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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting March 22, 2011

PUBLIC SESSION: 4:30pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 4:31 p.m. **Board Members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, Sue Roth, Michael Shulman and John Abel. Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward arrived at 6:00 p.m. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver. Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart all arrived before 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

Board member Michael Shulman requested that agenda item A1 be moved before the Superintendent's report.
MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 (with the above modification)

1. Receive and Discuss Proposals from Specific Superintendent Search Consultants and Determine Next Steps in the Process

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 5-0 (agreed to use Leadership Associates) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**
SCCOE Director of Human Resources Megan Booth presented information regarding the process and assistance that would be provided to the district during the search for a superintendent. She recommended that if possible the district should use a search consultant for a more aggressive search rather than a passive search the COE would conduct. Ms. Booth also said that County Superintendent Michael Watkins has offered financial assistance to the district should the Board elect to hire a search consultant firm. The COE would also help in the placement of an interim superintendent should the Board not make a decision in the desired length of time. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Leadership Associates Don Iglesias presented his company's background and procedure for conducting an aggressive candidate search. He stressed the importance of finding the right person to continue building student achievement and the priority of the relationship between the superintendent and the Board. He commented that if the candidate the Board hired did not work out Leadership Associates would do the search over. The Board members asked clarifying questions.

Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates Carolyn McKennan presented her company's background and procedure for conducting a superintendent search. HYA has conducted approximately 800 searches over the past twenty years with great success. She stressed that the Board must commit time to the process and stay involved. HYA conducts an online survey of the community and groups designated by the Board to build a profile of the

desired candidate. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Board discussion followed with the decision being made to offer a contract to Leadership Associates. Board President Larry Beaman will contact LA and set-up a designated contact Board member.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Susan Silver advised that Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick has been conducting monthly meetings of a Fiscal Advisory Committee over the last two years comprised of certificated and classified staff, parents and community members. The Board had at a previous Board meeting requested the establishment of a Budget Advisory Committee which would need to be started early in the year with intensive meetings to educate people about the budget process therefore enabling them to make informed decisions. It would not be advantageous nor possible within current district resources to begin a new committee at this point in the year when the Business Department has only approximately five weeks to finish the budget.
- At the last Board meeting Ann Codd, on behalf of SVEA, provided a list of potential cuts for the 2011-12 school year. Superintendent Silver said the list was reviewed and feedback will be provided to all staff in the next few days.
- Superintendent Silver reminded the Board that the Strategic Planning Committee will be convening on April 22nd and requested that each Board member solicit a community member to participate. She also requested the Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward to participate and bring an additional student.
- In an almost unprecedented move, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has brought superintendents and bargaining unit representatives from each district in the county together to collaborate on a county-wide calendar for the 2011-12 school year. The group is making progress and although it may not be perfect for the coming school year it is a step in the right direction and will have a positive impact on budgets.
- District plans are being worked on for summer school and we will also have students from three other districts attending.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward said that SVHS will be conducting a talent show tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the student union. All students are excited about the upcoming spring break, April 4-8. STAR testing will be starting soon and the drama department will be performing "Urine Town" starting April 22.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT Board Clerk Sue Roth said the next scheduled SCCSBA meeting is April 14th and also reminded Board members to sign-up for the CSBA training offered by the SCCOE.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding superintendent contracts and the playground at Brook Knoll.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Receive and Discuss Proposals from Specific Superintendent Search Consultants and Determine Next Steps in the Process** Agenda items A1 was moved before Superintendent's report.

2. **Receive Information Regarding Preparation for a Possible Parcel Tax Campaign**
MSP Abel/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Silver explained that earlier in the year when the district conducted a poll of the community regarding a possible parcel tax it became evident that many community members didn't know a lot about the school district. The Parcel Tax Committee, chaired by Derek Timm and comprised of Board members, parents and community members have been working on effective ways to help educate the larger community beyond the parents of students in the district. Mr. Timm said the committee has developed a presentation that covers information and accomplishments of the district as well as depicting in detail the impact the budget has on the district. He said the next scheduled meeting of the Parcel Tax Committee is tomorrow night at Bruno's at 7pm. The Committee hopes to take this presentation to various community groups over the next six-nine months.

Board members asked clarifying questions and made some suggestions for the presentation. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

Vic Marani, County School Board Trustee, addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

3. Adopt Resolution Number 11-014 in Support of SCA5, Which Would Allow School Districts to Pass a Parcel Tax With a 55 Percent Majority Vote

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

Superintendent Silver explained the importance of Senator Simitian's SCA5 and the impact it would have on school district's ability to pass parcel taxes.

4. Receive Information Relative to the Role of the County Office of Education in the Fiscal Oversight of the District Budget

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

SCCOE Chief Business Official Mary Hart presented an overview of the role of the County Office of Education and the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) in the fiscal management and oversight of school districts. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

5. Approve the Reimbursement Agreement with the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools for Costs of Mental Health Services for District Students

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

Superintendent Silver explained the recent legislation, AB3632, which shifted the state's obligation to counties and their county mental health agencies to provide an array of educationally related mental health services as determined by students' IEPs for the 2010-2011 school year. The Governor's veto of all state funding for educationally related mental health services provided pursuant to AB3632 and unilaterally declared the mandate on county mental health agencies to provide these services suspended. This suspension of the mandate and the loss of funding shifted financial responsibility to provide mental health services to students with IEPs to individual districts. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education, in its efforts to support districts in providing mandated mental health services to students with IEPs, entered into an MOU with the Santa Cruz County Mental Health Agency so that County Mental Health would continue providing mental health services, but for a fee. Board members asked clarifying questions.

6. Adopt the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 1150 – Commendations and Awards, 1240 – Volunteer Assistance, 1250 – Visitors/Outsiders, 3100 – Budget, 3314.2 – Revolving Funds, 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability, 3516.2 – Bomb Threats, 3516.5 – Emergency Schedules, 3555 – Nutrition Program Compliance, 4020 – Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, 4032 – Reasonable, Accommodation, 4112.62 – Maintenance of Criminal Offender Records, 4127 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaches, 4156.2 – Awards and Recognition, 4161.1 – Personal Illness/Injury Leave, 5113 – Absences and Excuses, 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open Enrollment, 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance, 5141.21 – Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions, 5141.33 – Head Lice, 5145.8 – Refusal to Harm or Destroy Animals, 6158 – Independent Study, 6162.5 – Student Assessment, 9320 – Meetings and Notices and 9323 – Meeting Conduct

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

B. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 8, 2011

2. Approve the Revised 2011-12 Administrative Salary Schedule

3. Approve the Budget Actions from February 1, 2011 Through February 28, 2011

4. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

5. Approve the Classified Action Report

6. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board member John Abel announced that he would miss the April 12th Board meeting as he and his family would be on vacation.
- Board President Larry Beaman said he too might miss the April 12th Board meeting due to a possible meeting with senators.
- Board member Michael Shulman said he would be riding in the SVEF Mt. Charlie Bike Challenge scheduled for April 23rd.
- Mr. Beaman also mentioned that the Brook Knoll PTA dinner/auction on March 12 was great fun and very successful.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #1011-1.

ADJOURNED TO PUBLIC SESSION at 8:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #1011-1.
Board President Larry Beaman reported the Board voted 5-0 to support the recommendation from administration.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **8:10 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees