

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 26, 2006**

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Sue Roth called the Public Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members present:** Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. **Administration present:** Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

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

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

Board President Sue Roth called the Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Scotts Valley Unified School District, 4444 Scotts Valley Drive, 5B, Scotts Valley. **Board members in attendance** were Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joseph Espinola, Marshall Wolf and Chuck Walker. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver.

- A. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code 54957)** Superintendent

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENED:

Board President Sue Roth at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers, One Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, reconvened the Public Session of the meeting at **7:05** p.m. **Board Members present:** Sue Roth, Allison Niday, Joe Espinola, Chuck Walker, and Student Advisory Member Shelayne Hammack. **Administration present:** Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver; Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker, Chief Business Official Pat Kelban, Personnel Services Administrator Carolyn Lewis. **Principals present:** Kathy Dunton, Vine Hill; Kathy Frandle, Brook Knoll; and Mary Lonhart, SV Middle School.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT:

- A. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code 54957)**
Board President Sue Roth stated the contract of the Superintendent has been extended for one additional year and the contract is commensurate with that of other district administrators.

SET THE AGENDA

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

D. BUSINESS

Kelban

1. Receive for Information the Report on the Community Involvement in the Refurbishing of the Scotts Valley Middle School Student Bathrooms and Landscaping

Mary Lonhart Principal of Scotts Valley Middle School gave a brief history of the facilities task force that inspired the refurbishing of the student bathrooms and the improved landscaping. She singled out people that were instrumental in getting this project off the ground and to completion. She graciously thanked Jill Hitchman and Glenn Soma, who in very different roles, spear-headed this movement and saw it through to the end. Ms. Lonhart announced that on October 17th at 7:00pm in the SV Middle School quad area there will be a very big thank you ice cream party for all that participated. She also described the pride the students have taken in their beautifully refurbished bathrooms and landscaped campus. Jill Hitchman thanked Ms. Lonhart and the Board of Trustees for the recognition, but readily gave credit to the numerous parents and community members, numbering well over 200, who put in untold hours of labor, donations of food, plants, and supplies, use of equipment, and whatever was needed at the time. Ms. Hitchman explained that the group of parents and community members worked as an effective team with a common goal of making the Scotts Valley Middle School a better place for the students. The Board of Trustees presented Ms. Hitchman and Ms. Lonhart with tokens of appreciation.

Board of Trustees member Marshall Wolf arrived at 7:15p.m. after attending a Scotts Valley Educational Foundation meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent, Dr. Susan Silver acknowledged the principals for the excellent Back to School Nights held this month at each site. She attended the Back to School Night function at each site and was pleased with the strong attendance of parents to these informational meetings at the beginning of each school year. Dr. Silver said that professional development was continuing and were nearing the completion of the first cycle. She hopes to have a professional development report out to families after the completion of the first cycle. The Leadership Team is continuing with their professional development and recently had a presentation by Esther _____. Dr. Silver expressed her enthusiasm concerning her Monday morning site visits. Each Monday she spends time at a different site and members of the Leadership Team have signed up to accompany her on these visits. She said the various reactions are quite enjoyable and it is important to know what the other sites are doing. Dr. Silver also gave a brief overview of the informational session held recently for the two new board candidates. Board President, Sue Roth talked about what it means to be a board member and various district office personnel gave information about the district to bring the candidates up to date on the district. The League of Women Voters in association with the high school's Association of Student Body and Parent Club will sponsor a Candidate's Forum on Oct 18th at 7:00pm in the Scotts Valley High School Student Union. Dr. Silver and Chief Business Official Pat Kelban are conducting visits to each site to assess maintenance and operation needs as well as the use of modular buildings. Dr. Silver also mentioned that she had attended the County-wide Superintendent's meeting earlier in the month where a state of the county presentation was made. Although most school districts in the county have declining enrollment it was not as much as was anticipated. Dr. Silver reminded that the first Wednesday in October is when CBED's is taken and we will have a better understanding of enrollment numbers at that time. She also reported that there is a band class taking place at the middle school each morning and the hope is that it will be the beginning of building a stronger music program in the district.

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 – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, thanked all of the board members for serving on the board. She also stated her opinion of the Back to School Night at the high school.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. CONSENT AGENDA Silver**
1. **Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 12, 2006** **Consent**
 2. **Approve the Standard Bethany University Student Teacher Agreement for the 2006-2007 School Year** **Consent**
 3. **Approve the Classified Personnel Action Report** **Consent**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MSP Espinola/Niday 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

- B. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Walker**
1. **Receive for Information the Presentation on the English Language Learner Program**
Assistant Superintendent Educational Services Susan Walker gave a detailed presentation on the English Language Learner Program. The presentation included the district's population, breakdown of the number of first languages, services the program provides and data on redesignation of english learner students. Ilo McCoy, consultant to the district for the English Language Learner Program was present and added clarifying statements to the presentation. Kathy Frandle, Principal of Brook Knoll Elementary wished to thank Ms. McCoy for her hard work and help in the early assessment of these students.

The Board took a moment to thank Nathan Scalla, 2005-06 Student Board Member, for his service on the board, participation in the Strategic Plan development and subsequent task force. He was presented with a token of appreciation.

2. **Approve the Contract for Listen Foundation for 2006-2007**
MSP Wolf/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

- C. ADMINISTRATION Silver**
1. **Adoption of Board Policy 6161.2 Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials**
Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver gave a brief account of the current practice at some sites of not holding students accountable for lost or damaged instructional materials and the resulting costs to the district to replace lost materials.
MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye
Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning this policy.
 2. **Accept for First Reading Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 6145.6 International Exchange**
Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver gave a brief explanation of the recent enrollment of an exchange student and subsequent review of this Board Policy and Administrative Regulation. She stated that in accordance with the policy exchange students will be accepted only when there is negative impact on the resources of the district.

MSP Niday/Walker 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

Wendy Brannan – Wendy Brannan, parent and community member, stated her opinion concerning this policy.

3. Appoint a Representative to a Joint City/Schools Ad Hoc Committee for Purposes of Investigating Middle School Options

Superintendent Dr. Susan Silver explained that at a recent meeting of the Joint City/Schools Meeting, representatives of the district requested help from the City of Scotts Valley in investigating options for building a new middle school. The City will be appointing a City Council member to meet in an Ad Hoc Committee with a district representative. Board Vice-President Allison Niday recommended Sue Roth, Board President. Board Member Marshall Wolf seconded the recommendation. Sue Roth will represent the district on the Joint City/Schools Ad Hoc Committee.

MSP Niday/Wolf 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

D. BUSINESS

Kelban

1. Accept Donations to the Scotts Valley Unified School District

Action

MSP Wolf/Espinola 5-0 Student Advisory Vote: Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Sue Roth reported no correspondence to report.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board Vice-President Allison Niday acknowledged the great attendance at the high school's Back to School Night and reminded us that the high school football team would be leaving on Thursday for competition in Alaska. Board member Marshall Wolf gave a brief description of the upcoming SVEF Open House on October 26th at the Scotts Valley Community Center and that more information would be made public in the near future. Board President Sue Roth also attended the high school Back to School Night and commented on the great attendance. She also attended a Scotts Valley Volleyball game and commented on the improved lighting in the gym since the completion of the new lighting project. Board Member Joe Espinola has been busy involved in his children's activities.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

➤ October 10, 2006	➤ November 14, 2006
➤ October 24, 2006	➤ December 12, 2006
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▼ Tentative Dates for 2007	(To be Board approved December 12, 2006) ▼
➤ January 16, 2007	➤ March 27, 2007
➤ January 30, 2007	➤ April 24, 2007
➤ February 13, 2007	➤ May 8, 2007
➤ February 27, 2007	➤ May 22, 2007
➤ March 13, 2007	➤ June 12, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sue Roth adjourned the meeting at **8:30** p.m.

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