



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting March 13, 2012

**CLOSED SESSION: 5:00pm**  
**PUBLIC SESSION: 6:00pm**  
**SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**One Civic Center Drive**  
**Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

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

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 5:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, Michael Shulman, John Abel and Sue Roth. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis.

### **ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:00 p.m.**

### **CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 p.m.**

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case # 2012-103**
- B. **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**

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

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

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. **Board Members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, Sue Roth, Michael Shulman, John Abel and Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski. **Administration present:** Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Chief Business Official Vickie Clark, Director of Business Services Rudolph Ramirez, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart and Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board President Larry Beaman introduced Music Director Beth Hollenbeck who gave a brief history of the music program. She extended a grateful thank you to the Board and Scotts Valley Kiwanis with a performance by the SVHS Jazz Band. The Scotts Valley Kiwanis Club's donation of \$19,500 has made many purchases for the music program possible. This year's participation in the band has doubled with 130 students from 6-12 grades. Last year the Music Program received the Grammy Award for the most productive underresourced program. A recording studio was built with the funds which will now allow a ROP recording program at the high school.

## **CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT**

### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case # 2012-103**

Board President Larry Beaman reported the Board received information

### **B. CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Government Code Section 54957)**

Board President Beaman reported the Board voted 5-0 on the candidate for Brook Knoll Principal but will release the name after notification.

## **SET THE AGENDA**

**MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said that SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart is coaching at a volleyball tournament tonight and Brook Knoll Elementary Interim Principal Sharlene Santos is attending a class.
- Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton presented a mini workshop to the Leadership Team on STAR testing. The STAR materials arrived today and tests will be administered beginning April 16<sup>th</sup> for approximately two weeks. All students need to be present for testing so please schedule appointments at another time.
- Professional development for the elementary sites has been focused on writing assessments and the high school WASC review is well underway.
- Superintendent Weaver completed the third session of Leading the Leaders with administrators across the state and is putting learned strategies into practice.
- The parcel tax measure public hearing was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and the ballot was successfully filed on the same day. The pro ballot argument was filed today with no rebuttals filed.

## **STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT**

Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski said the SVHS Open House Expo was held February 29<sup>th</sup> with visitors fascinated with all the high school has to offer students. The trade show format worked very well. The Peer Advocate Team helps new students feel welcome and included. The Invisible Children Club is working on their project and the spring sports rally will be held this Friday with the MORP dance that evening. The Talent Show is scheduled for next Friday.

## **SCZCSBA REPORT**

Board Clerk Sue Roth said SCZCSBA had an exciting meeting at Mt. School District including work on a draft of their mission statement. March 15 there will be a presentation called Blowing Bubbles regarding the budget and later the Cabrillo College summer program open to 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will make a presentation. The County Office of Education will offer a workshop in June regarding parcel tax measures focusing on senior exemptions. Pajaro may be joining SCZCSBA which would complete representation of all districts in the county. Layoff notices were discussed and SVUSD is issuing the least number of notices in the county. Most districts in the county do not fully understand how to access the 21<sup>st</sup> Century funding from the COE. Superintendent Weaver added that this has been discussed at Superintendent's Council and will bring information at a later time.

## **SVEA REPORT**

SVEA President Mike Hanson said the teachers are absorbing the news of the layoff notices and the subsequent increase in class sizes. They are concerned about how the layoffs will actually be implemented.

**MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Marilyn Garrett** addressed the Board regarding WiFi radiation harm.

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding protocol and playgrounds.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. EDUCATION SERVICES**

**Dunton**

**1. Approve the Environmental Education Grant Program Application**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver introduced grant writer Kathleen Richter who presented information to the Board regarding the Environmental Education Grant Program. Superintendent Weaver presented additional information regarding how the district would utilize the funding. The grant would basically fund staff development to teachers of science by content experts in environmental education, develop a regional network for teachers and students to collaborate in lesson study and projects, and develop a web based library of model curriculum, lessons developed by science teachers and a show case of student learning team projects. We would simply be updating current curriculum. Board Members asked clarifying questions. *This presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

**B. ADMINISTRATION**

**Weaver**

**1. Adopt Resolution #12-023 in Support of the Week Of The School Administrator**

**MSP Bubb/Abel Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver said this resolution gives the district the opportunity to take a moment to express appreciation to administrators for all the work they do. Board Members expressed their appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the administrators in our district.

**2. Adopt Resolution #12-024 in Support of Arts Education Month**

**MSP Roth/Shulman Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver said that the music provided by the SVHS Jazz Band was an excellent example of performing arts but there is a rich array of arts including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design and visual arts. Board Members commented on an arts rich educational program that benefits the whole student.

**C. BUSINESS**

**Clark**

**1. Receive for Information the Review of the 2011-12 First Interim Report as Required by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

**MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the First Interim Report which the SCCOE concurred with the positive certification as submitted. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

**2. Approve the 2011-12 Second Interim Financial Report**

**MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark presented the second interim report which provides a comparison of the General Fund budget as adopted in June, with the most current budget projections. She also provided both budget and actual data for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

**Mike Hanson, Josh Wahl and Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MSP Bubb/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 28, 2012**
- 2. Approve the Classified Action Report**
- 3. Approve Warrants**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

- Board Member John Abel asked for a better understanding and discussion regarding the role of the County Office of Education. All districts are experiencing unprecedented financial difficulties and could use help and guidance from the COE. Board Clerk Sue Roth commented that the County School Board meeting time of 2:00 p.m. is very difficult for most people to attend. Superintendent Weaver added that some of these issues are being discussed at the Superintendents Council. Board Vice President Art Bubb suggested the Board extend an invitation to County Superintendent Michael Watkins to come talk with our Board. Board Member Michael Shulman suggested making this topic an agenda item with Superintendent Weaver gathering information in advance.
- Board Member Shulman said he attended a screening of the film *Miss Representation* along with Board Clerk Roth. The film was in the same genre as *Race to Nowhere* and is a portrayal of how the media affects young girls and boys in their ability to see themselves as leaders and be seen as leaders by others in society. The film addresses what educators and communities may do to help offset the stereotypes. Mr. Shulman suggested discussion on this as a broad topic at the upcoming Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Superintendent Weaver added that the Leadership Team reviewed the film *Race to Nowhere* and felt it was worthwhile but the production company requires a certain level of ticket sales.
- Board Clerk suggested moving the Board Discussion item to the beginning of the agenda where the Superintendent's and other reports are located.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **7:59 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Brenda Spalding  
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

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Sue Roth  
Clerk to the Board of Trustees