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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting May 25, 2010

CLOSED SESSION: 5:00pm
DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
4444-5B Scotts Valley Drive
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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 5:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Michael Shulman, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth and Jondi Gumz. Board member Allison Niday arrived at 5:30pm. Also in attendance was Superintendent Susan Silver and Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 p.m.

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #0910-2.
- B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)** Case #2009-101

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 6:05 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 Student Services Evelyn Clancy, Director of Technology Shannon Calden, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Scotts Valley Middle School Assistant Principal Tracey Bosso and Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

A. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)

MSP Beaman/Roth 4-0 (Absent: Niday)

Board President Michael Shulman announced that the Board voted to accept the recommendations from the administration regarding the expulsion of Student #0910-2.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case #2009-101

MSP Roth/Gumz 4-0 (Absent: Niday)

Board President Michael Shulman announced that the Board voted to accept the recommendations from the administration regarding litigation in case #2009-101.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT – Special Board Meeting of May 18, 2010

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957) Principal Scotts Valley High School

Board President Michael Shulman announced that the Board voted to accept the recommendations from the administration to hire Valerie Bariteau for the position of Scotts Valley High School Principal.

Superintendent Susan Silver congratulated Ms. Bariteau who is currently the Assistant Principal at the high school. She briefly explained the interview process, which is quite intense with many applicants and a second round of interviews for the finalists, subsequent reference checks before the final decision. Ms. Silver commended Ms. Bariteau on her accomplishments over the past five years as Assistant Principal.

Valerie Bariteau thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in the position of SVHS Principal and then proceeded to give a brief description of her family and her history in education. Her connection with SVUSD has been a long one having lived in Scotts Valley for approximately 20 years, working with the SVUSD on the advisory committee for Scotts Valley High School as an administrator from San Lorenzo Valley School District and her own children's education through district schools. Ms. Bariteau also spoke of her goals and values for the high school and her admiration for the high school staff's dedication and hard work.

SET THE AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Silver reported that ACSA and CSBA have joined the lawsuit filed against the state for the funding of education. California has the highest standards of any state in the nation but no funding to support the work. The lawsuit states that the state is not in compliance with the California Constitution which says the state will provide an adequate education to all students. The preparation for the lawsuit has been in process for a few years and has the potential to strongly affect what happens in the future for education. Board Vice President Allison Niday, who was in Sacramento this weekend with CSBA, added that CSBA has four words to describe our educational system - unstable, unsound, insufficient and unconstitutional. It is a constitutional requirement to provide an education to all kids. The lawsuit is about fixing the system not money because we know there isn't any. The lawsuit is Robles-Wong v. the State of California. Ms. Niday said that one lawyer she spoke with who had read the lawsuit said it was a very sound argument. The CSBA delegate assembly representatives have been talking to legislators for ten years and there have been two reports done four years apart but no one seems to listen. This will be a slow process but it is the right tract.
- Superintendent Silver said that the district would be declining the second opportunity to apply for Race to the Top. As during the first application process the requirements of the program would greatly overshadow the benefits for SVUSD and would ultimately cost the district encroachment of the general fund. The State of California's application for RTT was not accepted due to an inadequate data system and efforts by the State to acquire grant funds to improve the data system have also failed. Ms. Niday added that of all the districts that signed the RTT application more than half were charters.
- Superintendent Silver met yesterday with the Site Leaders Collaborative which consists of representatives from

each site's PTA/Parent Club, Site Council/School Advisory Council, Falcon Club and SVEF. The group came together to look at scheduling of fundraisers for next year so there isn't overlapping of events. SVEF Charlotte Multer brought information from a fundraising meeting in Cupertino which several of our parents attended. Cupertino has recently fundraised approximately two million dollars for their school district. If you are interested in hearing about these ideas please attend the SVEF meeting on June 1st at 7:00pm at the Scotts Valley Community Center.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT – Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng happily announced that there are only ten more days of school. She said there is a blood drive currently at the high school. The Powderpuff Football game and crowning of the first Mr. SVHS went very well. Graduation is June 9th at 4:00pm and the senior awards ceremony is tomorrow night.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT Board Vice President Allison Niday said SCCSBA met at a regular meeting on May 13th at Bonny Doon with Santa Cruz County Office of Education Superintendent Michael Watkins giving a presentation. The next meeting will be held at New Brighton Middle School with Senator Joe Simitian presenting. It will be an opportunity to hear what is being talked about in Sacramento. Ms. Niday attended the CSBA Delegate and Legislation Action Committee meeting in Sacramento last weekend and found the conversations with the legislators they met with very interesting..

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

No comments made.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton

1. Receive Information on the Effectiveness of the Academy Program Being Piloted at Scotts Valley Middle School and Approve Continuing the Pilot for the 2010-11 School Year

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

SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart, Assistant Principal Tracey Bosso, along with Counselor Lynn Beebe and teachers John Magliato, Katrin Craig and Jeff Matlock gave a detailed presentation regarding the effectiveness of the Academy program that was piloted this year. Board members asked clarifying questions and commended the SVMS staff on their vision and dedication to student achievement.

B. ADMDINISTRATION

Silver

1. Hear Recommendations for a School Community Survey From the Citizen's Tax Exploration Committee, Discuss Options, and Provide Direction to Administration About Next Steps

Board President Michael Shulman, who has been meeting with interested community members to explore the possibility of a parcel tax, said that the committee has developed a sample survey to assess the support a parcel tax would receive from district parents. Mr. Shulman explained information gathered by the committee regarding the different formulas used for parcel taxes, senior exemptions and the timeline of the tax. Board members shared their opinions with everyone agreeing on the simplicity of the questions and the factual background information.

Wendy Brannan and **Steve Trevethen** addressed the Board regarding asking on the survey if parents are registered to vote.

Shanna McCord, reporter for the Sentinel, asked for clarification on the term "district community."

2. **Approve Resolution #10-024 Ordering Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, Requesting Consolidation of the Elections, and Specifications of the Election Order**
MSP Niday/Gumz Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick briefly explained how costs for an election are determined.

C. **BUSINESS**

Jelcick

1. **Accept Information on the May Revise for the 2010-11 California State Budget**
Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick gave a detailed presentation on the May Revise as proposed by the Governor, which will have a direct impact on K-12 education.
2. **Approve the Surplus of Books and Materials and the Disposal of Inoperable Equipment**
MSP Beaman/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
3. **Accept Donation to the Scotts Valley Unified School District**
MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. **PERSONNEL**

Lewis

1. **Approve the Board Resolution Number 10-023, Which Directs the Superintendent to Reduce or Eliminate Certain Classified Services**
MSP Niday/Roth Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

MSP Beaman/Niday 5-0 (to extend the meeting to 9:15) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. **Approve the Annual Declaration of Need Form**
MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

E. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Silver

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

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2010**
2. **Approve an Agreement for Services with Dannis Woliver Kelley**
3. **Approve the Contract for Abrite for the 2009-2010 School Year**
4. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
5. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
6. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Jondi Gumz attended the Brook Knoll Open House and was amazed by the student work on bisecting angles.
- Board member Sue Roth briefly explained the SVEF fundraising efforts and the proposed Community Day event. She requested approval by the Board to be the Board representative for the SVEF Community Day event. All Board Members agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting at **9:05 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Larry Beaman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees