

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
September 11, 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 6:00 p.m. **Board members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Joseph Espinola. **Absent:** Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Susan Silver.

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

Board President Allison Niday called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. **Board members** in attendance were Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz and Joseph Espinola. **Absent:** Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Silver.

**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.

**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 and Student Advisory Member Chenisha Sangha. **Absent:** Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Business Services Director Liann Reyes and Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick. **Principals present:** SV High School Gregg Gunkel, SV Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Kathy Frandle.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:**

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

No action taken.

**SET THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Susan Silver moved that agenda item B2 be pulled since Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Mary Navarro was absent and would have given this presentation.

**MSP Espinola/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye** with modification above

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Susan Silver and the Board of Trustees thanked Student Board Member Shelayne Hammack for her service on the board for the 2006-07 school year. She was presented with a token of appreciation. Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick was presented a 10 year service award. Service awards were presented to employees at the Rotary Luncheon held on August 27<sup>th</sup> but Ms. Hedrick was working in the kitchen and unavailable to accept. Ms. Hedrick has initiated cost savings partnerships with other school districts for the Food Service Department. The last two sites in the district, Brook Knoll Elementary and SV Middle School, received upgraded communication systems. All Special Education employees were trained by the COE in the new online system resulting in IEP's being available online even when students transfer to a new district. Educational Services Administrative Assistant Judy Luiz was critical in organizing this training. Technology Director Shannon Calden and members of the Student Information Data Base Committee are processing the merits of available software and hope to have the student achievement software up by January and the student information data base live in August. Back to school was a success with the district welcoming seventeen new certificated employees and nine newly tenured teachers of which seven teach at the high school. During the 2007 summer eighteen teachers received their CLAD certification. No Child Left Behind requires teachers of students whose primary language is not English to be CLAD certified. The district has only fourteen teachers that are not presently CLAD certified.

## **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 on various topics.

## **ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Silver**

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

**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board before their vote regarding agenda item A6.

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2007**
- 2. Approve the Contract to Smith Telecommunications for the Brook Knoll School Phone System**
- 3. Approve the Contract to Smith Telecommunications for the Scotts Valley Middle School Phone System**
- 4. Approve the Agreement with San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District for Sandra Reimer to Provide Special Education Director Services for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year**
- 5. Approve an Agreement with Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center for Youth Services at Scotts Valley High School**
- 6. Approve the Temporary Service Agreement for Patricia Kelban for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year**
- 7. Approve the Certificated Personnel Action Report**
- 8. Approve the Classified Action Report**
- 9. Approve Warrants**

## B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Navarro

1. **Receive for Information the Proposed Resolution #07-014 as Required by Williams Act, Affirming that the District has Provided Pupils with Sufficient, Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials**  
Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief background of this requirement which will be brought back to the Board on September 25, 2007.
2. **Receive Information on Spring 2007, STAR Data for Scotts Valley Unified School District**  
Pulled from agenda due to absence of Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Mary Navarro.

## C. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. **Approve the Superintendent's Contract and Compensation Increase as Presented MSP Roth/Espinola 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**  
**Wendy Brannan** addressed the Board before their vote regarding this item.  
Board member Jondi Gumz clarified the process.
2. **Accept Public Comment Regarding the Recommendations of the Facilities Committee**  
The first public hearing regarding the recommendations of the Facilities Committee was conducted on September 4, 2007. Questions were raised at that meeting which the committee has done research on. Superintendent Silver extended an apology to the residents of Forest Hills Mobile Home Park for not communicating directly with them. Letters were sent several months ago to the owners of both parcels of property being discussed in the Facilities Committee's recommendations. Unfortunately the owner of Forest Hills Mobile Home Park did not pass information on to the residents. Facilities Committee member Michael Shulman expanded on the research and findings he had done over the past week regarding State and Municipal mobile home closure laws as they pertain to public entities.  
**Jane Pennington and Stephen Cooper** residents of the Forest Hills Mobile Park; **Ann Codd**, SVEA President; **Wendy Brannan, Barbara Bodine and Jim Reed** addressed the Board regarding this item.  
**Facilities Committee** members Michael Shulman and Gary Redenbacher clarified the committee's recommendations and research findings. Ray Haight, a bond consultant, addressed the Board with clarifying information.  
The Board asked that this item be put on the September 25<sup>th</sup> Board Agenda for discussion and possible action. The Board also gave direction to Superintendent Silver to move forward gathering information regarding a survey/questionnaire for the community regarding the Facilities Committee's recommendations.
3. **Approve the Request for a Student Trip to the Yosemite Institute for Sixty Sixth Graders from Scotts Valley Middle School**  
**MSP Gumz/Roth 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**  
Superintendent Susan Silver explained the unusual circumstances regarding this field trip; only a portion of the class would be able to attend. Board member Joseph Espinola conveyed Board approval was based on the pilot program status of the trip and the fact that eighty additional spaces have been found, to total approximately 140 spaces.  
**Renae Fish**, SVMS teacher and sponsor of the Yosemite trip, addressed the Board regarding the attributes of the field trip. A lottery system will be initiated to determine which students will be allowed to attend. The cost of the trip will be strictly voluntary with any difference being made up by fundraisers and support of the SVMS PTA.  
**Wendy Brannan, Gary Redenbacher, and Neelu Sangha** addressed the Board regarding this item.

**Board member Jondi Gumz left at 9:20 p.m.**

**D. BUSINESS**

**Kelban**

**1. Receive for Information the Review of the 2007-08 Adopted Budget as Required by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes explained that the district’s budget for 2007-08 was adopted in June as required and accepted by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education with comments regarding district management of continuing declining enrollment and deficit spending, which was noted in the current and subsequent two years. The State Budget has been adopted, which will be reflected in changes to the district’s 2007-08 Adopted Budget and brought to the Board within forty-five days.

**2. Adopt Resolution #07-013 Approving the Actual 2006-07 and the Projected 2007-08 Gann Limit**

**MSP Espinola/Roth Roll Call Vote: 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes briefly explained the provisions of the Gann Limit for public agencies, including school districts, establishing maximum appropriation limitations and the inflation and population factors used in the calculation of the district’s Gann Limit.

**3. Approve the 2006-07 Unaudited Actuals**

**MSP Roth/Espinola 3-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye**

Director of Business Services Liann Reyes presented the 2006-07 Unaudited Actuals which are due to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education by September 15, 2007. Although this presentation should be considered preliminary, pending the release of the final audit report in December, Ms. Reyes expects any adjustments to be minor. All funds of the district are in positive cash and fund positions and the district has met its required 3% reserve for economic uncertainties.

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

**MSP Roth/Espinola 3-0**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board member Joseph Espinola extended a special thank you to the Brook Knoll PTA for their generous donations. Board President Allison Niday summarized the SVHS Football Team trip to Hawaii.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT**

Sept. 29, 2007	SVHS Parent Club Fundraiser – Comedysportz	SV Comm. Center
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

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS**

Sept. 19 & 20, 2007	Brook Knoll Elem.	6:30pm Bake Sale 7:00-7:45 Classrooms open
Sept. 26, 2007	SV High School	6:30pm

## FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

- September 25, 2007
- October 9, 2007
- October 23, 2007
- November 13, 2007
- December 11, 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 **9:35 p.m.**

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