

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 27, 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, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official **Pat Kelban**.

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, Sue Roth, Joseph Espinola, Jondi Gumz and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official **Pat Kelban**.

- A. 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 #06/07-3.
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Walker, 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 **7:14 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, 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, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes. Also in attendance was SV High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)**
Board President Allison Niday reported the Board supports the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation with stipulations regarding the expulsion of Student #06/07-3.
- B. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)**
Board President Allison Niday reported the Board engaged in discussion regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association. No action was taken.

SET THE AGENDA

Board Member Jondi Gumz moved that agenda item A2 be taken from the Consent Agenda to facilitate discussion. Item A2 will be placed as item B4. Board Member Jondi Gumz also moved that Minutes of Strategic Planning Meeting, March 16 and 17, 2007 be added to the Consent Agenda with A1.

Gumz/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver thanked everyone who participated in the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on March 16 and 17, 2007. She expressed her appreciation to all who served on the five Task Forces for their hard work, dedication and the many accomplishments that were realized during the past year since the inception of the Strategic Plan. Results of the Strategic Planning meeting will be publicized in approximately two weeks. In depth budget discussions between the Business Services and all departments and sites were completed last week. The Business Services Department is now in the process of developing the 2007-08 budget. Superintendent Silver and several administrators will be going on a field trip with County Superintendent Michael Watkins to view alternative education programs in the county which could result in modifications of some of our courses. The district is currently working in conjunction with San Lorenzo Valley High School, the Carpenters' Union, Cabrillo Community College and the County Office of Education to initiate a Construction Management Program. The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team is currently at the district office to audit our special education program. We are looking forward to hearing their advice and recommendations. The FCMAT report will be brought to the Board for discussion when received.

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.**

Speaking on behalf of district teachers were; **Sharon Walker**, parent and community member; **Wendy Brannan**, parent and community member; **Peggy Kier**, parent and community member; **Don Dietrich**, parent and community member; and **April Young**, parent and community member.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 13, 2007 and the Strategic Planning Meeting of March 16 and 17, 2007
2. Approve the Appointment of Lydia Snider and Susan Walker to North Santa Cruz County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
3. Approve Scotts Valley High School's Drama Department Trip to New York During the Period of April 11-16, 2007
4. Approve the Surplus of Books from Scotts Valley High School
5. Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report
6. Approve Warrants

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Accept Information from Richard Salome About the High School Mathematics Program
Scotts Valley High School and California League of High Schools' Educator of the Year Richard Salome presented "The Math Department Goes School Boarding." Mr. Salome gave an impressive and enthusiastic presentation of the math courses offered at the high school and the vision the math department is embracing for the future. He commended the administration for their support and encouragement.
Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, requested clarification.
2. Accept Information on the High School Athletic Program and the Positive Coaching Alliance
David Payne and Paul Niday from the SVHS Falcon Club gave a brief overview of the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) program that is being implemented at the high school. The program's objective is to educate coaches to coach in a more positive way. The second step in this program is to educate parents. The Falcon Club supports 17 sports by annually raising over \$250,000 with the help from approximately 200 parent volunteers. The vision of the Falcon Club is to build a new all weather track and field.
3. Adopt Scotts Valley Unified School District School Calendars for 2007-08 and 2008-09
Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief overview of the process of developing a school calendar and pointed out the significant change is that Professional Development Days will be Wednesdays starting with the 2007-08 school year. Currently Professional Development Days are held on Thursdays with the exception of the high school. The district will work with SV Parks and Recreation and the Santa Cruz Metro to facilitate the change in the "early out" days. The calendars will be posted on the district web site as well as going home in newsletters and email news from each site.
Roth/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning this item.

4. **Approve the Appointment of Lydia Snider and Susan Walker to North Santa Cruz County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Board Member Jondi Gumz felt that parents were not aware there were openings on this committee and traditionally one position is held by a parent. Board President Allison Niday distributed letters from Peter McLean pertaining to this item to the Board members. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that the parent and staff members who held these positions had resigned for various reasons and replacements had not been found to date. The term of these positions is for the remainder of the year or until replacements can be found. Board Member Jondi Gumz expressed her desire to wait until the next Board meeting to approve this item. She said she knew of parents that would serve on this committee and would refer those names to Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker.

Roth/Walker 4-1 Gumz voting against Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Walker

1. **Approve a Resolution #07-004 of Impaction for Resource Specialist Services and Speech and Language Services for 2007-08**

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that the projected student ratio for the 2007-08 school year would necessitate the district to create another program or add additional staff if the district accepted interdistrict transfer requests from students with disabilities. If the district has not declared impaction, interdistrict requests from students with disabilities can not be denied.

Espinola/Gumz - Roll Call 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. **Approve the Scotts Valley High School's Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Self Study**

Superintendent Susan Silver thanked all who were involved in this monumental task and pointed out that this process also included the Single School Plan for Student Achievement. Special thanks to Lori Carbone and Naomi Lyall for spearheading this committee and leaving no stone unturned. Members of the Board also expressed their appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the members of this committee.

Cathy Drew – Cathy Drew, counselor at SVHS, also thanked Lori and Naomi and conveyed her observations of their dedication beyond the normal in completing this task.

Roth/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Accept Information the Proposed Revision to the Existing High School Graduation Requirement in the Area of Science**

Scotts Valley High School Science teacher Marty Schafer gave a presentation showing the benefits to students of the proposed revision to the existing high school graduation requirements in the area of science and the adoption of a new high school science course titled “Integrated Science/Environmental Studies”

4. **Adopt a New High School Science Course Titled Integrated Science/Environmental Studies**

Espinola/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. BUSINESS

Kelban

1. Accept Information the 2007-08 Preliminary Budget Assumptions and Information on Department/School Budget Meetings

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban gave a brief history of the process in developing the budget for the next school year. Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained the in-depth budget discussion meetings with each department and site that were conducted last week. Based on the information gained in these discussions the Business Department is now in the process of developing the 2007-08 budget. Ms. Reyes will bring the preliminary assumptions for the 2007-08 budget to the next Board meeting. She also expressed the fact that declining enrollment is very much an issue for our district.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Allison Niday stated there were no communications received.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Student Advisory Shelayne Hammack has been involved with student government in preparing for Respect Week with a rally next Friday. On April 1 there will be a student organized Schools to Schools Fundraiser to benefit students in Africa with a showing of the documentary "Invisible Children," dinner and raffle at the SV Community Center for \$20 per person. Miss Hammack also commented on the presentations given this evening on math and science and feels the high school is doing very well. Board Member Chuck Walker celebrated his son's birthday in Monterey this past weekend. Board Member Joseph Espinola is participating on the Facilities Needs Committee. He attended the Brook Knoll "Pot of Gold" dinner and auction fundraiser and as always is very involved with community sports and activities. Board Member Jondi Gumz attended the two day meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Brook Knoll "Pot of Gold" fundraiser and the Santa Cruz County Science Fair which had great participation. She will give a talk about newspapers at Vine Hill Elementary School next month. Board Member Sue Roth also attended the two day meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and as a member on the committee from last year expressed her enthusiasm at the accomplishments by all the Task Forces. She is participating on the Facilities Needs Committee and attended the Joint City/Schools meeting held last week. Board President Allison Niday attended the two day meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and as a member on the committee from last year was impressed with the overall accomplishments of each Task Force. She is participating on the Fiscal Advisory Committee and chairs the Legislative Action Committee which now has two new parent members, teachers, administrators and would like to have some student members also. Ms. Niday attended the SVHS Falcon Club fundraiser "Texas Hold'em" and the place was packed. She attended the Exchange Club's talent show last Saturday. Ms. Niday and Ms. Roth will be attending an EdSource Fiscal Management workshop "Money Talks" on April 20th. Ms. Niday will attend the "Arts Education is Essential" on March 29th and Ms. Roth will attend the Cultural Council's "Arts in the County" on April 5th.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

- Mar. 30, 2007 - SVHS Art Night 6:00-8:30 Student Union
- April 26, 2007 - SVHS Annual Golf Tournament – Pasatiempo Gold Course
- 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:

- April 24, 2007
- May 8, 2007
- May 22, 2007
- June 12, 2007
- July 10, 2007
- August 14, 2007
- September 11, 2007
- September 25, 2007
- October 9, 2007
- October 23, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- December 11, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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