

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 8, 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 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 and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban.

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c))** The Board will receive and consider the recommendations from the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #06/07-2.
- 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.

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 **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes. **Principals present:** SV High School Principal Gregg Gunkel, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Kathy Dunton and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION (Education Code Section 48918(c)** The President Allison Niday reported the Board received information regarding the expulsion of Student #06/07-2. The Board will uphold the hearing panel's recommendation.
- 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.

SET THE AGENDA

Superintendent Susan Silver requested that agenda item A4 be pulled to be brought back to the Board on May 22, 2007. Board member Jondi Gumz requested that agenda item B1 be moved to the beginning of the meeting to allow students that are to perform an earlier bedtime. Board member Jondi Gumz then moved to set the agenda with the above modifications.

MSP Gumz/Roth 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B.

1. Accept Information on the Work of the District Arts Team Including Student Performance and Student Art Work

The District Arts Team Coordinator Darshana Croskrey, Vine Hill Elementary Teacher Mary Dettle and SVHS Drama Teacher Karen Babbitt presented an overview of the funding, accomplishments and development of a five year strategic plan for the Scotts Valley Unified School District's Art Program. Student art work was displayed around the room and a musical performance by second and third grade students under the direction of music teacher Coleen Clark was enjoyed by all.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver acknowledged the emotional strain the district had been under during the past week with a critical incident involving graffiti of racial slurs and a mock bomb at the high school and days later a car accident involving third grade students from Brook Knoll in route to a field trip. She expressed her gratitude to the students and community who came together during this stressful time. Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack expressed her pride in fellow students at the Speak Out held at the high school last Thursday evening and the overwhelming support they received from the community. Ms. Hammack was also instrumental in developing pins and bracelets depicting "SV Unified" that students and parents are now wearing. Superintendent Silver commended everyone involved on the excellent manner in which both situations were handled. And, as in every crisis situation, there were lessons to be learned and points to improve upon. On a good note, SVHS placed 13th in the National Collaborative Problem Solving Contest under the direction of SVHS teacher 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, expressed her opinion concerning various topics.

Christine Smith – Christine Smith, Vine Hill teacher, presented SVHS with a check from Vine Hill and SVEA for \$340 to put toward the reward fund.

Katie Bagley – Katie Bagley, SVEF Board Member and Brook Knoll teacher, reminded everyone that the SVEF Ice Cream Social was still in great need of volunteers.

Sue Draper – Sue Draper, community member, spoke in support of the teachers.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of April 24, 2007**
2. **Approve Minutes from Budget Study Workshop of May 1, 2007**
3. **Approve Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions**
4. **Approve the Bid for the Brook Knoll School Roof Replacement**
(pulled from agenda)
5. **Approve the Updated Job Description for the International Baccalaureate Coordinator**
6. **Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
7. **Approve Warrants**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as modified.
MSP Gumz/Roth 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Walker

1. **Accept Information on the Work of the District Arts Team Including Student Performance and Student Art Work** (moved to beginning of meeting)
2. **Adopt the Attached List of Textbooks for Scotts Valley High School**

SVHS Principal Gregg Gunkel explained that all the textbooks have been available for inspection at the high school since the beginning of April and were now on display in the back of the room.

HEALTH	Health & Wellness	Glencoe	Health & Wellness Copyright 2008	9	0-07-876026-7
SCIENCE	Integrated Science	Holt Rhinehart Winstor	Environmental Science Copyright 2006 Karen Arms	9	0-03-039073-7
SCIENCE	Biology	Pearson Benjamin Cummings	AP Edition Biology 7 th Edition Copyright 2005 Neal Campbell	11-12	0-8035-7171-0
SCIENCE	Biology	Pearson Prentice Hall	California Biology Copyright 2007 Miller/Levine	9-11	0-13-201352-5
ART	Art & Design	Davis Publications	The Visual Experience 3 rd Edition Copyright 2005 Hobbs/Salome/Vieth	9-12	0-87192-627-X
MATH	Honors Algebra 2	Prentice Hall	Prentice Hall Classics Alegbra & Trigonometry Functions & Applications Copyright 2006 Paul Foerster	10-11	0-13-165710-0

MSP Gumz/Roth 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Adopt the State Standards in English Language Arts and Math**

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that a review of previous Board Minutes did not indicate when the Board took official action to adopt the State Standards. The State Standards have always been used as the foundation for all district curriculum initiatives.

MSP Roth/Gumz 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **ADMINISTRATION**

Silver

1. **Accept for First Reading the Scotts Valley Unified School District Strategic Plan for 2007-08**

Board President Allison Niday gave a brief history of the development of the SVUSD Strategic Plan in 2005-06 and the subsequent summary of progress to date and the recommended Goals, Objectives and Activities for the 2007-08 Strategic Plan.

Superintendent Susan Silver asked the Board for direction on Fiscal Stability, Objective #3, Step 1 and 2. Board members decided to leave as TBD with a plan to address by December 2007.

MSP Gumz/Roth 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Board Policies Article 0, Philosophy-Goals-Objectives and Comprehensive Plans**

Superintendent Susan Silver explained the Board had contracted 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 O is the first 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.

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

MSP Roth/Gumz 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Approve Resolution #07-005 for Temporary Borrowing**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that Education Code 42603 authorizes temporary inter-fund loans to cover cash shortages within funds of the district. The district certifies that all funds will have positive cash balance at the end of the fiscal year.

MSP Gumz/Roth Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Roll Call 3-0

2. **Approve Resolution #07-006 Authorizing Year End Budget Adjustments for the 2006-2007 Budget**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that the District performs budget actions on a daily basis to maintain the integrity of the various budget account strings and to stay aligned with its expenses, as well as to monitor and prevent negative line item budgets from occurring. During the course of closing the fiscal year, it is necessary to make final budget adjustments in order to balance and maximize all categorical objects.

MSP Roth/Gumz Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Roll Call 3-0

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

MSP Gumz/Roth 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Allison Niday and Superintendent Susan Silver will accept an invitation from County Superintendent Michael Watkins to attend a meeting regarding a Regional Occupational Center for Santa Cruz County on May 29th from 5:00-7:00.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack said it had been a crazy week at the high school with Student Body elections, the prom coming up and IB testing. The wonderful weather we have been having has students ready for summer. Board Member Jondi Gumz congratulated Shelayne on the success of the student Speak Out at the high school. Ms. Gumz attended the Student Authors Fair at Capitola Mall, the production of Brigadoon put on by the SVHS Drama class and the SPECTRA art show at the County Building. Board Member Sue Roth attended the annual SV Rotary Awards Dinner and was awestruck by the speeches by our students. She and Superintendent Susan Silver attended Brigadoon and felt excellent talent was displayed by our students. Ms. Roth regularly attends the Facilities Needs Committee meetings and they will have a presentation coming up soon. She and Board President Allison Niday are Board Members on the Strategic Planning Committee for the Arts Program and found it very interesting to see how the arts track across K-12. Ms. Gumz mentioned how impressive the arts presentation was tonight. Ms. Niday reiterated the need for students at the elementary level to have a place to continue their artistic endeavors at the next level. On Tuesday Ms. Niday spent time at the high school during the lunch break and was impressed to hear the discussion students were having with Principal Gregg Gunkel concerning the graffiti and mock bomb. Students needed to hear correct information from a reliable source. The Legislative Action Committee has three new members and is reviewing the Stanford report. Ms. Niday will be going to Sacramento for the Delegate Assembly and would like to address areas in the report that are particular to Scotts Valley. She will be attending the Intel Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque at the end of this week.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

- May 4-May 12 - SVHS Spring Musical Brigadoon – weekends only
- May 8, 2007 - National Day of the Teacher
- May 10, 2007 - SVMS Open House 6:30-8:00pm
- May 16, 2007 - SVHS 9th-11th Awards Ceremony 6:30pm Union
- May 17, 2007 - VH – Spring Sing Concert – grades 1-3 at SVHS Stu Union 6:00pm
- May 18, 2007 - SVMS Dance 7:00-9:00pm
SVHS Prom
- May 19, 2007 - SVMS 8th Grade Pasta & Steak Fundraiser – 5:00pm SV Community Center
- May 20, 2007 - SVEF Ice Cream Social
- May 23, 2007 - SVHS Student Awards Rally-Jrs – 3rd period; Soph – 5th period; Fresh – 7th period
SVHS Spring Music Concert 7-8:30 Union
- May 24, 2007 - Brook Knoll Open House 6:30-8:00pm
Vine Hill Open House 6:30-8:00pm
- 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 5th grade Promotion Ceremony 1:00pm in Amphitheatre
- June 13, 2007 - SVHS Graduation on football field 5:00-6:30pm
SVMS Graduation Ceremony at Vine Hill
BK Promotion Ceremony

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- May 22, 2007
- 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 meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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