

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 22, 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, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola 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, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)

Superintendent

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.

C. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Support Personnel Committee.

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 **7:05 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola, Chuck Walker and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Director of Business Services Liann Reyes and Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis. **Principals present:** Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code 54957)

Board President Allison Niday reported the Board engaged in discussion regarding the Superintendent's evaluation.

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. The Board will reconvene the closed session at the end of the open public session.

C. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)) Board

No action was taken.

SET THE AGENDA

Board President Allison Niday moved that agenda item A2 be moved from the consent agenda to B4. Board Member Jondi Gumz moved that agenda item B2 be moved to B1 to facilitate students finishing earlier on a school night.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver extended a thank you to all who volunteered to help at the SVEF Ice Cream Social on Sunday. This was the first Ice Cream Social for Superintendent Silver to take part in as an ice cream server since last year's Ice Cream Social was rained out. District employee Anna Foster also participated at the Ice Cream Social in a demonstration of Tae Kwon Do by breaking boards. SVEF reports that it took over 200 volunteers to make the social happen. A recent article in the SV PressBanner from the music teacher gave the impression that the district will not have a music program next year. The district has hired a music teacher who will coordinate the music program into a K-12 comprehensive, standards aligned program. We have received notice from the Packard Foundation that they will no longer be funding the arts program, a loss to the district of \$35,000. Under the direction of Peg Edwards and Anita Long the Independent Study Program has dramatically increased the number of Independent Study students taking the STAR tests. The school district has a partnership with the city and is working toward placing a SRO position again at the high school. We have not had a SRO position this year. The police department has the same difficulties as the district in attracting young people to work in Scotts Valley because of the high cost of living. The DARE program may be returning also. It has been revised to improve the curriculum and will have components for 5th grade, 7th grade and the high school. We have also received certification on our high school AP courses thanks to the hard work of Richard Salome.

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.**

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning various subjects.

John Magliato – John Magliato, Lead SVEA Negotiator and teacher at SV Middle School, stated his opinion concerning the required 3% reserve.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 8, 2007
2. Approve the Nomination to Treasury Oversight Committee
(Moved to B4)
3. Approve the SimplexGrinnell Contract for Fire System Repair and Improvements to Bring Scotts Valley High School to Current Fire Codes as Required by the Division of the State Architects (DSA)
4. Approve the Annual Declaration of Need Form
5. Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report
6. Approve Warrants

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MSP Roth/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye (with modification mentioned above)

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Walker

1. Accept Information on Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program (moved from B2)
GATE teacher Julie Kruth gave an overview of the GATE program that services 3rd grade and above students. Students have been studying physical science and earth science with scientific reasoning resulting in student made projects to prove the theories. Students demonstrated their models of skate board parks to demonstrate physical science at work. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker thanked Ms. Kruth for being a tireless advocate for GATE.
2. Approve Various Contracts for the Provision of Special Education and Related Services
Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that when the district does not offer or have access to a public program that will implement a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) the district must obtain those services from private providers. The following contracts are being brought forward: Bay School (NPS), Morgan Center (NPS), Pine Hill/2nd Start (NPS), Balance4Kids (NPA) and Tucci (NPA). Board Member Jondi Gumz requested more information about Balance4Kids. Ms. Gumz was concerned that the director of Balance4Kids was also the bookkeeper and according to Community Foundation suggestions this is not recommended. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services said that all time sheets are verified against the invoices from Balance4Kids. Board Vice-President Sue Roth felt it might be more of a concern for donors than school districts using the services.
Victoria George – Victoria George, Director of Balance4Kids said that the organization was run by 2.3 staff. She is the director and the bookkeeper. If she was required to hire a bookkeeper she would have to increase the fees for services to cover the salary of the bookkeeper. The organization is non-profit and has periodic audits.
MSP Espinola/Roth 4-1 (Gumz voting no) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Accept Information on the Publishers Being Considered for Adoption for Science**
 Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker gave a brief overview of the adoption cycle and process to determine which textbooks to ultimately adopt for use. Board Members asked clarifying questions. Patty Dion and Breta Holgers, both Brook Knoll teachers stated their opinions concerning the science textbooks being reviewed. Superintendent Susan Silver stated that core textbooks must come from the state approved list for the district to be compliant under the Uniform Williams Act. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker added that state textbook funds could not be used for texts not on the state approved list.

4. **Approve the Nomination to Treasury Oversight Committee** (moved from A2)
 Board President Allison Niday said she had received a call from a Board Member in the Soquel School District stating there was another name indicating the desire for nomination to the position. Ms. Niday suggested the Board consider both for nomination to the Treasury Oversight Committee. Board Members asked clarifying questions. Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained that a majority vote in January 2007 selected Dick Moss, CBO of Santa Cruz City Schools as the representative and Steve Romines, CBO of Live Oak School District as alternate. Due to the notice of resignation of the current alternate Steve Romines from his district to take a job in southern California, it is now necessary to nominate a new alternate to the Treasury Oversight Commission. The Board is asked to consider **John Leopold**, Cabrillo Community College board member, as alternate for this committee.
MSP Espinola/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **ADMINISTRATION**

Silver

1. **Adopt the Scotts Valley Unified School District Strategic Plan for 2007-08**
 Superintendent Susan Silver said the Board received the Strategic Plan for 2007-08 as an information item at the May 8, 2007 Board Meeting. Additional information such as the accomplishments for 2006-07 and a summary of goals for 2007-08 have been included.
MSP Espinola/Gumz 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. **Adopt the CSBA Board Policies Article 0, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**
 Superintendent Susan Silver said the Board received this set of policies as an information item at the May 8, 2007 Board Meeting and is stated as a goal of the Board in the District's Strategic Plan. On AR 0450(a) Board Member Jondi Gumz expressed her desire to have specific persons named for notification of School Safety Plan meetings. Board members Sue Roth and Allison Niday felt the policy wording included all parties without specifically naming them. Superintendent Susan Silver also pointed to the additional staff time it would take to make and track specific notifications. Board member Joseph Espinola stated that if the current practice is found lacking at a future time the policy can then be reviewed.
MSP Espinola/Roth 4-1 (Gumz voting no) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Accept Information on the CSBA Board Policies Article 7, Facilities**
 Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief review of the contract with California Schools Boards Association (CSBA) to work with the district to develop policies and regulations which has been a goal of the Board. Article 7 is the second set of policies and regulations for the Board to discuss before adopting at a later date. By Education Code, all policies need to be reviewed and approved by the Board annually.
MSP Walker/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. Approve the Bid for the Brook Knoll School Roof Replacement to Louis and Riparetti, Inc.

John Waite of Waite Works, Inc. gave a brief review of the bid process. The project is to start on June 18th and finish by August 11th.

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

2. Approve the Revised Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained that the district must submit a revised Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plan each year on or before the last working day in June. The plan represents needed projects not necessarily the funding available for these projects. Board members asked clarifying questions.

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

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion regarding this item.

3. Accept for Information a Facilities Update

John Waite of Waite Works, Inc. updated the Board on the status of facility projects throughout the district as well as the high school. Board members asked clarifying questions.

4. Approve a “Freeze” in Spending in the Unrestricted General Fund

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained a “freeze” in spending in the unrestricted general fund was necessary to increase the projected ending balance for 2006-07. Necessary expenditures can be charged to the appropriate state and federal categorical resources. Donation accounts are encouraged to be spent on current students and not carried over.

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

Teresa Hartman - Teresa Hartman, parent and community member asked that this item be better clarified for the public.

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained in more detail and assured Ms. Hartman that there was money for classroom supplies from funds other than the unrestricted general fund such as the state categorical and donation accounts.

5. Approve the Purchase of Two (2) State Relocatable Classrooms

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban said the district’s maintenance department has evaluated each portable and found them in good repair. The district would like to purchase these portables under the plan adopted by the SAB in 2006. The cost of each portable is \$4,000 which is the current annual lease on each of the state portables.

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

6. Receive Updated 2007-2008 Budget Information Based on the May Revise

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes gave a detailed presentation of the 2007-2008 Budget based on the May Revise. School Services of California presented the Governor’s May Revise on May 17, 2007. The proposed budget now goes before the legislature with the final version to be approved later in June and signed by the Governor. When the Governor has signed the budget, school districts will have 45 days to make budget adjustments to reflect any changes.

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member asked if the district can recoup any money from the excessive absences at the middle school due to the threatening note. Superintendent Susan Silver explained that because law enforcement did not require closure of the school we will be unable to apply for a waiver for attendance.

Ann Codd – Ann Codd, Brook Knoll teacher, said she heard that the Governor was going to free up money for art. Superintendent Susan Silver said that nothing has come from the state regarding money for art.

7. Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District

MSP Walker/Espinola 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

E. PERSONNEL

Lewis

**1. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
MSP Gumz/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye****BOARD DISCUSSION**

Student Advisory to the Board Shelayne Hammack said she attended a student government leadership conference in Campbell facilitated by Mike Smith. She will also have an IB Spanish test tomorrow. Board Member Chuck Walker said things were very quite for him. Board Member Joseph Espinola apologized for missing the last Board Meeting. He had accompanied his son on a 4th grade field trip to Coloma. He attended the SVEF Ice Cream Social with his family this year instead of being a worker and is coaching the All Star Ponytails. Board Member Jondi Gumz took the St. Phillips garden tours, picked her son up from college and attended a business conference on technology opportunities in business. Board Vice-President Sue Roth attended the Facilities Needs committee meeting and commented on the progress. She also attended the Joint City/Schools meeting on May 16th and asked about the high school student body's request that the city hang banners on Scotts Valley Drive saying "SV United". The city explained that to allow one group to hang banners they would have to allow all groups. Ms. Roth encouraged Student Advisory Shelayne Hammack to pursue the issue. Ms. Roth attended a meeting for the Scotts Valley Town Center plans encompassing collaboration between the city, school district, library and Cabrillo Community College. She also passed along an invitation to attend the middle school band and the high school chorus performance on May 23rd at the high school. Ms. Roth reminded everyone of the Scotts Valley Annual Fourth of July Parade and encouraged people to enter their floats, dogs, horses, etc. Board President Allison Niday attended the International Science Fair in Albuquerque and was extremely impressed. She hopes to be able to pass on information to students in Scotts Valley for the Science Fair that will be held here in 2010. Ms. Niday was unable to attend the SVEF Ice Cream Social due to her annual attendance at the CSBA Delegate Assembly in Sacramento. Superintendent Susan Silver and Board President Allison Niday will be attending a meeting on May 29th at the County Office of Education looking at ways for all districts to collaborate with the use of Regional Centers for Career Tech programs.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

May 23, 2007	SVHS Student Awards Rally-Jrs – 9-10:00; Soph – 11-12:00; Fresh – 1:15-2:15
	SVHS Spring Music Concert 7-8:30 Union
May 25, 2007	SVHS Drama Oscar Night
May 30, 2007	SVHS Sr. Awards 6:30 Student Union
June 7, 2007	VH – Talent Show at SVHS
June 12, 2007	VH 5 th grade Promotion Ceremony 1:00pm in Amphitheatre
Sept. 29, 2007	SVHS Parent Club Fundraiser – Comedysportz – SV Comm. Center

OPEN HOUSE DATES

May 10, 2007	SV Middle School	6:30-8:00pm
May 24, 2007	Brook Knoll Elem.	6:30-8:00pm
May 24, 2007	Vine Hill Elem.	6:30-8:00pm

GRADUATION/PROMOTION DATES

June 12, 2007	Vine Hill 5 th grade Promotion Ceremony	1:00pm in Amphitheatre
June 13, 2007	SVHS Graduation	5:00-6:30pm on Football Field
June 13, 2007	SVMS Graduation	Ceremony at Vine Hill 2:30pm
June 13, 2007	Brook Knoll 5 th grade Promotion Ceremony	10:40am on upper playground

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- June 5, 2007 – Sp.Mtg: Budget Study Session
- 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 public session of the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened to closed session.

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