



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting October 26, 2010

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

### PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 6:01 p.m. **Board Members present:** Michael Shulman, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward.

**Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley High School Assistant Principal Daniel Denton, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Phil Menchaca.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### SET THE AGENDA

**MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

### SCOTTS VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PRESENTATION

Superintendent Susan Silver introduced music teacher Beth Hollenbeck and the SVMS Choir. The choir entertained the Board of Trustees and audience alike with the performance of three songs.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Susan Silver began her report by announcing that the Scotts Valley Kiwanis is donating \$7,100 to the district for the music program in 2011-12. The news was announced by Board Clerk Larry Beaman who is also Kiwanis President.
- Superintendent Silver next introduced the newest employee to the district, Daniel Denton, who has taken the position of Assistant Principal at SVHS. Mr. Denton thanked the Board for the opportunity and expressed his pleasure at being part of the district.
- Superintendent Silver attended the kickoff bar-b-que for Red Ribbon Week hosted by the Scotts Valley Police Department. She expressed her appreciation for the relationship between the District and the Police Department.
- Ms. Silver also attended the tenth annual Your Future Is Our Business meeting which is a partnership between education, business and community organizations that give students exposure to career opportunities. The student speaker, Jonathan Powell of SVHS, spoke about his marketing and digital photography class and the subsequent photo that may become a book cover. Former SVMS Principal and retired Superintendent of Happy Valley, Chris McGriff, is now Executive Director of YFIOB.
- Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is a professional development day for teachers and thus not an attendance day for students.

On the elementary level teachers will be looking at individualized instruction to meet each student's needs. On the secondary level teachers, under the coordination of Josh Wahl and John Magliato, will be presenting Writing Across the Curriculum. Research show that stronger writers become stronger readers which overflows into all other subjects.

### **STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT**

Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward said it has been a very busy week at the high school with Homecoming in a week and the Haunted House starting this Thursday. Students have pledged to abstain from drugs and alcohol for Red Ribbon Week. The Rachel's Challenge assembly has inspired students to reach out beyond their own communities.

### **SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT**

Board Vice President Allison Niday did not attend the last SCCSBA meeting because of a prior commitment, so Board Member Sue Roth attended in her place. Ms. Roth reported that the group finalized the Bylaws which will now be taken to all the participating districts. SCCSBA hopes to ratify the Bylaws in January. Candidate for Santa Cruz County Board of Trustees George Martinez spoke at the meeting. The SCCSBA with the help of the SCCOE will be hosting CSBA training for all Board Members in the county. The meeting was held in Mountain School District but future meetings will rotate throughout the county districts bringing a more unified feeling in the county. Live Oak School District is collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club to use redevelopment funds for buildings.

### **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL**

**George Martinez** addressed the Board as a candidate for the SC County Board of Trustees and explained his platform and beliefs regarding education.

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding information presented at the last Board meeting on interdistrict transfer students and her opinion regarding comments made to her.

**John Abel** addressed the Board as a candidate for the SVUSD Board of Trustees to give an update on the parcel tax committee and asked the Board to endorse the committee.

**Brian Ruf** addressed the Board as a member of the parcel tax group and encouraged the Board to show a united front.

**George Martinez** addressed the Board regarding the parcel tax and his own experiences in getting one passed in Santa Cruz City Schools.

### **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **A. BUSINESS**

**Jelcick**

1. **Accept Information on the 2010-11 California State Budget** Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented information on the 2010-11 California State Budget and the impact it will have on the Scotts Valley Unified School District and other districts. She gave an overview of how the state fiscal problems were addressed and the resulting changes in the district's budget that was adopted in June. Superintendent Silver added that a similar presentation will be made at the five Community Forums scheduled in November to bring the public up to date on the state of the district. Board discussion included defining the intentions of the upcoming forums and clarifying questions regarding the new implications of the state budget on the district. **John Abel** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item and encouraged the Board to proceed with a parcel tax. **Ann Codd** addressed the Board with specific clarifying questions to which Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick responded. **Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board regarding this agenda item and providing the public with a list of possible cuts. Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward responded to Ms. Brannan's comments. Board discussion continued to clarify and better understand the state budget.

2. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District  
MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

**B. CONSENT AGENDA Niday/Roth 5-0 Stu Aye Silver**  
MSP Niday/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of October 12, 2010
2. Approve Brook Knoll's Fourth Grade Overnight Field Trips to Coloma and Sacramento
3. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report
4. Approve the Classified Action Report
5. Approve Warrants

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

- Board Member Jondi Gumz attended the Rachel's Challenge assembly at the high school and commended the concept and everyone who had worked to put it on. She participated in the Make a Difference clean up day at the middle school and commented on a student-made poster for a local business. Board Vice President Allison Niday added that the posters were part of a class project by the ROP Marketing class. The Community Forum is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Gumz said if people wanted to bring treats such as cookies that would be nice. Also she was wondering if someone who speaks Spanish could be there to welcome non-English speakers.
- Board Vice President Allison Niday attended the SVHS football game at Harbor High School where they had collection jars at each entrance for donations to support SVHS student Erick Murai who was recently diagnosed with leukemia. SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau and SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart added that many of the other schools are collecting donations also.
- Board Member Sue Roth attended the Santa Cruz Educational Foundation meeting where there was a screening of Waiting for Superman, a documentary of public education. She also attended the Technology Committee meeting and was able to obtain information from UCSC for the group. Ms. Roth attended the School Food Alliance Show with a showing of the film Nourish. Food Services Manager Amy Hedrick won the "best chicken salad" contest. Representative Sam Farr and Assemblymember Bill Monning were also present with opening remarks and to answer questions. A school in Watsonville will be piloting a program to provide breakfast to every child each day. The program, covered by a grant, will be considered part of the school day and hopes to show the importance of eating breakfast. Ms. Roth also attended the New Teachers Project meeting and commented on how uplifting the meetings are and how overwhelmed she is by what is required of teachers. She attended the Rachel's Challenge assembly regarding bullying and acceptance of diversity and was moved by the message.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting at **7:40 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Brenda Spalding  
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

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Larry Beaman  
Clerk to the Board of Trustees