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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting October 25, 2011

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

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

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

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

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Superintendent

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 6:05 p.m. **Board Members present:** Larry Beaman, Michael Shulman, Sue Roth, Art Bubb and Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski. **Absent:** John Abel. **Administration present:** Superintendent Penny Weaver, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, 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

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION – 6:06 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 6:06 p.m.

Board of Trustees will consider proposing an Educational Parcel Tax to be submitted for voter approval in the Spring of 2012

Public Comments

Allen Reames addressed the Board regarding a request for information and questions concerning a possible education parcel tax measure. Superintendent Weaver and Board Members responded to Mr. Reames comments. The Board directed Superintendent Weaver to research weighted parcels and bring information to the November 15th Board meeting.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding a request for information and increased communication regarding the Community Meetings.

SVEA Report SVEA President Michael Hanson addressed the Board regarding the SVEA's position regarding a possible education parcel tax measure. He said teachers are concerned that a parcel tax would not restore previously reduced or eliminated programs but would only maintain current levels. Mr. Hanson explained that SVEA representatives want to participate in the crafting of ballot language if an education parcel tax measure goes forward. He also went on to state that SVEA is aware that if the ballot language is too narrow it can impede adequate use of funds if situations change and if the ballot language is too broad the voting public may not be adequately informed as to the use of the funds and be inclined to vote no.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957) Superintendent Board President Larry Beaman reported the Board discussed the Superintendent's performance evaluation. No action taken.

SET THE AGENDA (Superintendent Weaver requested that agenda item A1 be moved to A2 and agenda item A2 be moved to A1)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver commended the SVHS staff and students on their creativity and imagination witnessed during the Homecoming rally and half-time shows. It was thoroughly enjoyable.
- Ms. Weaver attended the first A Penny for Your Thoughts meeting with the SVMS staff today. The meeting was a good exchange of information. The next A Penny for Your Thoughts meeting is scheduled on November 7th at Brook Knoll.
- The second Community Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30pm at the Scotts Valley Community Center. The panel will be streamlined to facilitate increased audience interaction. The meeting details will be posted on the district web site at www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us.
- Around the district benchmark assessments and progress reports are being worked on. Kindergarten through fifth grade parent conferences are scheduled for the week of November 14th.
- There are many maintenance and playground projects in progress and the district will bring an updated report to the Board at a future date.
- Superintendent Weaver attended a CAWS (California Association of IB World Schools) conference along with SVHS Principal Valerie Bartieau and IB Teacher and Coordinator Dave Crawford yesterday. Information regarding the requirements, research and changes that may be in the future for the IB program were presented. Ms. Weaver commented that the conference was very informative and useful.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Member Sue Roth attended the redistricting committee meeting where the map for redistricting was finalized. It will now go to a public hearing on November 17th at 2:00pm at the County Office of Education. Ms. Roth plans to attend the meeting. Board Member Michael Shulman suggested agendaizing the redistricting proposal at the next Board meeting to allow public input. Ms. Roth said that tomorrow night an historic meeting of Santa Clara County Schools Boards Association, San Mateo County Schools Boards Association and Santa Cruz County Schools Boards Association will all meet with keynote speakers.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski said that Homecoming was very successful. The Homecoming carnival was a great opportunity for students to advertise their clubs and each grade level participated in the half time show. Students also participated in a spirit rally earlier in the day but the involvement of the staff was the best. In ASB today the seniors discussed how their school spirit has increased since they were freshmen. The Homecoming dance was Saturday night and funds raised will help with future events. The Haunted House will open this weekend showcasing the hard work put in by everyone. Respect Week will begin on November 7th with students wearing a different color each day to show respect for self, others, the environment and school. We hope it lasts all year. Community Service met with the Red Cross today to discuss the food drive which begins November 7th.

SVEA REPORT

Done during public hearing segment above.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Fippin

1. **Receive California Department of Education, Special Education Division Consultant Report on the District's Special Education Verification Report** (moved from A2 to A1)

Superintendent Penny Weaver gave a brief summary of the Verification Review and introduced California Department of Education, Special Education Division Consultant Donna DeMartini. Ms. DeMartini presented an overview of the district's Special Education Verification Report stating that the findings were typical for most district reviews. She shared that SVUSD had not been reviewed in the past and therefore was due for a review. The decision to review SVUSD was made in 2010-11 using 2009-10 data. Forty files were reviewed, which is average with no findings that caused concern by the CDE. Board members asked clarifying questions. Superintendent Weaver thanked Ms. DeMartini for her time and expressed that the district takes the findings of the Verification Review seriously. She stated SVUSD administration will collaboratively work to become 100% compliant.

2. **Receive Staff Report on the District's Special Education Verification Report** (moved from A1 to A2)
MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin gave a detailed presentation of the California Department of Education's Special Education Verification Review. Ms. Fippin thanked CDE Special Education Division Consultant Donna DeMartini for her work with the district. She stated that from the initial review some items have been removed from the list citing that they were actually compliant. The district team has worked hard and is doing a really good job bringing all items into compliance. The district has also been working with the County Office of Education to bring their services into compliance. There were some systemic problems which the district is working on such as transition plans for students reaching the age of sixteen. The district is holding meetings to rewrite the IEP's for all families affected. The district is also working on the organization of the special education files. The CDE will return at scheduled intervals to review more files until a review is 100% compliant. Board members asked clarifying questions.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. Receive Staff Report on the Community Meeting Held October 20, 2011

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

Superintendent Penny Weaver shared a list developed at the Community Meeting held October 20, 2011 of items of importance by priority. The group believed programs that support academics for all students to be at the top of the list. Community member and parent Derek Timm presented information regarding a possible education parcel tax measure. The next Community Meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at the Scotts Valley Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Board Vice President Art Bubb will participate on the panel as a Board member along with parents, community members, teachers and administrators. Board members who attended the Community Meeting reported their observations and continued discussion regarding next steps in the process. Superintendent Weaver said a date will be decided for a meeting to draft language before the next Board Meeting scheduled for November 15th. Board Members Michael Shulman, Larry Beaman and Art Bubb will participate along with representation from staff members.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 11, 2011**
- 2. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
- 3. Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board Member Sue Roth attended the SVPD Red Ribbon Week Barbeque Kick-Off. The SVEF meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 7pm at Bruno’s. Ms. Roth also mentioned the upcoming SV Senior Center Holiday Craft & Gift Faire scheduled for November 5th and 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **7:35 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
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Clerk to the Board of Trustees