



# SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting October 9, 2012

**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, Art Bubb, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** John Abel. Also in attendance was Superintendent Penny Weaver.

### **CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION** – 5:30 p.m.

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CONTRACT (Government Code Section 54957)** Superintendent
- B. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.
- C. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)**  
Potential cases: 1

### **ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AT 6:00 p.m.**

### **PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER**

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 6:07 p.m. **Board members present:** Larry Beaman, Art Bubb, Michael Shulman, and Sue Roth. **Board members absent:** John Abel. Also in attendance were Superintendent Penny Weaver, Chief Business Official Vickie Clark, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Michelle Stewart, and Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Sharlene Santos.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT**

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE CONTRACT (Government Code Section 54957)** Superintendent  
Board President Larry Beaman reported no action taken.
- B. **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION (Government Code Section 3549.1(d))** Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Penny Weaver, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association.  
Board President Larry Beaman reported received information, no action taken.
- C. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)**  
Potential cases: 1  
Board President Larry Beaman reported no action taken.

## **SET THE AGENDA**

**MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 4-0 (Absent: John Abel) Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

## **BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

- Board Vice President Art Bubb attended the SVHS IB Science Night and was extremely impressed with the guest speaker, a forensic scientist from UCSC, and the work of the IB students. Mr. Bubb also visited Brook Knoll Elementary where he observed the SVMI program in several classes and was amazed at how this program teaches students to approach a problem from different perspectives but still come up with the same answer. He also observed a music class where a fourth grade student played a piano solo for the other students. Mr. Bubb thanked Principal Sharlene Santos for allowing him to visit. He hopes to eventually visit each school site.
- Board member Michael Shulman also attended the SVHS IB Science Night and was impressed with the guest speaker's ability to mix humor with her subject matter. The student work was displayed in the gym since the group was large. Students explained the paths they took in their particular projects and why they had selected the topic. Mr. Shulman had also attended the introduction night for entering IB students where Mr. Crawford explained the differences between IB and AP courses.
- Board Clerk Sue Roth said she has been travelling but is glad to be back.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said that the Joint City/School Committee met on September 19, 2012 where guests, Linda Gault and Gail Farthing, from the Scotts Valley Public Library gave a detailed description of the programs and procedures implemented at the Library to create a more personal and positive atmosphere with students especially during after school hours.
- October is safety month and therefore the district will hold a district-wide Emergency Preparedness training for all staff at SVHS tomorrow. Scotts Valley Fire Chief Daniel Grebil and Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Mitch Medina will be present to provide a perspective from other ICS agencies that would be involved during a crisis or disaster.
- On October 2, 2012 the Santa Cruz County Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding an application to transfer territory from Scotts Valley Unified School District to Loma Prieta Joint Union. Superintendent Weaver, Board Vice President Art Bubb and Board Member Michael Shulman were present at the meeting. The matter will next be considered by Santa Clara County School Board on October 17, 2012. The transfer of territory was not contested but would result in a loss of funds from the recently passed Measure K Parcel Tax.
- Superintendent Penny Weaver and Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin have conducted Program Implementation Visits at Brook Knoll and Scotts Valley Middle School. Superintendent Weaver said it is really exciting to see the high caliber of teaching going on in the classrooms.
- The first Curriculum Council meeting was held on October 4, 2012 with an exciting group.
- Programs are in full swing at all school sites and on Thursday, October 11, 2012 after 10:00 a.m. the California Department of Education will release the API scores for all schools.
- Superintendent Weaver introduced Vine Hill Principal Michelle Stewart who shared the exciting news that one of the Vine Hill students, Jay Milroy, entered six of his woodworking items at the Santa Cruz County Fair and won in all six categories plus overall Best of Show which has never been done before by someone under the age of eighteen. Ms. Stewart explained that Jay is a very humble person and she would not have known of his accomplishments had the County Fair officials not called her. Jay and his family were in attendance to receive the admiration and congratulations for his accomplishments from Superintendent Weaver and the Board.

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

Student Advisory Member Jillian Koopman said that last week was Respect Week with guest speaker Keith Hawkins at the end of the week. Student Government is planning other activities to continue respect throughout the school year. The Haunted House is scheduled for October 25-27 with a special preview on October 24 by invitation only. Homecoming week begins October 29 with the game against Santa Cruz on November 2 and the Homecoming Dance on November 3.

**SCZCSBA REPORT** – no report.

**SVEA REPORT** – no report

**MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding AB 1575.

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. ADMINISTRATION**

Weaver

**1. Appoint Applicants to the Measure K Oversight Committee**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver said the district received eight applications representing various areas of our community. Applicants in attendance were James Alley, Jeff Curtiss and Jack Western. The community oversight committee will monitor the expenditures of these funds by the District and will report on an annual basis to the Board and community on how these funds have been spent. The Board agreed to appoint all applicants to the Measure K Oversight Committee. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Jeff Curtiss addressed the Board regarding this agenda item

**2. Approve a Side Letter Agreement Between the District and SVEA Regarding Changes to Contract Language**

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

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that this side letter of agreement is a result of bargaining sessions in 2011-12. Professional development is conducted at each school weekly on Wednesday afternoons with the exception of the middle school which meets every other Wednesday. This letter is effective until renegotiated. Board members asked clarifying questions

**3. Accept for First Reading the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 3550 – Food Service/Child Nutrition Program, 4111 – Recruitment and Selection, 4112.6 – Personnel Files, 4112.9 – Employee Notifications, 4119.1 – Civil and Legal Rights, 4119.21 – Professional Standards, 4119.41 – Employees with Infectious Disease, 4121 – Temporary/Substitute Personnel, 4154 – Health and Welfare Benefits, 5112.3 – Student Leave of Absence, 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance, 5141.33 – Head Lice, 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 6146.2 – Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency, 6178 – Career Technical Education, and 9321 – Closed Session Purposes and Agendas.**

**MSP Roth/Bubb Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that the district receives updates from CSBA quarterly regarding changes in policies and administrative regulations affected by state law, Education Code, legislation and litigation. The district reviews each policy and/or administrative regulation and may make additional modifications to reflect district practice. These policies and administrative regulations will be brought back on October 23, 2012 for adoption. Board members asked clarifying questions.

**4. Receive Information Regarding School Safety**

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

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained that October 21-27, 2012, has been proclaimed America's Safe Schools Week. On October 10<sup>th</sup> all district employees will participate in an Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response training including input and direction from the Scotts Valley Police and Fire Departments and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department. School sites will be reviewing their Safety Plans and holding additional cycles of Crisis Response training with site staff and students including fire, disaster, lock down drills. Personnel make regular inspections of facilities and playgrounds and there is a coordinated dissemination and response to critical alert messages regarding potential threats to student and staff safety. Board members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan and Jack Curtiss addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

**B. PERSONNEL**

Lewis

**1. Approve the Revised Catastrophic Leave Agreement, Which Includes all Scotts Valley Unified School District Contracted Employees**

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

Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis explained that currently the district has a Catastrophic Leave Agreement with the certificated employee group, which was adopted March 9, 1992. Members from each employee group, certificated, classified and management, have met and agreed to include classified and management employees under the agreement, as well as clarify and revise some language in the agreement.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2012**
- 2. Approve the 2012-13 Operations Application for the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program for Scotts Valley Unified School District**
- 3. Approve a Contract with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education for Use of the AESOP Substitute Calling Service**
- 4. Approve a Contract with CPRS for Access to its Web-Based Fixed Asset Management Software**
- 5. Approve a Contract with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Allowing Fifth Grade Students from Brook Knoll and Vine Hill Elementary Schools to Participate in the Outdoor Science School Program**
- 6. Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**
- 7. Approve the Classified Action Report**
- 8. Approve Warrants**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the public session at 7:30 p.m.**

**Minutes Recorded By:**

**Minutes Approved By:**

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**Brenda Spalding**  
**Administrative Assistant to Superintendent**

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**Sue Roth**  
**Clerk to the Board of Trustees**