

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**May 9, 2006**

**PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:00 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, and Marshall Wolf. Administration present was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver and Assistant Superintendent Susan Walker.

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

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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, and Marshall Wolf. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver and Assistant Superintendent Susan Walker.

**A. STUDENT EXPULSION**

The Board received and considered the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #05/06-3 and postponed a decision pending further discussion May 23, 2006.

**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 7:04p.m. Board Members present were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joe Espinola, Marshall Wolf, and Student Advisory Member Nathan Scalla. Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Vice Principal Shannon Calden; Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis; Chief Business Officer Pat Kelban; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker; and Food Services Supervisor Amy Hedrick

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

**A. STUDENT EXPULSION**

The Board received and considered the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #05/06-3. No action was taken.

**SET THE AGENDA**

MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Marshall Wolf requested that for future interdistrict transfer requests that the Board review the rejections only.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Susan Silver explained the district office remodel process that has transpired over the last six months and then continued with a heartfelt thank you to the people who were instrumental in the inception, work, and completion of this remodel. In attendance were: Glenn Soma and son, Kyle; Heidi Woodmansee, and Dan Muhoberac. Ernie Alexander was unable to attend. Dr. Silver awarded each an appropriate duck for the type of work they had contributed. She explained the district is working very hard with the Strategic Plan to get our "ducks in a row" and this has become our motto. Dr. Silver also mentioned that the district had reached the 95% mark on the recent STAR Testing. Nathan Scalla had explained the meetings and incentives that have been going on at the high school to encourage students to take seriously the STAR Testing. Nathan received his "stress duck".

## **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL (Limit to 15 minutes)**

**Sarah Balch and Haley Clanton** – Sarah and Haley are students at Scotts Valley High School and editors of the Falcon Times. They expressed their gratitude for being allowed to attend a Journalism Conference. Ms. Niday commented that she was very impressed with the new layout and expanded subject areas.

**Wendy Brannan** – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, thanked the board members for taking time to be part of district and community meetings. Ms. Brannan remarked that communication to parents as well as community is not always getting to everyone and would like to see Site Council and Advisory Council agendas posted on site as well as the district office.

**Tami Kittle** – Tami Kittle, a teacher at Scotts Valley High School, summarized her role in the district. She then announced her resignation.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

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| <b>A.</b> | <b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b>  | <b>Silver</b>  |
| 1.        | <b><u>Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2006</u></b>  | <b>Consent</b> |
| 2.        | <b><u>Approve Interdistrict Transfer Requests for 2006-2007 School Year</u></b> | <b>Consent</b> |
| 3.        | <b><u>Approve Classified Personnel Action Report</u></b>                        | <b>Consent</b> |
| 4.        | <b><u>Approve Warrants</u></b>  | <b>Consent</b> |

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MSP Espinola/Niday 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

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| <b>B.</b> | <b><u>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</u></b>   | <b>Walker</b>      |
| 1.        | <b><u>Receive for Information a Presentation on Professional Development for the 2005-06 School Year</u></b> | <b>Information</b> |

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker demonstrated an overview of professional development for certificated employees. Studies have shown that professional development makes a difference in student achievement and learning. She reviewed the professional development activities provided in Scotts Valley Unified School District during the 2005-06 school year. Ms. Walker gave a summary of time and fiscal allocations that are

required to support professional development and a preview of critical elements to sustain high quality professional development.

C. **ADMINISTRATION**

Silver

1. **Adopt Policy 5030 Student Wellness** **Action**  
Dr. Silver gave a short explanation of the policy that was presented for the first reading to the board on April 25, 2006 by the District's nurse, Patty Durkee. Amy Hedrick, Chairperson of the Wellness Committee, was in attendance and commented on the hard work and thoroughness of all the committee members. Mr. Espinola asked if the superintendent would report back every two years as specified in the policy. Dr. Silver assured him it would be done.  
MSP Wolf/Niday 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye
2. **Adopt Policy BP 5127 Regarding Graduation Ceremonies and Activities** **Action**  
This policy was brought to the Board for a first reading on April 25, 2006. Discussion among the Board was concerning details as to whether a student could take two consecutive tests and the current pending case to disqualify the CASHEE. Dr. Silver encouraged students to take the test in case the requirements to pass the CAHSEE are upheld.  
MSP Espinola/Wolf 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye
3. **Provide Direction Regarding Participation in the County Office of Education's Ad Hoc Task Forces** **Discussion**  
Ms. Roth explained that the Ad Hoc Committee of superintendents and Board presidents from each school district have been meeting since last fall to determine ways to improve collaboration among the districts. Five task forces have been formed and were described by Dr. Silver. Board members were then asked if they were interested in serving on any of the task forces. Ms. Niday will serve on the Legislative Advocacy group and Ms. Roth will participate on the Preschool group.
4. **Accept for First Reading BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment (Students) and BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment (Employees)** **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
Caroline Bombardieri, Committee Facilitator and teacher at Scotts Valley Middle School, presented to the Board a draft of BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment (students) and BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment (employees). In attendance were Barbara Bodine and Jill Ohana, also members of the committee. The committee consisted of staff members including certificated, classified and management. Ms. Bombardieri explained the committee worked on this draft for several months and reviewed a variety of documents from other school districts and the California Department of Education. The committee also reviewed all district documents and policies relating to safety. Ms. Roth reminded the Board that this was brought forth as a first reading. Ms. Niday emphasized the importance of training in relation to these policies and respect for the individual. Mr. Wolf asked that the committee come back in two weeks and also keep the Board informed as to any conversations pertaining to this subject. Ms. Ohana told the Board that all information assimilated by the committee was then taken to site staffs and was well received by all. The Board voted to bring this agenda item back for action at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.  
MSP Wolf/Niday 4-0 Dr. Silver will research language used in policies.

## **D. BUSINESS**

**Kelban**

### **1. Receive for Information the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Review of the District's 2005-06 Second Interim Report Information**

Chief Business Officer Pat Kelban presented the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's review of the District's 2005-06 second interim report. As required by Education Code the County Superintendent reviewed the district's interim report and agreed with the district's positive certification. They did note that the district is experiencing a decline in enrollment and commended the district for identifying this trend early. Ms. Kelban emphasized that the business office is beginning to review the impacts of the declining enrollment and monitor this issue closely. Overall the SCCOE found the district in good financial condition.

### **2. Receive for Information a Report on the District 2006-07 Adoption Budget Information**

Chief Business Officer Pat Kelban presented a report on the district's 2006-07 adoption budget to the Board. She indicated that the next step in developing the budget is to update the cost of the health benefit plan for each employee. Ms. Kelban stated that on April 26<sup>th</sup> the health benefits JPA voted for Health Net to be the plan of choice for the HMO and the PPO. The total increase for the HMO plan will be 3.8%. Since the district covers 50% of the increase the total expenditure increase will be 1.9%. The encroachment for special education transportation is projected on the current carriers' proposal which represents a 21% increase. The district continues to work with other districts to mitigate this cost. School Services of California has begun to release information based on state tax collections which appear to have increased from earlier projections. The impact of this information will be projected at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

### **3. Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District Action**

MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0, Student Advisory Vote: Aye

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board said that there was none at this time.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

The members of the Board discussed the various activities and fundraisers attended by the Board and also those coming up in the near future. Darshana Croskrey, present in the audience, acknowledged the success of the Spring Into Summer luncheon held on May 6<sup>th</sup> to benefit the arts and academic programs. at the high school and thanked businesses, community members, and organizations that made helped in various ways to make it so successful. Ms. Niday gave an overview of her weekend at a CSBA workshop and what is currently before our legislators. Mr. Scalla reminded us that the High School prom is this Friday. Mr. Espinola gave an update on the Scotts Valley skate park and the discussion of charging a user fee. Dr. Silver, Ms. Roth and Ms. Niday attended the Rotary dinner recognizing outstanding Scotts Valley students. Teacher Appreciation Week starts next week.

## **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meetings will be held on:**

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

## ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm

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