

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 28, 2006

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth 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: Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Administration present was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

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

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth 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 Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**
Executive session of the public school employer or between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of discussing its position regarding any matter within the scope of representation and instructing its designated representatives.

- B. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)**
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

- C. **LEGAL**
Conference with Legal Counsel regarding litigation with Tech 5, et al. Pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government code Section 54956.9

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joe Espinola, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Principals Gregg Gunkel, Kathy Dunton and Mary Lonhart; Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis; Chief Business Official Pat Kelban; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, and Accountant Liann Reyes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Collective bargaining was discussed, but no direction was given.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

An appointment of the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent was discussed.

C. LEGAL

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding litigation with Tech 5, et al. Pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government code Section 54956.9

Discussion did occur with legal counsel regarding the Scotts Valley High School litigation.

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Silver requested that Principal Mary Lonhart introduce two students from Scotts Valley Middle School that represented our district at the County Spelling Bee. Ms. Lonhart introduced 6th grader Betsy Howard, who took 10th Place in the county for the 4th through 6th grade group. Betsy demonstrated her superior spelling ability, and quizzed the Board with some spelling words of their own. Next was Melissa Kumar, a 7th grader, who placed 2nd in the 7th through 9th grade group. Melissa also demonstrated her spelling acuity and challenged the Board to spell some words from the study list. Congratulations were given to both Betsy and Melissa.

Dr. Silver discussed our API scores, and how we placed statewide. She explained that a score of 800 or above is where we would like to be. This level of scoring does not require a specific target increase for the following years. As a district, we moved up from a score of 816 in 2004 to 825 in 2005. Brook Knoll, Vine Hill and Scotts Valley Middle School all experienced increases in their API scores. Those scores were 893, 869, and 842, respectively. Scotts Valley High School was the only one that dropped from 748 to 736. As a result, the high school must now reach a targeted gain of 5%. Theories as to why the scores have dropped range from turnover of administration and teachers, to the fact that many students do not take the test seriously. Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau has campaigned for this program, as our students perform well when scoring for the CAHSEE and SAT exams. Ms. Niday commented that she attended a parent meeting on this topic that was meant to help educate the parents on the importance of the test, but the turnout was low. Dr. Silver stated her concern that, due to the low API score, parents may think there's a problem at the high school, which could result in loss of students and lack of funding for electives and other offerings.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC-ORAL Limit to 15 minutes:

Wendy Brannan: Ms. Brannon, parent and community member, was requesting more details on the board agendas and minutes. She also requested that the school calendar be prepared two years in advance, meaning the 2007-2008 calendar should be available now for planning purposes. She also provided the board with a copy of information she had regarding public meetings.

John Magliato: Mr. Magliato, teacher, expressed his appreciation to the teachers at Scotts Valley High School who have been working hard to improve all areas. In addition, he expressed thanks for the salary settlement last year. He pointed out several inaccuracies in the recent article published by the Banner, specifically, statements regarding the 4% over four years, that teachers requested all \$5,000 of COLA, and inaccuracies regarding the 1%. Ms. Niday stated that she has requested the Banner to print a correction.

Ann Codd: Ms. Codd, teacher, was of the understanding that the Board thinks that the 1% already granted is sufficient. She feels the COLA should be passed on to the staff. She also expressed her disappointment that teachers were only mentioned once in the board's Governance Handbook.

Jason Tovani: This former teacher from Scotts Valley Middle School is now Assistant Principal at Mission Hill. He came to voice his support for the 1.85% proposed increase for teachers' salaries. Mr. Tovani mentioned that his wife is also a teacher for Scotts Valley Unified School District, and how two salaries from this district were not sufficient from an economic standpoint.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2006**
2. **Approve Scotts Valley High School Journalism Class Members' Trip To National Scholastic Press Association Conference in San Francisco**
3. **Approve Job Description for Director of Business Services**
4. **Approve Modifications to Number of Instructional Minutes at Scotts Valley High School for the 2005-06 School Year**
5. **Approve the Contract to Thermal Mechanical**
6. **Approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2006-2007 School Year**
7. **Approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2005-2006 School Year**
8. **Approve Warrants**

MSP Niday/Espinola 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve Scotts Valley High School Football Team's Juneau, Alaska Trip

Dr. Silver noted that our football team had been invited to Juneau, Alaska for a pre-season game. Louie Walters, Athletic Director, and two of his team captains attended the meeting to talk about their experiences last year when the team traveled to Gainesville, Texas to play against the Texas State Champions. A slide show chronicling that experience, complete with country western music, was shown to the audience. Gainesville sent \$8,000 of gate proceeds to Mr. Walters. In January, the state champions from Juneau called and offered to pay \$10,000 toward expenses for the team to play against them. Matt Miller and Corey Morgan, team captains, spoke positively of last year's experience and how they gained exposure to a different lifestyle and culture while in Texas. The captains reminded the Board that the football team made it to the second round in CCS playoffs for first time last year. Mr. Walters mentioned that the trip to Alaska would not cost the District anything. While sports are seen as an extension of the classroom, Mr. Walters did point out that the students would miss one Friday of school. Mr. Mike Smith offered to write a check to cover the missed ADA as a result of the students missing school that day. Mr. Smith stated that the players last year were ambassadors and behaved like gentlemen.

MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. Approve Scotts Valley Unified School District Governance Handbook

Ms. Niday mentioned briefly that this handbook is a tool for the board, and that it helps the board determine how to work together.

MSP: Espinola/Wolf 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolutions for the Three Joint Powers Authority Appointments

The three JPAs are established for health, workers compensation, and property and liability insurance. The district needs a new appointee that can vote as Ms. Kelban is retiring.

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

(Note: All board members were polled individually and the vote was tallied at 5-0.)

2. Approve Budget Actions from February 1, 2006 to March 22, 2006

MSP Espinola/Niday 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. Accept Information on SVUSD Student Enrollment

Ms. Kelban spoke of how enrollment impacts staffing at the sites. We are currently projecting 115.6 regular education FTE's for next year. This is based on a projected drop of 106 in ADA, which impacts future funding in the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

D. PERSONNEL

1. Accept for First Reading the Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Job Description

Dr. Silver took the opportunity to update this job description when the position was recently vacated in order to accurately reflect the responsibilities of the position. Ms. Roth requested that the item be brought back at the next meeting.

2. Approve Classified Personnel Action Report

Dr. Silver was happy to announce her new administrative assistant, Brenda Spalding. Ms. Spalding will be joining the district office after the Spring break holiday.

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. Approve Certificated Personnel Action Report

MSP Wolf/Walker 5-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

4. Accept Information on Teacher Turnover

Ms. Carolyn Lewis presented three years of historical information on reasons for teacher turnover. The data was based on resignations, and did not include non re-elects or temporary positions. Considering all sites, the top three reasons for teacher resignations were 1) moved out of the area, 2) retirement, and 3) child rearing. Mr. Walker and Ms. Niday expressed a desire to know what the attrition rate is for comparable districts.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None at this time.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Nathan Scalla shared that next week at the high school there were going to be daily themes of respect; respect for yourself, opportunities, the environment, other people, and for your school. A rally will be held in this regard, complete with a guest speaker.

Ms. Niday attended the Falcon Club's Texas Hold 'Em fund raising event, and Mr. Niday took third place behind Scotts Valley High School's chemistry teacher, Erik Nelson. The Vine Hill Auction is scheduled for this Saturday and currently is over sold. The Strategic Planning Task Force Ms. Niday was participating on is now finished. Ms. Niday will be attending the delegate assembly in Sacramento, and

met with the Legislative Action Committee. She needed volunteers for a letter writing campaign and hopes that Site Councils, Parent Clubs and the like will distribute these letter. The committee is trying to get their arms around Proposition 82 Preschool for All. Also, she needs help with two bills Simitian is sponsoring regarding equalization dollars for low wealth districts.

Mr. Espinola's Task Force was done, but members wanted to meet once again in order to review and edit their information.

Mr. Wolf is part of the finance group, which is still working. He mentioned an Ed Foundation staple party at 6:30 tomorrow night at the district office.

Ms. Roth reported that the Human Resources and Student Achievement Task Forces are moving along. She reminded everyone that the recommendations will come to the Board in June.

Mr. Gunkel informed the Board of the Freshman Orientation Parent Night slated for tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will be begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted, and will be held on the following dates:

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| ☛ April 25, 2006 | ☛ September 12, 2006 |
| ☛ May 9, 2006 | ☛ September 26, 2006 |
| ☛ May 23, 2006 | ☛ October 10, 2006 |
| ☛ June 13, 2006 | ☛ October 24, 2006 |
| ☛ July 11, 2006 | ☛ November 14, 2006 |
| ☛ August 15, 2006 | ☛ December 12, 2006 |
| ☛ August 29, 2006 | |

Strategic Planning Sessions:

The next Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for May 5, 2006 at 8:45 a.m. at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Liann Reyes
Accountant

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker
Clerk to the Board of Trustees