

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 13, 2007**

**Public Session:
Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday convened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:05 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, and Joseph Espinola. Also present Student Advisory Member Chenisha Sangha. **Absent:** Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Director of Technology Shannon Calden and Business Services Director Liann Reyes. **Principals present:** Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle and Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver announced that Brook Knoll Elementary School and Scotts Valley High School have been selected by the California Business for Education Excellence Foundation and Just for the Kids-California to receive the title of 2007 Honor Roll schools. Schools receiving this distinction from California's business community have demonstrated consistent high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all their students. The maintenance department, under the direction of John Waite of Waite Works, Inc., is making significant progress in obtaining certifications of completion from the Division of the State Architect on projects done years ago, but not filed with the State. The most recent was the receipt of the certification of completion on the Brook Knoll Elementary Modernization Project done in 2000. Under the direction of Assistant Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley High School held a DUI assembly in which a student who was involved in an accident told her story. Scotts Valley Police Officer John Hohmann concluded the assembly with legal statistics and information regarding DUI's. The lockdown at SVHS on November 5th was handled very well by staff and law enforcement. Fortunately, the incident was a false alarm triggered by a paper mache' weapon, but gave the district the opportunity to evaluate procedures. Superintendent Silver and Board members make site visits each Monday as well as conducting "Conversations with the Superintendent" once a month. These meetings are informal discussions that all

district employees are invited to attend. The Governance Workshop was held on November 7th with facilitation by Babs Kavanaugh, CSBA. The Superintendent and Board reviewed its purpose as a Governance Team; the district mission, vision and beliefs; the Board Bylaws and the Board goals. Superintendent Silver attended the ACSA leadership summit on November 8th and 9th where inspiring presentations regarding achievement for students focused on the Professional Learning Community.

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 – addressed the Board on various topics.

Ann Codd – SVEA President addressed the Board regarding this week’s parent/teacher conferences and scheduled negotiations meetings.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA Silver
MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 23, 2007**
2. **Approve Scotts Valley Middle School Cheerleaders’ Trip to Anaheim on February 29-March 3 to Attend the USA Junior Nationals Competition**
3. **Approve the Contract to Caltronics Business Systems for the Scotts Valley High School Konica Bizhub 600 Copier**
4. **Approve the Contract to Schoolhouse Services to Complete the School Facility Needs Assessment Required Annually to Establish the Developer Fee Rate**
5. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
6. **Approve Warrant**

B. ADMINISTRATION Silver

1. **Approve the Current Format for Board Meeting Minutes**
MSP Roth/Espinola 3-1 Gumz opposed Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Board member Jondi Gumz asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of more detailed minutes and approved NSBA recommendations.
2. **Accept for Information CSME (Fiber Optic) Cabling Cost Information**
Director of Technology Shannon Calden presented the Board with information regarding bandwidth problems in the district on October 9, 2007. Ms. Calden now submitted detailed possible options for upgrading the district network as well as information from AT&T regarding the cost implications.
3. **Receive Information on the District’s Plan for Teacher Professional Development and Collaboration to Increase Student Achievement**
The primary goal for the school district, as stated in the Student Achievement component of the Scotts Valley Unified School District Strategic Plan for 2007-08 is “to improve student

achievement and opportunities for all students K-12.” A Professional Development Day for all certificated staff was held October 31. Superintendent Silver presented a powerpoint overview of the professional development and collaboration direction in which the district is engaged.

Wendy Brannan – addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

4. **Adopt the CSBA Board Policies and Accompanying Regulations for Article 5, Students**
MSP Gumz/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
5. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Board Policies Article 2, Administration and Article 1, Community Relations**
MSP Espinola/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Approve the June 30, 2007 Annual Financial Report**
MSP Espinola/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Business Services Director Liann Reyes expressed her gratitude for the hard work by the Business Department in achieving an audit with no exceptions. Superintendent Silver commended the Business Department on this achievement. She has never worked in a district that received an audit with no exceptions.
2. **Approve the Budget Actions from October 13, 2007 Through October 26, 2007**
MSP Gumz/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Business Services Director 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.
3. **Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District**
MSP Espinola/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Chenisha Sangha, student advisory member, said that homecoming activities were very successful. The DUI Assembly was well received by students at the high school and the COGS fundraiser this Sunday at 2:00pm at the high school will benefit the Student Athletes Club. The Junior class has begun work on the Winter Formal scheduled for January 12.
- Board member Joseph Espinola attended the homecoming activities and is currently coaching youth football; at the end of the football season he will immediately begin coaching basketball.
- Board member Jondi Gumz attended the high school football game against Santa Cruz and will be helping with the basketball tournament at the middle school. She, along with other Board members and the Superintendent, will attend the annual CSBA conference at the end of November in San Diego.
- Board Vice President Sue Roth missed the last Board meeting due her husband’s illness, but was able to accompany the Superintendent on a Monday morning visit to Vine Hill and the last “Conversations with the Superintendent,” which was very productive with a variety of topics being discussed. She also commented on the lockdown that occurred at the high school, which was unfortunate, but helped us evaluate our procedures. Ms. Roth said she enjoyed the Governance Workshop and encouraged the public to attend these workshops to give them an insight into the Board’s decision making process. SVEF donation letters have been mailed and the SVEF tree lot will open on November 23rd.
- Board President Allison Niday echoed the comments made regarding the importance of the Governance Workshop. She will also be attending the annual CSBA conference in San Diego. The CCSC football playoff against Carmel will be this Saturday at the high school at 1:00.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

Nov. 18, 2007	SVHS – COGS Bowl Fundraiser	2pm at SVHS
Nov. 23, 2007	SVEF Tree Lot Opens	
Nov. 29, 2007	SVMS Honor Roll Assembly	7:00pm
Dec. 7, 2007	Grad Night Fundraiser - Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner	5-7:00pm Must purchase tickets in advance

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- December 11, 2007

▼ Tentative Dates for 2008	(To be Board approved December 11, 2007) ▼
➤ January 15, 2008	➤ June 10, 2008
➤ January 29, 2008	➤ June 24, 2008 (tentative)
➤ February 12, 2008	➤ August 12, 2008
➤ February 26, 2008	➤ September 9, 2008
➤ March 11, 2008	➤ September 23, 2008
➤ April 8, 2008	➤ October 14, 2008
➤ April 22, 2008	➤ October 28, 2008
➤ May 13, 2008	➤ November 18, 2008
➤ May 27, 2008	➤ December 9, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at **9:00 p.m.**

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