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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting November 15, 2011

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

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** John Abel, Sue Roth, Michael Shulman and Art Bubb. **Absent:** Larry Beaman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis.

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

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

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:04 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board Vice President Art Bubb called the Public Session to order at 6:04 p.m. **Board Members present:** Michael Shulman, Sue Roth, Art Bubb, John Abel and Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski. **Absent:** Larry Beaman. **Administration present:** Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Business Services Vickie Clark, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Phil Menchaca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

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

Board Vice President Art Bubb reported the Board voted to approve an employee's request for catastrophe leave and voted to approve the release of one probationary classified employee.

SET THE AGENDA (Board member Abel requested that agenda item D2 be moved to C4 for discussion.)

MSP Abel/Roth Vote: 4-0 (with above modification) (absent: Beaman) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver gave a brief summary of the last two weeks she spent as a juror on a case in Federal Court and the subsequent frantic pace of keeping up at the same time with her responsibilities as superintendent. She thanked everyone for their patience.
- Superintendent Weaver explained that the Scotts Valley Water District made the SVUSD aware of an error on taxes which resulted in a refund to SVUSD. Scotts Valley Water District Dave Hodgin and Chris Perri presented SVUSD with a symbolic check for \$48,456. The Board thanked the Water District for their integrity during these difficult financial times.
- Scotts Valley High School teacher Erik Wyner and students Jordan Rogers and Lizzie Torrez from the Haunted House project presented a check to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the amount of \$7,613. Mr. Wyner explained that over 200 students were involved in the project this year and commended them for their dedication and hard work. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society representatives were on hand to accept the donation.
- Scotts Valley Middle School Assistant Principal Tracey Bosso and Music Director Beth Hollenbeck attended the Kiwanis dinner on November 9th at Bruno's where a check for \$19,500 was presented to support the SVUSD music program. The donation was the proceeds from the very successful Music in Skypark held during the summer.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski said that last week was Respect Week with students wearing a different color each day to show respect for self, others, the environment and school. The week ended with a motivational speaker on Thursday. The ASB Food Drive is continuing and the Blood Drive will begin after Thanksgiving.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Member Sue Roth attended the first tri-county school boards association dinner. Board Member Michael Shulman attended the SCCSB meeting where discussion regarding support of legislation and political endorsement was initiated. Mr. Shulman also shared information regarding an environmental compact and the Green Schools Committee.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Michael Hanson said teachers are busy with grades right now. Mr. Hanson inquired regarding input in the writing of ballot language. Mr. Hanson also shared that the monthly meetings with SVEA representatives and Superintendent Weaver have been beneficial. SVEA is aware that in about a month the state budget triggers may be implemented requiring discussions as to what actions will need to be taken regarding the district budget.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the possible triggers in the state budget and community service process at the high school.

Paul Abrams addressed the Board regarding an assessment tool he and other UCSC students are developing.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton

1. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Scotts Valley Middle School

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

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton gave a brief overview of the requirements and processes involved in developing the Single School Plan for Student Achievement. Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart presented an overview of information regarding the Scotts Valley Middle School Single Plan for Student Achievement including student test scores, goals and strategies for improvement. Board members asked clarifying questions and commended Ms. Lonhart on the hard work and dedication of the SVMS staff.

The presentation and SPSA has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svUSD.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>.

2. Approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement from Vine Hill Elementary School

MSP Roth/Abel Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart thanked the Vine Hill PTA President and Site Council Chairperson for attending the meeting and for their continued support of Vine Hill. Ms. Stewart presented an overview of information regarding the Vine Hill Elementary School Single Plan for Student Achievement including student test scores, goals and strategies for improvement, the new early bird/late bird schedule for Kindergarteners, GLAD training for teachers and the Cotson grant. Board members asked clarifying questions and commended Ms. Stewart on the hard work and dedication of the Vine Hill staff. *The SPSA has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

Board President Larry Beaman arrived at 6:53 p.m.

B. BUSINESS

Clark

1. Accept Information on the 2011-12 State of California Budget

MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Interim Chief Business Official Vickie Clark reviewed the 2011-12 State of California budget “trigger” language that may institute mid-year budget reductions if the November Legislative Analyst’s Office and December Department of Finance revenue forecasts projected 2011-12 revenue lower than budgeted and how it would affect the district budget. Ms. Clark explained that the district will plan for both options due to planning time constraints. Board members asked clarifying questions. *The presentation has been posted to the district website at <http://www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us/>*

C. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. Approve Resolution Number 12-011 Proposing a Revised Redistricting Plan for the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

MSP Shulman/Roth Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Weaver briefly explained the process required by Education Code for redistricting. Board member Sue Roth attended many of the Redistricting Committee meetings. The redistricting allocates the appropriate number of trustees for each district. The Redistricting Committee hopes each school district will approve this resolution showing support of the task force. The Redistricting Plan for Santa Cruz County is to be approved by the Santa Cruz County Schools Board on Thursday. Board members asked clarifying questions.

2. Receive Staff Report on the Community Meeting Held November 3, 2011

MSP Roth/Abel Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Weaver reminded everyone of the two community meetings recently held on October 20th and November 3rd. Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Phil Menchaca facilitated the meeting in Ms. Weaver’s absence due to jury duty. Mr. Menchaca said the meeting was well attended with slightly over twenty people in attendance. As with the first meeting, Derek Timm gave a very informative presentation. Many of the same issues were brought up with more dialogue by the audience. Ms. Bariteau added that very in-depth questions were asked and some people voiced the opinion that the tax was not enough. Participants asked how they could help get the word out to the community. Board Vice President Art Bubb sat on the panel and added that he felt the meeting was very positive. Board member John Abel observed at both meetings and said he felt the second meeting had more audience participation.

3. Review a Draft Resolution Proposing an Education Parcel Tax Measure Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the draft resolution was created while she was out of the district assigned to jury duty in Federal Court. The draft was not intended to be complete but merely a starting point to give the Board the opportunity for further discussion.

Allen Reames, Wendy Brannan and Derek Timm addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

Board discussion included sharing information from meetings with various community groups including other school districts, opinions from the public, costs of an election plus possible staff time required, communicating information to the public via other group meetings, work on resolution and ballot language with input from all groups, duration, amount and date. Board members asked clarifying questions.

4. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Owner/Architect Agreement Between the District and HMC Architects for Site Accessibility Repairs and Miscellaneous Closeout Work (Moved from D2)

MSP Abel/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Superintendent Penny Weaver briefly explained the additional amendment to the HMC contract was for work toward closeout and certification by DSA. Board members asked clarifying questions.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2011**
2. **Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Owner/Architect Agreement Between the District and HMC Architects for Site Accessibility Repairs and Miscellaneous Closeout Work** Moved to C4
3. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
4. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Michael Shulman said he had an interesting dialogue with John Waite regarding solar panels to offset electrical costs. Bonny Doon School District has been selected to participate in a solar power program. Mr. Shulman suggested that the Board have future discussions regarding solar power in the event an opportunity should arise they will be equipped with knowledge to make a decision.
- Board Member Sue Roth reminded everyone to order their trees from SVEF and to also volunteer time online at the SVEF web site to help with the tree lot. Also, there are only a few more days to take advantage of the QlubbGive winter discounts.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **8:37 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees