

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 9, 2007**

Closed Session:

**District Office Conference Room
4444 Scotts Valley Dr., 5B
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

Public Session:

**Scotts Valley City Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066**

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Susan Silver.

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

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. Legal Counsel Dick Noack was present.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Allison Niday reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:01 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola, Chuck Walker and Student Advisory Member Chenisha Sangha. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Mary Navarro, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Business Services Director Liann Reyes, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Technology Shannon Calden and Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick. **Principals present:** SV High School Gregg Gunkel and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – 7:01 p.m.

**Comments from the public regarding Scotts Valley Education Association's
negotiation openers for 2007-08**

No public comments received.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING – 7:02 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION – 7:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

A. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))

No action taken.

SET THE AGENDA

Board Member Jondi Gumz moved that agenda item A1 be moved to later in the agenda for discussion. Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion then made to set the agenda.

MSP Espinola/Roth 4-1 Gumz opposed Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Susan Silver introduced Ms. McDermott and Ms. Hannaleck, second grade teachers from Brook Knoll Elementary and Counselor Barbara Cushing. The students from these classes presented a skit based on the A.C.A.R.E theme of "Teamwork, Caring and Celebrating Diversity." A.C.A.R.E lessons are taught by Counselor Barbara Cushing and emphasized daily by the classroom teachers.

Superintendent Silver and several members of the management team attended the state summit last week. The focus of the summit was Professional Learning Communities to improve student achievement. Through the district's Professional Development program the skills taught at the state summit will be implemented and progress will periodically be reported to the community. On October 31st there is no school for students and the day will be devoted to Professional Development district-wide. The Superintendent and the Chief Business Official will be meeting with experts to receive information and advice on moving forward with procuring a company to handle the community survey regarding the Facilities Committee's recommendations.

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.**

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the IB program and various topics.

Ann Codd, SVEA President addressed the Board regarding negotiations for the 2007-08 school year.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Espinola/Roth 4-1 Gumz opposed

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 25, 2007**
2. **Approve Brook Knoll's Fourth Grade Overnight Field Trips to Coloma and Sacramento**
3. **Accept for Information the Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Under Williams Legislation**
4. **Approve Warrants**

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. **Accept Information on the State of District Technology**

Superintendent Silver gave a brief history of the Director of Technology position that was implemented by the district less than a year ago. This position was filled by Shannon Calden who has expertise in both technology and curriculum. Ms. Calden gave the Board a detailed account of the accomplishments in the district's technology over the past ten months and the goals, needs and plans for the future.

2. **Accept for Second Reading the CSBA Board Policies Article 6000, Instruction**
Board member Jondi Gumz questioned wording in policy #6141.5. In the second paragraph the first sentence will read “The Board desires to provide the courses necessary to obtain an International Baccalaureate degree.” and all wording consisting of “Advanced Placement” in policy will be deleted.

MSP Roth/Gumz 5-0 (with above modification) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Discuss and Adopt Core Values to Guide and Provide Context for the 2007-2008 Negotiations Process with District Employee Groups**

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

C. **BUSINESS**

Kelban

1. **Receive Information on the Latest 2007-08 Enrollment Figures**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban explained the importance of enrollment figures when projecting budgets. District Accountant Vickie Clark gave an in-depth presentation with comparables to previous years on the trends in enrollment and the subsequent affect on budgeting.

2. **Receive for Information a Report on the Return of Eight Portable Classrooms at Scotts Valley High School**

Chief Business Official Pat Kelban gave a brief background of the eight portable classrooms that were installed at the high school in 2004 due to the closing of the original portables because of mold. The anticipated date of removal is October 12th.

3. **Approve the Core Coverage Health JPA Threshold Resolution #07-015**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that the Santa Cruz County Schools Health Insurance Group Joint Powers Authority (JPA) allows each district to set its own unique health insurance eligibility threshold. The District has set its threshold based on the results of previously negotiated items. This resolution is a standing item that will be revisited each year or if changes are made as a result of the year’s negotiations.

MSP Espinola/Roth Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

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

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

BOARD DISCUSSION

Student Board member Chenisha Sangha expressed the excitement students are feeling about the upcoming Homecoming at the high school, the work to get ready for the Homecoming activities and the recent football win over San Lorenzo Valley High School. Board members Joseph Espinola, Chuck Walker and Jondi Gumz attended Back to School Night at the high school. Mr. Espinola is continuing to spend his free time involved with coaching in the community and the various fundraisers that help support those activities. Board member Jondi Gumz also attended the Pep Rally at the high school and mentioned that the annual Parent Club Book Sale would not be held due to the public library’s change of dates, which conflict with the high school’s Homecoming. Ms. Gumz also announced that SVHS student Nathan Scalla had been named Student of the Year by SV Chamber of Commerce and will be honored on October 20th at the Chamber’s Golden Chamber Awards dinner. Board member Sue Roth is experiencing first hand the influence of having the Cabrillo College Branch in Scotts Valley by taking a Spanish class. Board President Allison Niday has been totally immersed in supporting the football team and helping with Homecoming preparations. She announced the newly formed Pep Club that will focus on spirit and enthusiasm for all high school activities. The first Pep Club fundraiser will be the COGS Bowl, a friendly game of flag football, on November 18 at 2 p.m. at SVHS.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

Oct. 12, 2007	Brook Knoll Skate Night	SV Sports Center 6:30-8:30pm
Oct. 19, 2007	SVMS Dance	7-9:00pm
Oct. 26, 2007	SVHS Homecoming Carnival SVHS Homecoming Football Game	3:00pm Frosh 3pm; JV 5pm; Varsity 7:30pm
Oct. 27, 2007	SVHS Homecoming Dance	Student Union 7-10pm

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- October 23, 2007
- December 11, 2007
- November 13, 2007

↓ Tentative Dates for 2008	(To be Board approved December 11, 2007) ↓
➤ January 15, 2008	➤ June 10, 2008
➤ January 29, 2008	➤ June 24, 2008 (tentative)
➤ February 12, 2008	➤ August 12, 2008
➤ February 26, 2008	➤ September 9, 2008
➤ March 11, 2008	➤ September 23, 2008
➤ April 8, 2008	➤ October 14, 2008
➤ April 22, 2008	➤ October 28, 2008
➤ May 13, 2008	➤ November 18, 2008
➤ May 27, 2008	➤ December 9, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the Board Meeting at **8:51 p.m.**

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