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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting September 27, 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 were Superintendent Penny Weaver and Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick.

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

A. UPDATE ON EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Larry Beaman called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. **Board Members present:** Larry Beaman, Michael Shulman, Sue Roth, Art Bubb and John Abel. **Administration present:** Superintendent Penny Weaver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart and Food Service Manager Amy Hedrick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

A. UPDATE ON EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9)

Board President Larry Beaman reported the Board voted 4-0 to approve administration's recommendation regarding a settlement agreement. (Absent: John Abel)

SET THE AGENDA

Board Member Michael Shulman requested agenda item D1 be moved to C2 for discussion.

MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 (with above modification) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Penny Weaver said the district received the Special Education Verification Report from CDE on September 14th. The district would like to provide a full update regarding the findings of the Report at the October 25th Board meeting. Superintendent Weaver asked Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin to give a preliminary update on the Report at this time. Ms. Fippin explained that since the district received the Special Education Verification Report approximately two weeks later than the receipt of the Report by SELPA the CDE has extended the deadline for student corrections to November 18th and the deadline for district systemic corrections to January 2nd. She went on to explain that administrative meetings have been scheduled to address corrections at all levels.
- The Vine Hill School team of mentor teacher Mary Dettle, seven fellow teachers, Principal Michelle Stewart, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin and Superintendent Weaver attended the Cotsen Foundation Art of Teaching Conference in Long Beach last weekend. Principal Stewart will give a brief overview of the very exciting conference later in the meeting.
- Vine Hill and Brook Knoll teachers will be working with Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton tomorrow on common core standards and articulation of report cards.
- Superintendent Weaver reminded everyone of the SVHS IB Science Night scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29th.
- Superintendent Weaver enjoyed the environment at SVMS while she visited with students during the lunch break.
- Two agenda items the Board will be receiving information on are the collaboration between SVUSD and SLVUSD regarding nutrition services and the comprehensive report on student achievement by Kathy Dunton.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Alex Kalinowski said Thursday will be the IB Science Night with increased student involvement and interest this year. The Community Service Fair will be held at lunch time on October 6th giving students an opportunity to sign-up for required community service with organizations. There will be a meeting for 10th grade students IB Night for parents on October 12th and students are beginning preparations for Homecoming scheduled for Oct. 21st.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Member Sue Roth reminded that the County Office of Education Redistricting Committee will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tech room at the COE. State Superintendent Tom Torlakson will be speaking at the Coconut Grove sponsored by the SCCOE.

SVEA REPORT

SVEA President Mike Hanson on behalf of the SVEA members thanked Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick for her work with the teachers and expressed their sadness regarding her resignation. He also said that SVEA is very interested in the Board's discussions regarding a possible parcel tax and members want to provide input.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michelle Stewart Principal of Vine Hill Elementary School addressed the Board with a brief overview of the Cotsen Foundation Art of Teaching Conference attended by herself, Cotsen mentor teacher Mary Dettle, seven fellow teachers from Vine Hill, Director of Student Services and Superintendent Weaver.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding Assembly Bill 165 and playgrounds. Superintendent Weaver responded to Ms. Brannan comments.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton/Fippin

1. **Receive Information on Reports for Scotts Valley Unified School District From the California Department of Education's 2010-11 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) System**

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

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton presented information regarding the 2010-11 academic performance results from the California Standards Tests and Academic Performance Index (API), and the Federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report explaining both the State and Federal accountability requirements. She explained the scores by school site and district wide and the implications of schools or districts not meeting the NCLB goals. Board Members asked clarifying questions.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Weaver

1. **Continue Their Planning to Place a Parcel Tax Before the Voters**

Superintendent Penny Weaver explained this agenda item was to allow for continued discussion by the Board regarding placing a parcel tax before the voters to offset the educational funding gap left by the state's budget cuts to education. Board discussion included prioritizing needs, holding community discussions and receiving input from all groups such as teachers, seniors, parents and other residents of the district, collaboratively developing ballot language, timelines for meeting the filing date of February 10th for a ballot to be placed on the May 3rd election, and next steps in the process. Superintendent Weaver was directed to gather data of potential shortfalls over the next two school years and programs that would be saved if a parcel tax was approved by voters.

2. **Discuss the Dates and Content for this Year's Community Meetings**

Superintendent Penny Weaver suggested the Board consider dates to hold informal meetings to engage community members and interested groups for discussion regarding a potential parcel tax including its cost, how the funds would be used and its duration. The Board agreed on October 20 and November 3 for community meetings with times and locations to be determined later.

C. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. **Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, the Job Description of Director of Nutrition Services, the Revised Administrative Salary Schedule, and the Reorganization of the Food Service Program at Scotts Valley High School**

MSP Abel/Shulman Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained the Scotts Valley Unified and San Lorenzo Unified School Districts have had an opportunity to collaborate regarding the administration of the National School Lunch Program. The proposal would require restructuring of the Scotts Valley High School Food Service program, and a reclassification of the position of Food Service Manager to that of Director of Nutrition Services. The agreement delineates the roles and responsibilities of the Director and each district and will result in a savings to both districts. Chief Business Official Jelcick commended Food Service Manager Amy Hedrick for her hard work, dedication and organizational abilities without which this endeavor would not have been possible. Board Members asked clarifying questions and commended everyone involved on their innovative thinking.

2. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011** *(moved from D1 for discussion)*
MSP Shulman/Roth Vote: 5-0 (with modifications) **Student Advisory Vote: Aye**
Board Member Michael Shulman requested changes for clarification to the September 13, 2011 minutes.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

MSP Shulman/Bubb Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Board Members thanked Chief Business Official for an excellent job.

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 13, 2011** *(moved to C2 for discussion)*
2. **Approve Minutes from the Special Board Meeting of September 20, 2011**
3. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
4. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Sue Roth said she attended the award ceremony for the Constitution Essay Contest. SVEF Community Day was a great success and a tally of the proceeds will be reported out soon. SVEF plans to host the Tree Lot again this year. Scotts Valley Rotary will host their 6th Annual Oktoberfest on October 8th with ticket sales benefiting SVEF.
- Board Member Michael Shulman will be attending meetings where Assemblymember Bill Monning and State Superintendent of Public Education Tom Torlakson will speak and he hopes to ask questions regarding NCLB and the AYP scores.
- Board President Larry Beaman said the final concert of the Music in Skypark series was held last Sunday. The Kiwanis fundraiser was very successful and even more popular than last year. A preliminary estimate of profit is \$23,000 which is due to the overwhelming involvement and support of community members and businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Larry Beaman adjourned the meeting at **8:00 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Sue Roth
Clerk to the Board of Trustees