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BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of Regular Meeting September 28, 2010

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 Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 5:30 p.m. **Board members present:** Michael Shulman, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth and Jondi Gumz. Also in attendance were Superintendent Susan Silver and Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis.

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

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE (Government Code Section 54957)

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION CALLED TO ORDER

Board President Michael Shulman called the Public Session to order at 6:03 p.m. **Board Members present:** Michael Shulman, Allison Niday, Larry Beaman, Sue Roth and Jondi Gumz. **Absent:** Student Advisory Member Blaire Ward. **Administration present:** Superintendent Susan Silver, Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton, Director of Student Services Gerri Fippin, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Scotts Valley High School Principal Valerie Bariteau, Scotts Valley Middle School Principal Mary Lonhart, Vine Hill Elementary Principal Michelle Stewart and Brook Knoll Elementary Principal Phil Menchaca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

Board President Michael Shulman reported the Board voted 5-0 to release a Facilities Specialist III.

SET THE AGENDA

MSP Niday/Gumz 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent Susan Silver enthusiastically described her impromptu visits to the school sites and the observation of staff and students engaged in learning. She explained the changes occurring in the classrooms due to the solid collaboration by teachers and administrators during Professional Development Days.
- Superintendent Silver attended an ACSA Conference last Thursday in Sacramento and commented on the topic discussed regarding API scores and which schools are considered under performing. The system for designating schools as under performing doesn't make a lot of sense to most educators and changes will need to come from legislation.

- Superintendent Silver also explained some of the concerns in education of the pending proposition to legalize marijuana and the possible impact on disciplinary action regarding employees as well as students.
- Conversation with the Superintendent, which is open to all district employees, will be held Thursday, September 30th at SVHS with Board Member Jondi Gumz attending.
- Site Leaders Collaborative, which consists of PTA/Parent Club Presidents, Site Council/SAC Chairpersons and the SVEF President held their first meeting of the new school year last week. Superintendent Silver gave a brief State of the District presentation and discussion centered around the financial needs of the district and how to effectively get the word out to the community. SLC members felt smaller meetings at each school site with one or two Board members present would be more effective than larger more formal meetings.

SCCSBA/CSBA REPORT

Board Vice President Allison Niday announced that the next SCCSBA meeting is scheduled for October 14th. She also expressed her thanks to the County Office of Education for providing upcoming training for new Board members and refresher training for continuing Board members. Ms. Niday briefly explained some of the critical bills and actions items in legislation that would impact education. She also added that Legislator of the Year Award would be presented to Joe Simitian at the December CSBA Annual Conference.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC – ORAL

Charlotte Multer addressed the Board as SVEF President and reported that the SVEF Dollar-A-Day campaign had raised approximately \$56,000 to date. That amount includes approximately \$8,000 raised at Community Day which is not completely tallied. The donations to the Dollar-A-Day campaign consists of approximately \$28,081 from 74 participants at SVHS, \$4,170 from 11 participants at SVMS, \$2,354 from 6 participants at Brook Knoll, \$2,416 from 6 participants at Vine Hill and \$10,000 from participants who did not specify a school. The next SVEF meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 7 p.m. upstairs at Bruno's. Over thirty-three businesses participated in the SVEF Community Day. Also participating businesses will be published in the student directories compiled by each school's PTA/Parent Club. SVEF will do a Tree Lot fundraiser again this year

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the Superintendent's contract and district policies.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dunton

1. Receive Information About the August 23, 2010 K-12 Professional Development Day

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy Dunton described to the Board the activities on the first district Professional Development Day held on August 23, 2010. She also talked about plans for the November 1st Professional Development Day and the ongoing plans for each Wednesday afternoon which is designated district wide for Professional Development. Board discussion was general.

2. Receive Information on Report for Scotts Valley Unified School District from the California Department of Education's 2009-2010 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR) System

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kathy presented the 2009-10 academic performance results from the California Standards Tests and the Academic Performance Index (API), and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report. The presentation highlighted the improvement in scores from last year and the ongoing data analysis of student scores to provide appropriate intervention. Ms. Dunton commended the hard work and dedication of the district's teachers and administrators and explained that teachers work as hard as they do because they believe in student success. Board members commented on the improved test scores and asked clarifying questions. *This presentation has been posted to the district web site at www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us.*

Rhonda McEntee addressed the Board as a district teacher to expand on some of the activities on August 23rd and to further explain the standards for proficiency at different grade levels.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Silver

1. Discuss Plans to Meet with Community Members Regarding the Possibility of a Parcel Tax

Board Member Jondi Gumz volunteered at the last Board meeting to organize a Community Forum to hear from the public regarding a potential parcel tax. Ms. Gumz said she gathered information for a place, date and time to hold the meeting and that the best options appeared to be November 13 or 20 at the Scotts Valley Senior Center. The feedback in talking with community members was to hold the forum after the Board Election to include the newly elected Board members. Board discussion included having similar forums or presentations at each school site in addition to the forum and small informal coffees in homes to facilitate all community members' attendance.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding the objective for the forum.

Charlotte Multer addressed the Board regarding better communication about the forum to the public by putting information in the school newsletters and advertising in the local newspapers.

John Able addressed the Board as a Board Candidate and spoke on behalf of fellow Board Candidate Art Bubb that the forum should take place after the election with more communication.

Board discussion included scheduling the forum and school site meetings over a two week period, soliciting parents to hold informal coffees in their homes for their friends and neighbors. Board member Sue Roth added that we now have a list of possible cuts that the public wanted. Board member Larry Beaman agreed to solicit attendance and input from the senior groups.

Lizzie Zweng addressed the Board to offer the help of students in communicating information regarding the forums. She suggested showcasing student talent as a draw to get people to come to the meetings.

Charlotte Multer addressed the Board to suggest using the same type of presentation at the forums as was presented by Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick at the September 14th Board meeting.

Wendy Brannan addressed the Board regarding putting concerns in the community about the high school to rest and questions and answers from the Board.

Board President Michael Shulman reminded the Board of the timeline for an item to be put on the May or June ballot. There must be two readings of the ballot resolution in advance.

Ann Codd addressed the Board regarding stating clearly to the public what the parcel tax would be used for.

Board Member Jondi Gumz clarified that the November 13th date was agreeable with everyone for the community forum at the Scotts Valley Senior Center. Everyone agreed. Superintendent Silver noted that many staff and community members may be unavailable because of the four-day weekend.

John Abel addressed the Board suggesting that dates of meetings be brought to the next Board meeting and ask the local newspapers to publicize.

2. Adopt the CSBA Updates to the Following Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulation: 3320 – Claims and Actions Against the District, 3515.2 – Disruptions, 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment, 4031 – Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment, 4154 – Health and Welfare Benefits, 4157 – Employee Safety, 4161.2 – Personal Leaves, 4161.8 – Family Care and Medical Leave, 5121 – Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement, 5127 – Graduation Ceremonies and Activities, 5131 – Conduct, 5131.7 – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments, 5141.26 – Tuberculosis Testing, 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting, 5144.1 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 5144.2 – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Student with Disabilities), 5145.11 – Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement, 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment, 6142.7 – Physical Education and Activity, 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements, 6153 – School-Sponsored Trips, 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits, and 9270 – Conflict of Interest

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0

Superintendent Susan Silver reminded the Board that these policies had come for first reading on September 14, 2010. She also explained that Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick had researched Board Policy 3320 with other districts in the county and found that all followed the guidelines of CSBA in regards to liability limits. Changes were also made in positions designated for disclosure statements in Board Bylaw 9270.

C. BUSINESS

Jelcick

1. Accept Information Regarding the Review and Approval of the 2010-11 Budget by the County Office of Education

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick presented the budget review as addressed by the County Office of Education. She indicated that the information had already been shared with the Board as items came up. Board Members asked clarifying questions. *This presentation has been posted to the district web site at www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us.*

2. Accept Information Regarding the Changes to the Health Insurance JPA

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick gave a brief background regarding the district’s participation in the local JPA and highlighted the changes involved with the new Self Insured Schools of California (SISC) JPA. Board Members asked clarifying questions. . *This presentation has been posted to the district web site at www.svusd.santacruz.k12.ca.us.*

3. Adopt Resolution Number 11-002, Stipulating that the First Use of Federal Child Nutrition Revenues Shall be for the Payment of Classified Salaries Subject to Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

MSP Niday/Roth Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Chief Business Official Karen Jelcick explained the annual resolution which results in lowering the PERS reduction amount thus increasing the revenue limit funds and reducing General Fund transfer to the Cafeteria Fund.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Silver

MSP Niday/Beaman 5-0

1. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2010

2. Approve the Certificated Action Report

3. Approve the Classified Action Report

4. Approve Warrants

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board members commented on the success of the Back to School Nights held earlier this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting at **8:29 p.m.**

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Brenda Spalding
Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Larry Beaman
Clerk to the Board of Trustees