Magliato, teacher SVMS and Lead Negotiator for SVEA, made comments on the Second Interim Financial Report and asked questions. Board President Allison Niday offered clarifications.

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning the Second Interim Financial Report.

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

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2007
2. Approve the Contract for Pediatric Therapy Center for the 2006-2007 School Year
3. Approve the Contract for Developmental Learning Solutions for the 2006-2007 School Year
4. Approve the HMC Contract Job #3411003-101 for Architectural Services to Amend the Prior Agreement Dated October 10, 2006 the Include the Process of Applying for State Facility Hardship Funding
5. Approve the Request for Expenditure of Unspent Residual Site Discretionary Funding for Scotts Valley High School
6. Approve the Surplus of Books from Scotts Valley High School
7. Approve Scotts Valley High School Baseball Team's Travel to Las Vegas for Participation in a Tournament Over Spring Break
8. Approve Brook Knoll's Fourth Grade Overnight Field Trips to Coloma and Sacramento
9. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
10. Approve Warrants

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MSP Espinola/Walker 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Walker

1. Accept for Information the Summary of Bob Hagopian's Early Retiree Project

Bob Hagopian, retired SVMS teacher, gave an impassioned overview of the organizing, researching and moderating process of the History/Social Science adoption of textbooks and materials. He thanked Superintendent Silver for her advice and guidance in setting goals for his project and the teachers he worked with in reviewing and selecting materials. Mr. Hagopian shared his vision for this project in the years to come.

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, thanked Mr. Hagopian for his hard work and stated her opinion that everyone needs this kind of resource.

2. **Approve the Selection of History/Social Science Textbooks for Grades K-5**
Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that the recommended publishers are Scotts Foresman for grades K-4 and Harcourt Publishers for grade 5 which were on display at both elementary sites for 30 days.
MSP Espinola/Walker 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Accept Information from HMC Regarding Proposed Repairs at the High School and Associated Costs**
Representatives from HMC gave an in depth presentation of the assessment of the facilities at the high school and the progress on obtaining hardship funding from the State Allocation Board.
Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning facilities at the high school.
2. **Approve Resolution #07-002 Approving the School Facilities Needs Analysis, Adopting Alternative School Facility Fees in Compliance with Government Code Sections 65995.5, 65995.6 and 65995.7, Adopting Responses to Public Comments Received and Making Related Findings and Determinations**
Jamie King from Jack Schreder & Associates, gave an overview of the requirements a school district must meet in order to impose alternative school fees known as Level 2 Fees. Board President Allison Niday stated the District had received one communication and one written response.
MSP Gumz/Espinola 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye (Motion to accept the communication and written response)
MSP Walker/Gumz Roll Call 4-0
3. **Approve the Scotts Valley Unified School District's 2006-2007 Second Interim Financial Report**
Moved to immediately following the public comment section of Board meeting.
4. **Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District**
MSP Espinola/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Allison Niday stated there were no communications received.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board President Allison Niday said she had received requests for Board attendance at the “Arts Education is Essential” on March 29th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at SVHS and the Culture Council “Arts in the County” on April 5th from 4-6:00 p.m. Board member Jondi Gumz will check her calendar to see if she can attend these functions. Student advisory Shelayne Hammack said the high school would be holding its annual “Respect Week” April 6th with inspirational speakers. She also stated that juniors and seniors are extremely busy with an IB project due soon. Board member Chuck Walker was to report on the Science Fair for the SV Banner, but the location changed without notice. Board member Joe Espinola thanked Shelayne for her great coaching ability. Her girls’ basketball team practiced with his boys’ team which was very helpful for both teams. Mr. Espinola continues to stay very busy with community sports. He also commented on the SVEF President Charlotte Multer who has been contacted by the press and media for interviews concerning the “Voluntary Absence Contribution” letters that went home to parents in January. Mr. Espinola reminded that the Brook Knoll PTA “Pot of Gold” auction/dinner is this Saturday, March 17th. Board member Jondi Gumz visited Vine Hill Elementary for their “Read Across America”

and took her Cat in the Hat book. She also attended Vine Hill's Science Fair, SVHS's math contest and visited the Exchange Club to talk about the District's Strategic Plan. Board President Allison Niday has been attending the Fiscal Advisory Committee meetings and stated it was a very good, diverse group including parents, teachers, community members and staff. Superintendent Silver commented on the overwhelming press and media coverage the district has been getting concerning the "Voluntary Absence Contribution" letter.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

- Mar. 16-17, 2007- Strategic Planning – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - City Council Chambers
- Mar. 17, 2007 - BK PTA "Pot of Gold" Auction – Cocoanut Grove
- Mar. 24, 2007 - Falcon Club Fundraiser – 'Texas Hold 'Em' – SV Community Center
- Mar. 30, 2007 - SVHS Art Night 6:00-8:30 Student Union
- April 27-May 13 - SVHS Spring Musical Brigadoon – weekends only
- April 28, 2007 - SVEF Mt. Charlie Challenge (changed again - was 5/5/07)
- April 30, 2007 - SV Rotary Annual Awards Dinner
- May 20, 2007 - SVEF Ice Cream Social

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

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| ➤ March 16-17, 2007 Strategic Planning –
9a.m.-4p.m. – City Council Chambers | ➤ August 14, 2007 |
| ➤ March 27, 2007 | ➤ September 11, 2007 |
| ➤ April 24, 2007 | ➤ September 25, 2007 |
| ➤ May 8, 2007 | ➤ October 9, 2007 |
| ➤ May 22, 2007 | ➤ October 23, 2007 |
| ➤ June 12, 2007 | ➤ November 13, 2007 |
| ➤ July 10, 2007 | ➤ December 11, 2007 |

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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