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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting November 13, 2012

CLOSED SESSION: 5:30pm
PUBLIC SESSION: 6:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** Larry Beaman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONSIDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)
- B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- C. DISCUSSION REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)
Potential cases: 1

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. **Board members present:** Art Bubb, John Abel, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** Larry Beaman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver, Chief Business Official Vickie Clark, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Food Service Administrator Amy Hedrick, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart, and Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Sharlene Santos.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

A. CONSIDER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT/DISCIPLINE/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

Board Vice President Art Bubb reported received information, no action taken.

B. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.

Board Vice President Art Bubb reported receiving very nice information.

C. DISCUSSION REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)

Potential cases: 1

Board Vice President Art Bubb reported that the Board voted to support administration's recommendation.

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0 (Absent: Larry Beaman) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION

- Board member Michael Shulman attended the SVHS Haunted House where he and his wife volunteered to also help with ticket sales. Recommendations during the preview night were implemented and the Haunted House was terrific.
- Board Clerk Sue Roth also attended the Haunted House and thought it was very scary.
- Board member John Abel attended Brook Knoll's Autumn Festival on October 28th. He commended everyone for putting on a well-run and fun festival and hopes to see it happen again next year. Mr. Abel said it was nice to be back as he was away on business during the last two Board meetings.
- Board Vice President Art Bubb also attended the Brook Knoll Autumn Festival. He visited SVMS on October 25th where he observed seven classrooms, at multi-grade levels and was very impressed by the teaching he observed. Mr. Bubb also participated when SLV administrators came to observe the SVMS academy programs. He said he has become a huge fan of the enrichment academies. Mr. Abel added that Mr. Bubb keeps other Board members apprised of his visits and they are grateful that he can make the site visits.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver welcomed everyone and shared that not only did we receive fantastic API/AYP scores but Scotts Valley Middle and High Schools, due to their high test scores, are now eligible to apply for the California Distinguished Schools.
- This week is Parent Conference week for kindergarten through fifth grade. Teachers and staff will meet with parents to discuss their student's progress.
- Superintendent Weaver and Director of Student Services Fippin visited Brook Knoll last Thursday for a Program Implementation Visit (PIV) and got to observe GLAD strategies being used. PIV will be at SVMS this Thursday.
- Superintendent Weaver and district administrators attended the day long Professional Development on October 8, 2012 hosted by Santa Cruz County Office of Education and featuring speaker Anthony Muhammad. The SVUSD administrators were treated to additional time with Mr. Muhammad after the meeting to discuss systemic approaches to our goals.
- Superintendent Weaver met with SVEA reps on November 8, 2012 and participated in negotiations on Friday, November 9, 2012

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman said a community service fair was held on Friday. The canned food drive began this week. Students are preparing for the Winter Sports Rally on December 13th. Aptos High School students want to observe and discuss the activities SVHS student government have implemented to encourage school spirit to use at their school.

SCZCSBA REPORT

Board Clerk Sue Roth said the SCZCSBA had a great meeting last Thursday, November 8th in the Capitola Community Center. The group was given a tour of the new Opal Cliffs Preschool by Superintendent Henry Castaniada. Ms. Roth explained the school was built in six months, came in under budget and is environmentally friendly. There is one preschool class open now but the district anticipates it becoming an elementary school. All school districts in the county have now joined SCZCSBA and the COE is expected to join soon. Many districts in the county have installed solar panels and Ms. Roth suggested looking at options regarding solar for SVUSD. SCCS have increased their enrollment by 10%. Pajaro has come out of PI, plus their bond passed. Two of the County Board of Trustees wrote opinions against Pajaro's bond and Pajaro is questioning if this is appropriate for a Trustee. There are now five districts in the county that are basic aid. Many of the bonds and parcel tax measures passed, but districts are concerned that the public perception is that the passage of Proposition 30 has ended all the problems for schools. The SCZCSBA would like to hold their January meeting in the Scotts Valley Unified School District. Board member Shulman added that with so many districts acquiring solar he is interested in what funding they used. When SVUSD investigated solar a few years ago there was a long-term financial commitment before the power generated paid for its self. Superintendent Weaver said she has been gathering information on solar and would be happy to bring it to the Board or have a representative from a company come to answer questions. She expressed concern that she has been unable to get information regarding maintenance of the solar units.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Mike Hanson said that lots of good news has been coming from the state lately with the high test scores and the passage of Proposition 30. SVEA still feels we are in a tunnel, but now there is light at the end. Mr. Hanson encouraged the Board to fill in the holes first with funds that come from Proposition 30. Teachers' stress levels are as high as they have ever been. There is a concern that we are not receiving new students because of our large class sizes. Therefore, we need to back fill first. Morale is good and better than last year. Professional Development is better and teachers are saying they wish they had more time to implement all the things we are learning.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Received no comments.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Fippin

1. Accept Information on the International Baccalaureate Program at Scotts Valley High School

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

International Baccalaureate Coordinator Dave Crawford presented information regarding the IB Program at Scotts Valley High School including data on the current program and goals for the future. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

2. Approve the 2012-2013 Single Plans for Student Achievement for Vine Hill Elementary School, Brook Knoll Elementary School, Scotts Valley Middle School, and Scotts Valley High School

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

Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin explained the new organizational structure for the plans involves a partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education that will store the data which will then roll-over to the next year. Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Mary Lonhart, Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Sharlene Santos, and Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart each presented an overview of information regarding their site's Single Plan for Student Achievement including student test scores, goals and strategies for improvement. Board members asked clarifying questions, enjoyed the new formatting yet site specific, and commended the hard work and dedication of all staff involved. *The presentation and SPSA has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

3. **Receive for Information the Summary Report of Student Transfer Data**

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin presented a summary of student transfers into and out of the district for the past three years including reasons for the transfer request and grade levels affected. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation is available on the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.*

4. **Adopt the Novel, *Brave New World*, to be Included on the District Wide List of Accepted Novels to be Used in International Baccalaureate English Classes**

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

Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau and English Teacher Ann Brooke-Freeman explained the cycle of change for textbooks and novels to be used in International Baccalaureate courses. The International Baccalaureate English syllabus was required to choose a new novel for the literary genre study component of the course. In this component the four novels will be studied according to their literary structure, thematic significance, and stylistic devices. The novel selected is *Brave New World* which will be read in the IB English HL year 2 class, second semester of the students' senior year. Board members asked clarifying questions.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Consider for Approval Options for Maintaining the Grassland Preserve**

MSP Roth Shulman Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that on October 17th the district held an informational meeting with neighbors whose property abuts to the preserve. Representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a botanist and Lynn Overtree, Land Trust Manager plus Superintendent Weaver and Board Members Bubb and Shulman attended the meeting to discuss the district's responsibility regarding the preserve. The discussion centered around implementing proven helpful practices to protect endangered plant life which included the possibility of horses grazing the eight plus acres, and a fire break in the grass and what that would entail. Maintenance Consultant Mike Smith provided detailed information regarding the installation of an electric fence, water sources and maintaining a fire break between the electric fence and adjacent property fences. Board members asked clarifying questions. Superintendent Weaver added that once the district has established what practices will be implemented on the property; the district's insurance carrier will be contacted regarding liability insurance.

2. **Approve a Contract for Consultant Services with Leadership Associates**

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

Superintendent Penny Weaver briefly explained that this contract is a continuation of services to the Superintendent as per the mutual agreement of the District and the Superintendent.

3. **Adopt the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program, 4154 – Health and Welfare Benefits, and 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance**

MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 (with modifications) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Penny Weaver reminded the Board that the updated Board policies and administrative regulations were brought to the Board on October 9, 2012 for First Reading and on October 23, 2012 for adoption with the exception of these three which the Board requested further discussion. Board members asked clarifying questions and requested specific modifications.

C. BUSINESS

Clark

1. Receive Information on the Results of the November 6, 2012 Election and Preliminary Information on Local Implications

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark said the good news is that Proposition 30 passed which will improve the district's finances this year. The district is not entirely sure yet how much or when funds will be received from the State. The district will bring information to the Board as the State advises how and when funds will be distributed. Board members asked clarifying questions.

2. Approve the Surplus of Books and Materials and the Disposal of Inoperable Equipment

MSP Shulman/Abel Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark briefly explained that when district-owned books, equipment and supplies become unusable, obsolete or no longer needed they may, with Board approval, be sold or disposed of by one of the methods prescribed in law and administrative regulations.

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

Chief Business Official Vickie Clark briefly explained that the attached list has been reviewed by the Director of Technology.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 23, 2012

2. Approve an Agreement with Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center for Youth Services at Scotts Valley Middle School and Scotts Valley High School

3. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District for 2012-2013 School Year

4. Approve a Contract with School Loop, Inc. for Access to its "School Loop Standard" Web Site Hosting Service

5. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District

6. Approve the Classified Action Report

7. Approve Warrants

ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Art Bubb adjourned the public session at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees