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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting September 22, 2009

CLOSED SESSION: 6:30pm
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
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PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00pm
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PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday and Larry Beaman. **Absent:** Michael Shulman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver and Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case: OAH No. 2009080681

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman and Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng. **Absent:** Michael Shulman. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Business Services Vickie Clark, Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Brook Knoll Principal Kathy Frandle and Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Sue Roth expressed her sentiments for a good school year with everyone in the district and the community supporting students every way possible.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9) Case: OAH No. 2009080681

The Board voted 4-0 to approve the negotiated agreement in case OAH No. 2009080681. **Board Member Absent:** Michael Shulman

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Beaman 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Silver reported that as of last week all sites have held their Back to School Nights. She commented on the professional attitude of all staff in light of increased class sizes and additional stress created by the state's financial crisis and the impact on education.
- District committees have already begun to meet. The Facilities Committee, Joint City/School Committee, Conversation with the Superintendent and Site Leaders Collaborative convened meetings over the past few weeks. The Site Leaders Collaborative Committee is a new committee consisting of PTA/Parent Club, Site Council/Advisory and SVEF representatives that will meet with the Superintendent quarterly. The goal of the committee is to facilitate sharing of ideas and communicate accurate information to the groups' constituents. People feel better about situations when they understand the 'why' associated with it.
- Site teams of teachers and administrators attended two full days of training with the Marzano group. The training helps educators to focus on the most important things. You will probably begin to hear the term 'learning goals.' Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton is conducting mini learning goal lessons for administrators at each Leadership Team meeting.
- The high school has received a donation of bleachers from Santa Cruz City Schools. In compliance with DSA rules the bleachers can only be used temporarily. The bleachers will be stored after football season.
- Congratulations to all Scotts Valley Unified Schools for achieving AYP and API scores over 800. Also, Scotts Valley High School received the greatest increase in score of any high school in Santa Cruz County, and is second to SLV for all comprehensive high schools in the county.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT

Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng said students are settling into the routine of school and everyone is looking forward to the 'Bling Dance' this Friday. Rallies are being planned with a theme this year with the first rally having a Harry Potter theme. The high school will host a blood drive on October 9th, preparations for the Haunted House have begun and Fall sports are underway.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Lisa Stiefelmaier Leong addressed the Board to thank the educators of Scotts Valley Unified School District and particularly Ms. Bauerle's kindergarten class at Brook Knoll for making school fun for students with old fashioned activities.

Lisa Edelman Vine Hill PTA President addressed the Board to extend an invitation to join the Vine Hill 'Bike/Walk to School' event on October 1st. Parents will assist students in a walking school bus from the Scotts Valley Diner to Vine Hill School where breakfast will be served.

Elizabeth Walch addressed the Board to announce the successful fundraiser for Friends of the Library which raised over \$20,000 and thanked the Board for training special education personnel, but asked that they not reclassify special education personnel.

Superintendent Silver responded to Ms. Walch's comments and extended an invitation to make an appointment to talk with her.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. **Receive Information About the District's Response to the Grand Jury Report 2009**

Superintendent Susan Silver gave an in-depth presentation including information on the Grand Jury's process for investigating Scotts Valley Unified School District, themes occurring in the findings and recommendations, and the district's response on behalf of the district, the Board and Scotts Valley High School. Board discussion included possible agencies to help with communication, future middle school emphasis, data analysis for trends, assemblies used by other districts and community involvement. Student Advisory Member Lizzie Zweng commented that she remembers DARE in elementary school and all the activities and assemblies dedicated to teen alcohol abuse avoidance she has participated in and feels we are doing a good job. Brook Knoll School Principal Kathy Frandle warned, when looking at results of the Healthy Kids Survey, to allow for students' perception of the survey questions. Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel told of activities he has participated in at other school districts and reminded that driving citations of minors are confidential information.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

2. **Accept for First Reading the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan, 3100 – Budget, 3517 – Facilities Inspection, 3543 – Transportation Safety and Emergencies, 4111.2 – Legal Status Requirement, 4161.8 – Family Care and Medical Leave, 5113 – Absences and Excuses, 5125 – Student Records, 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information, 5126 – Awards for Achievement, 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment, 6146.4 – Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities, 6159.1 – Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education, 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology, 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education and 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504.**

Board President Sue Roth gave a brief overview of the initial process of reviewing the district's policies and the subsequent quarterly updates from CSBA. Superintendent Silver requested that policy 6146.4 be pulled from the agenda due to recent changes in legislation.

MSP Niday/Roth 3-1 (opposed by Gumz) with above modification

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Board Vice President Jondi Gumz asked that the Golden State Seal Award be included in policy 5126. Board discussion concluded that policies should reflect the actions of the district; however, Superintendent Silver will research the Golden State Seal further.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

B. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. **Approve the 2008-09 Unaudited Actual Financial Report**

MSP Niday/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented the 2008-09 Unaudited Actual Financial Report as required by Education Code. Board discussion included clarifying questions.

2. **Adopt Resolution No. 10-005 Approving the Actual 2008-09 and the Projected 2009-10 Gann Limit**

MSP Niday/Beaman Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

3. **Accept Donations to Scotts Valley Unified School District**

MSP Niday/Gumz 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

C. PERSONNEL

Lewis

1. **Approve the Board Resolution No. 10-004, Which Directs the Superintendent to Reduce or Eliminate Certain Classified Services**
MSP Niday/Roth Roll Call Vote: 2-2 (opposed Beaman and Gumz) Item will be brought back to the next Board meeting. Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Board discussion included comments regarding the specific employee affected by this resolution and the stress of making difficult decisions regarding employees during the state's financial crisis and subsequent cuts to education. The Board strongly encouraged members of the audience to write their state legislators and the governor telling them what is happening in the district.
2. **Approve the Board Resolutions: #10-006 and #10-007, Which Allow Teachers to Teach in a Subject Area According to Ed Code Sections 44258.2**
MSP Niday/Gumz Roll Call Vote: 4-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

Board Vice President Jondi Gumz asked that the word 'PCS' be changed to 'charter schools' on the September 8, 2009 minutes, agenda item B1. Board President Sue Roth said the minutes accurately reflect what was said but clarification of the intent was helpful and appreciated.

MSP Niday/Beaman 3-1 (opposed by Gumz) no modification Student Advisory Vote: Aye

1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2009**
2. **Approve the Classified Action Report**
3. **Approve Warrants**

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Board Member Larry Beaman attended the Brook Knoll Back to School Night and also the Scotts Valley Library fundraiser which was very successful and well attended.
- Board Member Allison Niday visited Pacific Elementary, Bonny Doon and will visit Pajaro next week to share information regarding the Santa Cruz County Schools Boards Association. Six districts have voted to join the association which will hold their first meeting in mid October. The football teams all won last Saturday and Scotts Valley will host Valley Christian this Saturday with good football and bar-b-que for all. Ms. Niday is also getting ready to attend the CSBA and Delegate Assembly and attended Back to School Nights.
- Board Vice President Jondi Gumz also attended the Scotts Valley Library fundraiser event along with the Brook Knoll and Scotts Valley High School Back to School Nights. Ms. Gumz is supporting a high school student who has entered photos of the middle school in an online competition on Healthy Schools.org. Ms. Gumz thanked Superintendent Silver for the addition of approximate times on the Board agenda for community guidance as to when an agenda item will be discussed. Ms. Gumz shared information regarding the intake level of sugar from sweetened drinks from an article she wrote for the Sentinel Newspaper.
- Board President Sue Roth attended the recent Santa Cruz County Board meeting and was dismayed that agenda items had been moved on the agenda so that community members missed earlier discussion.

Board President Sue Roth asked to discuss the Topic for Future Consideration list.

- Brown Act training (including Committees) – This item will be removed since Board members discussed Brown Act training and four out of the five members felt they have received adequate training.
- Communication Forum – Board discussion concluded that there was not sufficient structure, content or goals to hold this forum.
- Televised meetings – Board discussion concluded that this item would be best discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for April 16, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **9:50 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Michael Shulman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees