

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 15, 2005**

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:50 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley. Board Members present: Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Administration present was Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 5:51 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 5:51p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, Scotts Valley. Board Members in attendance were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was the Superintendent, Dr. Susan Silver.

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957): SUPERINTENDENT**
- B. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISMISSAL (Government Code Section 54957)**
- C. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))**

PUBLIC SESSION: RECONVENED

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of meeting at 7:10 p.m. All Board Members were present. Administration present: Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent; Patricia Kelban, Chief Business Official; Carolyn Lewis, Personnel Services Administrator; and Gregg Gunkel, Kathy Frandle and Kathy Dunton, Principals.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth reported that the Board had met in Closed Session to discuss:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DISMISSAL

The Board voted to dismiss a Temporary Employee. **MSPWOLF/NIDAY 5-0, Student Advisory vote yes.**

C. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

AGENDA APPROVED AS SUBMITTED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent, wanted to let everyone know Susan Walker was not in attendance because of an illness. Dr. Silver and Pat Kelban, CBO, had attended the Chamber of Commerce Dinner to honor Board Member Marshall Wolf who was voted Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year. In addition, student Erica Soma and former student Ashley Thompson were honored for their community service. Secondly, Dr. Silver mentioned the sad death of local parent Eric Costello because of a skateboard accident, and recognized Mary Lonhart and the middle school staff and volunteers for the Helmet Safety event last Thursday afternoon; many students were present, and numerous organizations contributed.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION - Limited to 15 minutes:

Board Member Sue Roth opened public speaking.

Susanne Herzman urged the administration to begin negotiations.

Kellie Finn stated that the negotiations process doesn't seem to be a priority. She invited the Board to come to the school and talk to the teachers' association.

Darshna Croskey thanked the Exchange Club of Scotts Valley for the total amount raised of \$1,150.00. On November 29, 2005 at the Middle School is the After School Band Program. It will be conducted by Sharon Carson. The Home for the Holidays luncheon raised \$9,000.00 towards Arts and Academics. This year they were going to support a local Katrina family, but instead put a portions of the money toward the Eric Costello memorial fund.

Wendy Brannon thanked Mary Lonhart and staff for the Helmet Safety event. She is concerned about the roof at the middle school.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA :

Board President Sue Roth moved Item D.1 to C.3 for the convenience of the people who were present. **MSP 5-0, Student advisory vote is yes. Consent agenda approved MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

ADMINISTRATION:

B.1 Approval of Resolution No. 06-015 Public School Collaboration for Santa Cruz County Children "Schools Working Together" (Action):

Board President Sue Roth explained that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education had convened an **Ad Hoc Committee** made up of the Superintendent and Board presidents of all the school districts. The purpose is to determine how districts and the COE can best collaborate. The Resolution indicates our Board's intention to work with other districts and to optimize our resources. **MSP Niday/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

B. 2 Approval of Policy 3140, Access to District Records (Action):

Dr. Silver explained that there is already a process currently in place. The revised Policy shows what that process is for the public and the office staff to follow. **MSP Wolf/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

Wendy Brannon stated that no business hours are available to the public so that no one knows when to get material to look at. The public also needs to be informed of what the process is on the copying of documents. She feels that Thursday afternoon is too late for access to the board packet. She would like it available sooner.

B.3 Recommendations of Walovich and Assoc. Regarding repairs to SVHS (Information):

Dr. Silver explained that the lawsuit regarding construction defects at the high school had settled; although the law firm did very well, the \$5.5 million that the district will receive is not nearly enough to complete all the desired repairs, which would be in the area of \$18 million. The Board will need to decide on priority areas for spending the \$5.5 million. She introduced Fred Walovich from Walovich and Associates, who had worked with the district’s attorney throughout the litigation. He explained the kinds of repairs needed—particularly water leakage, electrical systems, mold abatement, and drainage—and will be recommending priorities for repair and developing a proposed time line, to come back to the Board at a later date.

Wendy Brannon asked for clarification of the process as we move forward. Dr. Silver explained that Mr. Walovich was presenting information that had been previously shared with the Board as a courtesy to the public, and at the request of the Board.

Ann Codd of Brook Knoll asked where the money is coming from for the portables. Pat Kelban, CBO explained that Developer Fees will be paying for the portables.

Vicki Powers asked how the inspector passed the uncoated wires’. Mr. Walovich explained that part of the list of 40 defendants from the lawsuit were the project managers and inspectors.

Glen Hines asked what the low and high priority of the project is. How much will be used?

Dr. Susan Silver, explained that there will be \$5.5 million dollars available for this construction. The high priority is what Mr. Walovich has talked about.

Board Member Allison Niday explained that lawsuits are confidential, and that is why the public has not been kept up to date. The lawsuit was confidential until it was settled. Sue Roth explained that this was the largest construction settlement in history of Santa Cruz County. The assembled team of Walovich and Associates was extremely professional on its part in the lawsuit. It was better that we won the case through settlement rather than court. If we had gone to court it would have been much more costly.

BUSINESS SERVICES:

C.1 State Allocation Board Approval of Extreme Hardship Funding(Information):

During the summer, the district, working with consultant John Croswhite, submitted an application to the State Allocation Board for “hardship” funds to replace the roof at the middle school. Pat Kelban, CBO, announced that the application had been accepted, and the district is in line to receive approximately \$478,000; this, in addition to \$100,000 the state will supply and the \$100,000 matching funds the district will supply, will repair the roof. Unfortunately, the district is in line for the funding, which may not be given to the district until next year.

C.2 Approval of the 2006-2007 Budget Development Calendar (Action):

Pat Kelban, Chief Business Official asked for the Board to approve the Budget Development Calendar.

Dr. Silver presented the possibility of a Fiscal Advisory Committee, to examine district budget and other resources and make recommendations to the Board. Dr. Silver asked if the Board would be willing to nominate people for such a committee. Board member Allison Niday said that this sounded like a good approach. Dr. Silver said she will give the Board some time to decide on what people would be on such a committee. **MSP Wolf/Walker 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

C.3 Approval of the 2006-2007 Budget Development Calendar (Action):

Pat Kelban, Chief Business Official reviewed the Management Discussion and Analysis of the First Interim Report and stated that all funds will be able to meet financial obligations. The three year projection reflects budget adjustments to date, including declining enrollment for the first time in ten years; the \$570,000 required reserve for uncertainties; the 2.2% lottery revenue; the 50% return to employees this year only for health benefits savings; step and column, and the 1% raise for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years. Pat Kelban also discussed the district's attempts to decrease the cost of transportation for special education, and the need to increase Cafeteria Fund staffing to provide homemade meals. She also pointed out that Dollar-a-Day has funded over \$480,000 in positions this year; the three-year projections are based on an assumption that a source outside the General Fund will pick up the cost of these positions.

John Magliato, SVEA Lead Negotiator, asked about the 2% set aside last spring in case the state required the district to cover additional costs for STRS. Pat Kelban, CBO said that those adjustments had been made to the budget. He also questioned the 4.23% COLA estimates, and suggested that the COLA would be 5.63%. District figures are based on the School Services of California "Dartboard" and will continue to be revised as new information comes available. **Board President Sue Roth commended the district staff for attempting to make the budget understandable.**

Dharshna Croskey asked why principals would not continue to solicit Dollar A Day. Board member Marshall Wolf's feeling was that we needed to take a break. The Education Foundation Board will have a letter out to with the hope this will bring in Dollar-A-Day. Board member Joe Espinola explained that we have not stopped Dollar A Day. It will continue at a later date, and perhaps in a different way. **MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

C.4 Approval of Contract for Jack Schreder and Assoc. to Complete the Facility Needs Assessment Required Annually to Establish the Developer Fee Rate (Action):

Pat Kelban, Chief Business Official explained the developer fees. This is the contract for Jack Schreder, whom the District used last year and would like to use again. This work needs to be done annually. **MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

C.5 Approval of Budget Actions from October 20,2005 to October 31, 2005 (Action):

MSP Niday/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

C.6 Donation to the Scotts Valley Unified School District (Action):

MSP Espinola/Niday 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

PERSONNEL:

D.1 Scotts Valley Education Association's Negotiation Openers for 2005-2006 (Information):

John Magliato explained that his official role is to present the 2005-2006 negotiation openers for the SVEA. He thanked Vicki Powers for helping to negotiate the health care benefit last year. The openers are Article 23, Article 5 and Article 8. He said he understands that the Board is not ready to present their openers. He passed out a process of collaboration model. He said SVEA is very ready to start on negotiations.

Peter Worden let the Board know SVEA would like to start negotiations. Now that the lawsuit and budget are finished we should be able to negotiate.

Vicki Powers explained that she led the negotiation team last year and things went positively. But like last year they are waiting again. She would like the Board to please negotiate.

Rhonda McEntee of BrookKnoll explained that she is a negotiator for the second year in a row. She feels that negotiations should take place early in the school year. She would like to go over the procedures with the Superintendent.

Ann Codd of BrookKnoll invited Dr. Silver and the Board members to the school at lunch time so they can get to know the teachers and learn each others' viewpoints.

Board member Joe Espinola explained that the Board is not stalling on negotiations. The Board is working with the budget to get a positive result.

Rhonda McEntee mentioned the Kick Off dinner, and that it did not seem like the Board wanted it.

Dr. Silver explained that this was not the place for the conversations necessary for the decisions that need to be made. She said she would get back to John Magliato after talking to the Board.

MSP Niday/Walker 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

D.2 Approval of Resolution 06-016; Credentials Requirements and Certificated:

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory is yes.

D.3 Certificated Personnel Action Report of November 15, 2006 (leave) (Action):

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0. Student advisory vote is yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications at this time.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board member Nathan Scalla spoke about varsity football and volleyball playoffs. Board member Joe Espinola spoke about the Angel Auction and thanked the Brook Knoll PTA for the \$6000.00 they raised. Mr. Clark from Brook Knoll bought the winning ticket. Brook Knoll also donated helmets for the Eric Costello safety project. Board member Marshall Wolfe asked whether they wanted to schedule negotiations now. Dr. Silver responded that some preliminary steps were necessary before the schedule could be set.

FUTURE MEETING DATES: Board Meeting on December 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

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Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Minutes Approved By

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees

