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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 23, 2008

CLOSED SESSION: 6:00pm
DISTRICT OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM
4444 Scotts Valley Dr., 5B
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

REGULAR SESSION: 7:00pm
SCOTTS VALLEY CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
One Civic Center Drive
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

AGENDA

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at 6:03 p.m. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Chuck Walker and Joseph Espinola. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver, and Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick.

Public Comments for Closed Session Items Only

Linda Santos addressed the Board.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

- 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.
- B. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT**

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:48 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Allison Niday called the Public Session to order at **7:00 p.m.** **Board Members present:** Allison Niday, Sue Roth, Jondi Gumz, Joseph Espinola, Chuck Walker and Student Advisory Member Hannah Levy. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy, and Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick. **Principals present:** Brook Knoll Elementary School Principal Kathy Frandle, Vine Hill Elementary School Principal Kathy Dunton and Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Allison Niday welcomed Hannah Levy, who will be the Student Advisory Member for the 2008-09 school year. On behalf of the Board she thanked Chenisha Sangha for her service as Student Advisory Member for the 2007-08 school year and presented her with a token gavel.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 7:05 p.m.

Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as Required by Williams Act

Superintendent Susan Silver gave a brief overview of the Williams Act and subsequent requirement for school districts to conduct a public hearing before the 8th week of school and pass a resolution each school year affirming that the district has provided each pupil with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board asking for clarification on process and materials.

Scotts Valley High School Principal Gregg Gunkel explained the process used at the high school.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING at 7:13 p.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION at 7:13 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

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

No action taken.

B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT

The Board took action to resolve a dispute regarding placement of a Special Education student. Actions were taken to reimburse incurred costs and approve IEP agreements.

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Gumz/Roth 5-0 (with modification to pull Consent item A3 and move it to B1)

Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Wendy Brannan requested consent item A3 be pulled and moved to later in agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Silver commented on the hard work and effort she sees on all sites. She has been visiting classrooms on Thursday mornings this year, attending site staff meetings and will attend the high school's Back to School Night tomorrow night. She also enjoyed participating in the Independent Study program's picnic for students and parents to kick-off the school year.
- A Candidates Informational Session was held on September 11, 2008 at the district office for all candidates running for Trustee positions.

- Staffs at Brook Knoll and Vine Hill were recently trained in writing assessments based on the Essential Standards. Kathy Dunton and three Vine Hill teachers had traveled to Washington state for the training last year and encouraged all staff to be trained. High school and middle school staff be trained on October 3rd.
- The district is meeting with Scotts Valley Little League to work out problems with water usage. The district has a Memorandum of Understanding with Scotts Valley Little League to use recycled water to cut costs but for some reason not known to us yet the costs have increased. We are continuing to work on a solution.
- Superintendent Silver and Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy attended a meeting in Sacramento on assessments and mandates required of districts by the state.
- The first Conversations with the Superintendent was held at Vine Hill on September 18th with Board Vice President Sue Roth and Director of Student Services Evelyn Clancy in attendance. The meetings are an opportunity for staff to have dialogue with the superintendent and for the superintendent to learn more about each campus and staff.
- Superintendent Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick and Director of Business Services Vickie Clark attended the ACSA breakfast where administrators from across the county were brought up to date on the budget which is now being referred to as a crisis in government.

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.**

Don Dietrich thanked Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick for her budget presentation at the Candidates Information Session held by the district on September 11, 2008. He implored the Board to resolve negotiations with the teachers.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board on various topics.

Linda Santos addressed the Board regarding items possibly discussed during Closed Session.

Board President Allison Niday addressed comments made by Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Brannan and Ms. Santos.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Espinola/Roth 5-0 (modification to move item A3 to B1) Student Advisory Vote: Aye

- 1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2008**
- 2. Adopt the Attached List of Textbooks for the Online A-G Independent Study Program at Scotts Valley High School**
- 3. Adopt the Mathematics SL Textbook for the International Baccalaureate Program at Scotts Valley High School** (moved to B1)
- 4. Approve the Classified Action Report**
- 5. Approve Warrants**

B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Clancy

1. **Adopt the Mathematics SL Textbook for the International Baccalaureate Program at Scotts Valley High School**
MSP Espinola/Walker 4-1 Opposed – Gumz Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Superintendent Silver gave background regarding this textbook and subsequent confusion regarding adoption by the Board at a prior date. International Baccalaureate program textbooks are aligned to the International Baccalaureate curriculum and in most, if not all, cases the standards of the International Baccalaureate far exceed the state standards.
Wendy Brannan address the Board regarding this agenda item.
2. **Approve the Job Descriptions for Scotts Valley Unified School District Instructional Assistant, General Education; Instructional Assistant I, Special Education (RSP, SDC); Instructional Assistant II, Special Education; Behavioral Support Specialist, Special Education**
MSP Roth/Walker No Vote
MSP Espinola/Roth 5-0 (to continue agenda item to next Board meeting) Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Superintendent Silver explained the intent of the district in moving quickly to revise and update these job descriptions. She apologized to parents of special education students for not communicating sufficiently in advance as the district needed to act quickly. The changes in the job descriptions will allow a career path for Instructional Assistants, beginning with General Education responsibilities and progressing, with more training, through Special Education positions and finally Behavioral Support Specialist. The plan will also result in a savings to the district.
Brian Costello, Peter McLean and James Sibley addressed the Board regarding this agenda item.

C. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. **Approve the Board Resolution #09-010 Indicating that there are Sufficient Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Materials as Required by the Williams Act**
MSP Espinola/Roth Roll Call Vote: 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
2. **Receive Information About the District's Food Services Program**
Food Service Supervisor Amy Hedrick gave a presentation on the district's Food Services program. She compared sales and revenue from previous years and explained ideas and concepts she is implementing to increase sales while maintaining nourishing, healthy meals.
3. **Adopt the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations: 4161.8 – Family Care and Medical Leave, 5113.2 – Work Permits, 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement, 6178 – Career Technical Education, 6178.1 – Work Experience Education**
MSP Espinola/Roth 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. **Accept Information on the 2008-09 California State Budget**
Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented the broad strokes of the budget at this time. She commented that this is the longest stalemate of the budget in the history of the state. If the state makes changes to the budget affecting education, the districts have 45 days to revise their budgets.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Student Advisory member Hannah Levy announced “Back to School Night” at the high school is scheduled for tomorrow night. The high school will be holding a rally on Friday and most sports teams are in the middle of their seasons. The Haunted House is coming together and Homecoming is set for October 24th.
- Board member Chuck Walker is helping with the high school’s Haunted House via his son who will be participating in costume.
- Board member Joseph Espinola attended SVMS and Brook Knoll’s Back to School Nights and plans on attending the high school’s Back to School Night tomorrow night. He continues to be actively involved in Scotts Valley Youth athletics.
- Board Clerk Jondi Gumz reminded everyone of the upcoming Facilities Forum to be held at 7pm on October 7th at the middle school Pavilion. She attended the Santa Cruz County School Board Members Launch of the New School Year dinner along with Board President Allison Niday, Board Vice President Sue Roth and Superintendent Susan Silver. Ms. Gumz attended the middle school’s Back to School Night and is concerned about the state’s mandates regarding Algebra.
- Board Vice President Sue Roth commended the district staff for providing clear and precise information and a good overview of the district to all Board Candidates at the Candidates Information Session held on September 11, 2008. She commented on the fascinating speakers at the Santa Cruz County School Board Members Launch of the New School Year dinner and the message of strong changes in needs of students that was conveyed. Ms. Roth encouraged the public to attend the Facilities Forum on October 7th to hear ideas and have input regarding the facilities of the district since the failure of Measure Q. She enjoyed the dialogue with teachers while attending Conversations with the Superintendent, held at Vine Hill on September 18th.
- Board President Allison Niday also attended the Santa Cruz County School Board Members Launch of the New School Year Dinner. She reminded the Board that the Algebra requirements by the state are being contested by several statewide agencies. Ms. Niday will be attending the high school’s Back to School Night tomorrow night and continues to be actively involved with sports at the high school. She thanked the Scotts Valley Educational Foundation for their continued support of the district with contributions to technology last year and library clerk positions this year and encouraged people to get involved with SVEF and their efforts. Ms. Niday also encouraged the community to attend the Facilities Forum on October 7th and to come with ideas so the district can move forward and make decisions on the facility needs of the district.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT

Sept. 25, 2008	SVEF Meeting	Mint Deli at 7:00pm
Oct. 3, 2008	Professional Development Collaboration Day	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Oct. 7, 2008	Facilities Forum	Middle School Pavilion – 7:00pm
Oct. 16-17, 2008	SVHS Haunted House	Student Union 7:00pm
Oct. 23, 2008	SVEF Meeting	Location: TBD 7pm
Oct. 24, 2008	SVHS Homecoming Games	Frosh 3pm; JV 5pm; Varsity 7pm
Oct. 25, 2008	SVHS Homecoming Dance	SV Community Center
Oct. 25, 30 & 31, 2008	SVHS Haunted House	

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS 2008-09

Sept. 24, 2008	SV High School
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FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

October 7, 2008 Facilities Forum – Special Meeting – 7pm SVMS Pavilion	
October 14, 2008	November 18, 2008
October 28, 2008	December 9, 2008
↓ Tentative Dates for 2009 (To be Board approved December 9, 2008) ↓	
January 13, 2009	June 9, 2009
January 27, 2009	June 23, 2009 (tentative)
February 10, 2009	August 11, 2009
February 24, 2009	September 8, 2009
March 10, 2009	September 22, 2009
March 24, 2009	October 13, 2009
April 14, 2009	October 27, 2009
April 28, 2009	November 17, 2009 (10 th holiday)
May 12, 2009	December 8, 2009
May 26, 2009	

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Allison Niday adjourned the meeting at **9:17 p.m.**

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