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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting March 23, 2010

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

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 6:02 p.m. **Board Members present:** Michael Shulman, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng.

Administration present: Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau and Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Approximately forty employees have been participating in the Facilitation Training with the second two day session scheduled for March 29 and 30. Every Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. many in the facilitation training group have been participating in a phone conference with the trainer, Steve Zuieback. Our members have been practicing the lessons and working with the trainer each week during the phone conference to ask questions and confirm procedures.
- Superintendent Silver received a phone call from Santa Cruz County Superintendent Michael Watkins regarding Scotts Valley community members' at the last Santa Cruz County Board of Trustees meeting request for help on a parcel tax. The county has no ability to put a parcel tax on a ballot but Superintendent Watkins offered any help the district might need at the time a decision was made regarding a parcel tax. Superintendent Silver emailed a letter to all staff, parents and community members that the district has email addresses for to describe the fiscal situation of the district and encouraging community members to actively support the SVEF with any donations they wish to make.
- The FCMAT team was at the County Office of Education last week to study the SELPA and the Special Education Program at the County Office of Education. The FCMAT team gave preliminary recommendations but will follow with a written report in approximately six weeks. The recommendations should streamline procedures for getting services for students. The districts feel the study was helpful.
- The WASC accreditation team was at the high school this week. The SVHS staff and administration devoted a

huge amount of time preparing for the WASC visit and meeting with the team while they were here. SVHS was found to be making excellent progress on addressing the critical needs identified since the last accreditation. The complete WASC Visiting Committee Third Year Review Report is posted on the school web site.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Board Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng reported that the Morp (Prom spelled backwards) went very well and raised over a \$1,000 for the sophomore class. The ROP marketing class is doing a go green campaign called 'Think' and are selling water bottles for \$5 during lunch time. There was a Falcon Spirit rally on Friday that went really well and prom invitations will go out on Thursday. Respect Week is scheduled for April 12-16 with an assembly on that Friday. The WASC accreditation team interviewed students asking what they were most proud of at their school. Students replied with the drama department, sports, the variety of clubs to choose from, a safe environment and student government.

Board Vice President Niday asked about a recent assembly. SVHS Principal Gregg Gunkel explained the subject of the assembly was Distracted and Alcohol Related Driving with a speaker that was very powerful. At lunch time there were activities students could participate in and make their pledges.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Vice President Allison Niday said the SCCSBA held their bimonthly meeting last week and Mountain School District has now joined the Board bringing the total number of districts to nine out of eleven districts in the county. PVUSD will hopefully be joining soon. Board Member Sue Roth who also attended the SCCSBA meeting added that summer school collaboration had been discussed. Superintendent Silver said that Superintendents in the county have been discussing summer school collaboration among districts. The association will be offering regularly scheduled Board Training throughout the year at the COE and the schedule should be available soon. Any Board Member in the county is eligible to attend. The next SCCSBA meeting is scheduled for May.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Derek Timm addressed the Board regarding the fiscal crisis and the importance of the district responding quickly.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Receive Information on the Academy Program Being Piloted at Scotts Valley Middle School

Board Member Sue Roth briefly explained that she and Superintendent Silver attended an Ed Source workshop which talked about, among other topics, a study on middle schools and the effect of the leadership of the district and the driving force of the principal's leadership in attaining gains in student achievement. Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart along with staff members Regina Bowyer, Sylvia Jacobson and Cindy Broersma gave a detailed presentation of the Academy Program being piloted by the staff at SVMS. Ms. Lonhart and staff explained the daily schedule and the benefits it has allotted by providing teacher team time and opportunities for intervention and enrichment for students. The Board commended the SVMS staff on their hard work in implementing this pilot program. Board President Michael Shulman asked if there was a part of the program that didn't go as well as expected and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart replied that in the beginning teachers had reservations on how best to use the enrichment time since it was something the old schedule didn't allow. However, with the team approach it was quickly utilized to maximum potential with a constant list of new ideas for its use. Ms. Lonhart said that the middle school staff would like to continue the academy program next year and would be bringing statistics and data to the Board in May.

2. **Continue Discussion Among Themselves and with Community Members Concerning the District's Fiscal Situation, Including Budget Development, Sources of Revenues, Possible Expenditures and Actions that Might be Taken to Keep the District Fiscally Solvent**

Board President Michael Shulman acknowledged the large number of people requesting to address the Board on this agenda item and asked that first Board Members describe what they had been doing since the last Board meeting. Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng is writing an article for the school newspaper on the fiscal crisis the district is facing in the coming years. Board Members have been meeting with individuals as well as groups and continue to reach out to community members that do not have children attending schools in the district. Board Member Jondi Gumz spoke with senior community members who continue to oppose any taxes but would be willing to volunteer at the school sites. Ms. Gumz also did some research on consolidation of school districts and found that the savings in most cases was not as great as expected and decisions were made by people further removed from the local community. Board Member Sue Roth and Board President Michael Shulman attended the SVEF meeting to answer questions and help people understand the complexity of the issues. Ms. Roth and Board Vice President Allison Niday attended the SVHS Parent Club to also help with understanding the issues. Board Clerk Larry Beaman has been reaching out to groups that opposed the bond in 2008 and continues to listen to business owners in the community. Board President Michael Shulman expressed his appreciation to Board Vice President Niday for taking the time to explain the amazingly complex funding issues the district is facing to any community members or parents who have questions. Mr. Shulman said he is beginning to see more parents take a district wide look at the situation instead of just the school where their children attend. He explained the process the Board would employ to come to a decision regarding a possible parcel tax and next steps if the decision was made to pursue a tax.

Charlotte Multer, SVEF President; Karin Babbitt, SVHS teacher; Aria Leonard; Jamie Tuckey, SVHS teacher; Toni Dunn, SVHS teacher; Hannah Levy; Tessa Rudy; Ann Codd, SVEA President; Debby Rhoads for Heidi Riedel; Jane Arcangeli; Alex Kalinowski and Blaire Ward; and Ranae Maloney and Kristen Snell addressed the Board with suggestions, ideas and statements of their feelings regarding this agenda item.

3. **Approve Resolution Number 10-018 Regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Budget**

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

Board Vice President Allison Niday gave a brief explanation of the inception of this resolution by CSBA and the subsequent adoption by school districts throughout California.

4. **Adopt Scotts Valley Unified School District's Student Calendar for 2010-11**

MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Susan Silver briefly explained the discussion with SVEA and the change in parent/teacher conference week.

5. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 3100 – Budget, 3270 – Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies, 3280 – Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property, 3460 – Financial Reports and Accountability, 3580 – District Records, 4112.23 – Special Education Staff, 4112.4 – Health Examinations, 4117.11 – Preretirement Part-Time Employment, 4117.14 – Postretirement Employment, 5113.2 – Work Permits, 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance, 6111 – School Calendar, 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, 6145.2 – Athletic Competition, 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements, 6146.4 – Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities, 6161.1 – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, 6162.52 – High School Exit Examination, 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth, 6173.2 – Education of Children of Military Families**

Board President Michael Shulman proposed that this agenda item be postponed until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on April 13, 2010 due to the length of time taken by previous agenda items and the need for discussion of this agenda item.

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 (with above requested postponement) Stu Advisory Vote: Aye

B. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Accept as Information the 2010-11 General Fund Revenue Projections

MSP Gumz/Beaman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented detailed information regarding the general fund revenue projections for 2010-11 which is largely based on average daily attendance (ADA) instead of enrollment. Board Vice President Allison Niday added that CSBA is looking at a bill that would fund school districts based on enrollment rather than ADA. Board members asked clarifying questions.

2. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Niday/Gumz 4-0 (Board Member Roth temporarily out of room) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Niday/Beaman 4-0 (Board Member Roth temporarily out of room) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2010

2. Approve a Student Teaching and Practicum Agreement with CSUMB

3. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report

4. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Jondi Gumz acknowledged the announcement in the Brook Knoll Newsletter regarding the retirement of Principal Kathy Frandle at the end of the school year. She also commended the high school students involved with the Safe Driving Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting at **8:45 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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