

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 25th 2005

PUBLIC SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 5:30 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, Chuck Walker, and Joseph Espinola. Marshall Wolf was absent.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: CALLED TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 5:35 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, Chuck Walker, and Joseph Espinola. Marshall Wolf was absent. Also in attendance was Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent.

There were no public comments.
Closed session ended at 6:58 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION: RECONVENED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of meeting at 7:14 pm. Board Members present include Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, and Chuck Walker. Marshall Wolf was absent. Administration present: Dr. Susan Silver, Superintendent, Susan Walker, Assistant Superintendent and Patricia Kelban, Chief Business Official. Also present were Principals Kathy Dunton of Vine Hill Elementary and Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley High School.

The agenda was passed as presented

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth reported that the Board had met in closed session to discuss collective bargaining and to consider recommendations of the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding the expulsion of Student #05/06-1 and Student #05/06-2.

The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding Student #05/06-1, with additional stipulations as set forth in a behavior contract to be administered at the school site. **MSP Niday/Espinola 4-0.** Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Hearing Panel regarding Student #05/06-2. **MSP Espinola/Walker 4/0.**

PERSONNEL:

No personnel items at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Susan Silver welcomed everyone, commenting that it was nice to see people in the audience. She complimented the students at Scotts Valley Middle School for their leadership in providing 60 backpacks for hurricane Katrina victims, and recognized the Scotts Valley UPS and Seagate Technology for their help. She noted that the County Office of Education has received a grant to help county school districts develop integrated emergency preparedness plans; the COE expects to begin working with districts early in 2006. County Superintendent Diane Siri will be meeting with the district's management team in the near future to discuss support services the COE can provide to us. Dr. Silver urged everyone to study the ballot measures and vote on November, as some of the Propositions directly affect our schools. She also noted that there will be only one meeting in November, and reminded that board that the date had been changed to November 15.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION – Limited to 15 minutes:

Jondi Gumz parent of a former Scotts Valley High School student to reminded the Board that a book sale will be held at the high school on the day following Thanksgiving with proceeds to benefit the student scholarship fund.

Parent Wendy Brannan Wendy Brannan asked for additional information regarding a letter that had been sent to the Board prior to the October 11 Board Meeting. She suggested that the Board Agenda be made available in public places other than the district office and individual school sites.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

CONSENT AGENDA: Item A.7 was pulled from the Consent Agenda at the request of Chuck Walker to be reconsidered as Item B.3. Consent agenda approved as modified **MSP Niday/Walker 4-0. Student advisory vote is yes.**

ADMINISTRATION

B. 1 Access to district records (Policy for first reading):

Dr. Silver said that the district should **review policies every three years**. First under review is **Policy 1340**, which addresses the process for members of the public to request public documents. All requests are to be made in writing through the superintendent's office so that it is clear what is being requested. Board member Walker questioned the amount of time the district has to respond to a request; it is defined in the Education Code as being ten working days. Currently, people can access Policies at the superintendent's office. In the future, Dr. Silver would like to have policies accessible on the district's web site.

Dr. Silver introduced **Marie Lund**, her new Administrative Assistant.

B.2 Petition to transfer Property

Property owners would like to transfer four parcels from Scotts Valley Union School District to another. **MSP Niday/Walker 3-1. Espinola voted no. Student advisory vote yes.** The petition requests that four parcels be transferred from Scotts Valley Unified School District into Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District, since parents must drive their children through these districts in order to get to Scotts Valley schools---a commute time of 45 minutes daily. The Board approved the request, out of consideration of the families. Board Member Espinola dissented since the families could remain in our district but attend school elsewhere on interdistrict transfers.

B.3 Approval of an Intern agreement between Scotts Valley School District and California State University, Fresno to provide the opportunity to accept a nursing student or students if desired:

MSP Niday/Espinola 3-1 Walker as the no vote. Student advisory vote yes. The agreement would provide the opportunity for the current district nurse to supervise a school nurse intern. This can provide additional help to the nurse, while providing training for the student. Board Member Walker dissented, based on concerns that the agreement required "clinic" facilities. Dr. Silver explained that there is actually no requirement to provide facilities other than what a school nurse would have, and which the district already provides. Board members Espinola and Niday noted that we have had interns from all over in the past.

BUSINESS SERVICES:

C.1 2005-06 Budget revisions (Information):

A summary was presented to the Board by **Pat Kelban, Chief Business Officer**. Ms. Kelban stated that the health plan savings, STRS adjustment, and Fund 17 transfer to meet the 3% reserve from last year are now reflected. Ms. Kelban stated there were changes

made to reflect salaries and benefit costs of current individual employees. In addition, employee costs formerly covered by Dollar a Day donations were noted; these costs will need to be covered by the General Fund in 06-07 if the employee positions are retained. Ms. Kelban also indicated the potential negative effects of declining enrollment, which could decrease 06-07 revenues by as much as \$355,895. The first of several budget workshops will discuss what role the education foundation will play.

C.2 First reading of budget calendar:

The budget development calendar was presented by Pat Kelban, Chief Business Officer. In January 2006, the Governor will be presenting his proposed budget and we can begin planning the district's budget. In February there will be a meeting with principals for the budget development of 2006-2007 and we expect to have a draft of the 2006-2007 budgets in February. Throughout the spring, budget workshops will be presented, and the draft budget will be revised as more information becomes available until final approval of the budget in June.

C.3 CBEDS (Information):

On October 5th, CBEDS information was collected, and showed a loss of 84 students from 2004 CBEDS. The ten years overall picture shows growth except at this time.

C.4 Special Education transportation (Information):

A summary was presented by Ms. Kelban, Chief Business Officer. The cost for special education transportation is always large. We will be working closely for the next two years with the agreements in the Imps and with Michaels Transportation to reduce costs. This is difficult, since all students need to arrive at school at about the same time, requiring several buses and drives. The district has recently reactivated a district bus and driver in the effort to serve some students at a lower rate than Michaels could provide.

COMMUNICATIONS:

There was no communications at this time.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Board member Niday will be meeting with the Scotts Valley Middle Students regarding the student legislative action and will keep us posted. Board member Espinola stated there is a raffle at Brook Knoll Elementary School for a 2005 Tribeca. The sales will be going back to the PTA. The Brook Knoll website has more PTA information. Dr. Silver and Sue Roth attended an Ad Hoc Committee meeting called by the County Office of Education. They will bring to the board a resolution calling for ongoing collaboration with the county. One of the possible items will be regarding transportation. The health advisory committee met this week with Pat Kelban, Chief Business Officer and Patty Durkee, District Nurse. They talked about the Healthy Kids survey. Board member Niday mentioned the COE tri-county task force for affordable housing for teachers. This involves a tri-county tax initiative and workshops for teachers as potential new home buyers. Nathan Scalla, Student Advisory Board Member, mentioned the haunted house at the high school. The cost will be \$8.00 for first time through and \$5.00 for the second time. It will be from 7-11p.m. The money being raised is for ASB. This will be the third annual haunted house. The play 'Streetcar Named

Desire' will be showing at Scotts Valley High School on November 11th. Winter sports start on November first: soccer, softball, etc.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

The next regularly scheduled Public Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Marie Lund
Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved By:

Chuck Walker,
Clerk to the Board of Trustees