

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 2005

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District Office, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. Board Members present: Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, and Joseph Espinola. Chuck Walker was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District Office, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. Board Members in attendance were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Marshall Wolf, and Joseph Espinola. Chuck Walker was absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent, Dr. Susan Silver and Assistant Superintendent Education Services, Susan Walker.

There were no public comments.

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 7:07 pm. Board Members present include Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, and Marshall Wolf. Chuck Walker was absent. Administration present: Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent; Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; and Patricia Kelban, Chief Business Official. Also present were Principals Kathy Dunton of Vine Hill Elementary and Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School.

Board President Sue Roth introduced and **welcomed** to their first board meeting (in an official capacity) **Dr. Susan Silver**, Superintendent, and **Nathan Scalla** of Scotts Valley High School. Nathan will serve as the new student representative with an advisory vote on the board for a

one-year term. This applies to Public Session only, and excludes closed sessions. Nathan's role is to take information back to his Student Council at SVHS.

The agenda was passed as presented. **MSP Niday/Wolf 4-0**; with one aye advisory vote.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth reported. Closed session ended at 6:12, no action was taken regarding the student suspension.

PERSONNEL

Classified Personnel Action Report of October 11, 2005 **MSP Espinola/Wolf 4-0** to approve resignation of Dorene Bolanos, PE Aide, Vine Hill. Increase FTE from .390 to .575 of Meghan Dietrich, Instructional Aide, Brook Knoll; increase FTE from .30 to .40 of Neelu Sangha, Instructional Aide, Brook Knoll. New hire Anne Lafferty, Behavior Support Specialist, Brook Knoll.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Susan Silver welcomed everyone, commenting it was nice to see people in the audience. She stated it has been an interesting one week and two days thus far, especially without a permanent assistant. Dr. Silver reported that she **has been visiting schools**. Her last three years of employment was not so much instructional, so it was nice to get out with the students, teachers, and sites. Dr. Silver expressed her happiness to be here. She **attended homecoming** last Friday at the high school. Dr. Silver thanked Principal Gregg Gunkel and Vice Principal Valerie Bariteau for keeping high spirits "in order" during homecoming. She extended a **welcome to Nathan Scalla**, Student Advisory Board Member. Nathan thanked everyone for the opportunity. In closing, Dr. Silver **thanked the Stafanko family for their donation** of a printer, scanner, and copier for the Independent Study program.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Limited to 15 minutes:

Board President Sue Roth reminds audience that blue sheets be turned in for public comment regarding any items NOT on the agenda and that those comments are limited to three minutes.

Parent Wendy Brannan wanted to clarify a statement she made in the letter she sent regarding the obligation to look at the financial issues the district is having. She wanted to clarify that her intention was to say "due to a lack of Dollar a Day, the financial burden shifted to teachers to be required to teach the curriculum without the necessary funds to do it". Do not put financial burden on students; this affects a certain population in our community. She also wanted to report that she spoke to the Fire Marshall, and fire safety inspections will be done at SVHS. She stated that safety plans need to be reviewed.

Kellie Finn, Brook Knoll Teacher read a prepared statement to the board on behalf of the certified and classified bargaining units regarding why they need more than a 1% raise. She stated that they are the lowest paid units in all Santa Cruz County. The lowest paid in the most

sought out district. For many years they have accepted less than what they felt they should have been given. The units need to be shown they are a priority in the budget, not an afterthought. Gas prices have doubled, PG&E, property taxes are up, health care out of pocket costs have increased. The national pay increase was stated as 3%. The COLA was 5.6%; that should be equally distributed so other things do not take higher priority. Change the history, break the cycle, make teachers and classified staff the priority.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

CONSENT AGENDA MSP Wolfe/Niday 4-0 to approve the consent agenda. In regard to Item A.3 clarification is made that 3rd grade not presented previously.

BUSINESS SERVICES:

B.1 Transfer of Economic Uncertainties to Fund 17 MSP Wolfe/Niday 4-0 A proposal was presented by **Patricia Kelban, Chief Business Official** to move funds from the General Fund 01 to Special Reserve Other Than Capital Outlay Fund 17 to **guarantee our 3% reserve** and stay in compliance with AB1200. Fund 17 was already in place by the prior Board and is also ready at the County Office of Education. Money can move in and out of this fund. Establishing a Fund 17 helps with TRAN borrowing due to lower cash balances in Fund 01. An **initial transfer of \$520,000** was suggested, with the hopes of additional funding moving there in the future to carry more than the minimum 3% reserve for economic uncertainties. Board Member Niday requests clarification of cash as it pertains to TRANS borrowing. Ms. Kelban explained how the TRAN looks at specific cash flows. Last year was very close, within \$30,000 and we did not use a TRAN. Setting aside the reserve money gets it out of the General Fund. Board President Roth clarified the TRAN is a loan. Question from Brook Knoll Teacher Krista Patterson, clarifying the amount is actually 3 and ¼ of 1%.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

C.1 STAR Testing Report A summary was presented to the Board by **Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent Education Services**. She stated there was nothing dramatic to report. Challenge is how to get students at the high school more engaged as this test does not affect them like an SAT test will. California standards are most rigorous, and are very high. Grades 2-11 are affected. Overview presented with detailed results by subject. Further in-depth information is available from Susan Walker.

COMMUNICATIONS:

While the agenda stated there was no communication at this time, **Board President Roth** acknowledged that a letter had been received from Wendy Brannan after the deadline for this agenda. Roth stated that the letter would be looked at.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Board Member Niday spoke regarding homecoming. She stated it was a huge community event, and she was proud of the behavior during homecoming. The football teams played well. She wanted to thank Principal Gregg Gunkel and Amy Hedrick for their hard work.

Board Member Espinola praised the event as “great”, and issued thanks to Principal Gunkel, Vice Principal Bariteau, and Amy Hedrick. The community should be very proud.

Student Advisor Board Member Scalla reported that the first dance raised \$1,500 for hurricane relief supplies that were sent. At the homecoming carnival, school clubs raised \$50 to \$200 each. The Canned Food drive is coming up next week for the next 2 weeks. The annual Haunted House is being set up to help raise money for the Senior Class and Drama Department. He estimates earning \$2,000 for this event – AND it IS scary. The Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Adopted family coming up, and Winter Ball coming up.

Board President Sue Roth reviewed future meeting dates as noted below.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers unless otherwise announced.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Liann Reyes,
Accountant

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees