

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 10, 2006**

**PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 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 Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

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

**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 the meeting at **7:07** p.m. **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joe Espinola, Marshall Wolf, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, and Director of Business Services Liann Reyes. **Principals present:** Kathy Dunton, Vine Hill; Gregg Gunkel, SV High School; and Valerie Bariteau, Assistant Principal SV High School. Also present was Amy Hedrick, Food Service Supervisor.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

- A. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d)** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Susan Silver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association. Board President Sue Roth reported that direction was given to the superintendent.

**SET THE AGENDA**

MSP Niday/wolf 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

#### **D. Vine Hill Third Grade Presentation – Santa Cruz County/Classroom Fair**

Principal Kathy Dunton thanked the Board for the opportunity for Vine Hill's third grade classes to make their presentation. Ms. Dunton introduced the third grade teachers, Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Johnson. Students from Vine Hill's third grade classes told us about their trip to the Santa Cruz County Fair and the things they learned about life 100 years ago. Students were required to compare and contrast pioneer life with life today. They also were required to use organizational, math and science skills. On returning from the County Fair the classes conducted their own Classroom Fair. Each student gave a brief description of their project and how it related to life 100 years ago. They also shared their projects with other classmates. The students drew math graphs to show how many projects were done in each category. Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver interjected that she and high school Principal Gregg Gunkel were able to visit Vine Hill Elementary shortly after the class trip to the County Fair and were very impressed with the information each student could relate about the trip and their projects.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver was very pleased to announce that Scotts Valley Unified School District was awarded \$1.2 million in the district's request to the State Allocation Board for financial assistance with legal fees arising from the high school litigation. Dr. Silver gave a brief history of the building of the high school and the subsequent litigation. She commended Ms. Kelban for her tenacity and hard work over an extended period of time with the Office of Public School Construction and their staff to get our item on the State Allocation Board's agenda. Dr. Silver explained that there is not a state agency to oversee that small school districts get good advice concerning construction. She is hopeful that the request to the SAB for financial assistance and her position on CSBA's Construction Task Force will help districts in the future. Dr. Silver explained a new program at San Jose State University that two of our high school teachers, Carey Tovani and Dayna Fisher, are a part of, which will result in training for leadership at the site level as well as the first step toward administrative credentials. Mr. Gunkel has also been involved in this program as a mentor. Dr. Silver mentioned that Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker held a training session for the district with the district's School Site Councils and Advisory Council. Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel attended a counseling services workshop in Sacramento and there will be funds available, although at this time we do not know the rules attached to these funds. Dr. Silver explained this is true of most of the one-time funds that hopefully the district will be receiving this year. Dr. Silver has scheduled time to attend each site's PTA and School Site Council meetings over the next month.

Board President Sue Roth commended Carey Tovani and Dayna Fisher for their work in the San Jose State Leadership Program. Board Vice President Allison Niday presented the Board with complementary t-shirts with the date of the Alaska football game and names of the football team members. Principal Gregg Gunkel talked briefly about the trip; the unexpected medical situation for the bus driver and heroic measures performed by Scotts Valley personnel; the field trip to the glacier; and of course the game. Mr. Gunkel expressed his pride in the behavior of the students as well as compliments and gratitude received from residents of the town of Juneau.

#### **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.**

**Karin Babbitt** - Karin Babbitt, teacher at Scotts Valley High School, summarized some of the awards received by the high school in the past few years because of the hard work of our teachers. This was done in response to an article in the Scotts Valley Banner.

## ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

### A. CONSENT AGENDA Silver

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 26, 2006
2. Accept for Information the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation
3. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
4. Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report
5. Approve Warrants
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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
MSP Espinola/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

### B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Walker

1. Receive for Information the Proposed Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as Required by Williams Act

Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker explained that this is an annual requirement and the district has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks. The proposed resolution will return on October 24<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing.

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye – Board has received information on the sufficiency of instructional materials.

### C. ADMINISTRATION Silver

1. Adoption of Board Policy 6145.6 International Exchange

Superintendent Dr. Silver briefly went over the background of this policy that was brought to the Board on September 26, 2006 for a first reading.

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

2. Accept for First Reading the Administration's Recommendation To Implement Grade Weighting and Remove Class Rank from Transcripts at the High School

Superintendent Dr. Silver explained the background of this recommendation and that it is a common practice in most high schools that offer IB and AP courses. The issues of grade weighting and class rank were raised in the School Advisory Council in 2005 and has had lengthy discussion with parent, students and staff at the high school.

**Ben Poser** – Ben Poser, senior at SV High School; **Arlene Passanisi** – Arlene Passanisi, president of the high school Advisory Council and parent; **Jondi Gumz** – Jondi Gumz, community member; **Cathy Drew** – Cathy Drew, counselor at SV High School; **Suzy Quinn** – Suzy Quinn, parent of student at SV High School; and **Elizabeth Walch** – Elizabeth Walch, parent of student at SV High School; all spoke in support of the recommendation to implement grade weighting and remove of class rank from transcripts at the high school.

**Kim McCarthy** – Kim McCarthy, teacher at SV High School, spoke against the recommendation to implement grade weighting and remove of class rank from transcripts at the high school.

**3. Receive Information About the District's Food Services Program**

Food Services Supervisor Amy Hedrick gave an informative presentation comparing the Food Service's sales and revenues for the same time period in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Ms. Hedrick showed that sales were down slightly due to the early dismissal days implemented at the high school this year and described her implementation of a catering program to supplement the reduction in revenue.

Wendy Brannan - Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, complimented the Food Service Department.

**D. BUSINESS**

**Kelban**

**1. Approve the Budget Actions from July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report as of October 31, 2006 is due to the County Office of Education on December 15, 2006 and will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.

MSP Espinola/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

**2. Accept for Information the Vandalism Fiscal Update**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that this information was being provided at the request of the Board. The report reflects costs incurred as a result of the vandalism at three of our four schools. Ms. Reyes said that claims had been filed on most of the vandalism, but to date the district had not received any payments from the insurance company. She also stated that the district's deductible is \$250 per claim. The district will not recover the costs of employee time or lost productivity.

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

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Board President Sue Roth reported there had been no correspondence received.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board Vice-President Allison Niday said she had attended the WASC meetings at the high school and was duly impressed with the data that was being gathered and the leadership of the group. Marshall Wolf said he had a donation of furniture from Baskins-Robbins that might be used by a site or any of the volunteer groups. Joseph Espinola said he had enjoyed Skate Night, a fundraiser for the Brook Knoll, last week. He is also continuing his work with the SV Little League and will now be on their Board. Student Advisor Shelayne Hammack mentioned several of the high school sports activities and reminded us that the high school Homecoming Game is Friday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Board President Sue Roth invited everyone to attend the up coming Candidates Forum on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Scotts Valley High School Student Union. The Candidates Forum will be sponsored by the Board, the high school Parents Club and the Association of Student Body. It will be moderated by the League of Women Voters and will be recorded by Community TV to be televised at a later date.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

- October 24, 2006
  - November 14, 2006
  - December 12, 2006
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- ▼ Tentative Dates for 2007 (To be Board approved December 12, 2006 ▼)**
- January 16, 2007
  - January 30, 2007
  - February 13, 2007
  - February 27, 2007
  - March 13, 2007
  - March 27, 2007
  - April 24, 2007
  - May 8, 2007
  - May 22, 2007
  - June 12, 2007

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **9:28** p.m.

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