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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 28, 2017

CLOSED SESSION: 5:30 pm

PUBLIC SESSION: 6:00 pm

### SCOTTS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

One Civic Center Drive

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

#### B. CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

President Michael Shulman called Closed Session to order at 5:35 pm.

**1. Update on Collective Bargaining Proceedings, Pursuant to Government Code Section 3549.1(d). Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Tanya Krause, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with Scotts Valley Education Association and other employee groups.**

#### C. OPENING PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Minutes:

In attendance were Trustee Michael Shulman, Trustee Kim Shultz, Trustee Roger Snyder, Trustee Corey Warner, Trustee Sue Rains, Superintendent Tanya Krause, Director of Technology Kat Beebee, Human Resources Administrator Carolyn Lewis, Acting CBO Rudolph Ramirez, SVHS Principal Valerie Bariteau, SVMS Principal Mary Lonhart, Brook Knoll Principal Josh Wahl, Vine Hill Principal Julie Ebert, Director of Business Services Mary Navas, Project Manager Mike Smith, SVHS Student Representative Hailey Weingord, and SVHS ASB Student Board Representative Ann Codiga.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

President Michael Shulman called the Regular Session to order at 6:06 pm.

#### 2. FLAG SALUTE

#### 3. CLOSED SESSION ACTION REPORT

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Minutes:

The Board received information about how the collective bargaining meetings were progressing.

#### **4. SET THE AGENDA**

Minutes:

Approve the motion to set the agenda.

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions:0 Absent: 0

#### **D. BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

Minutes:

Trustee Rains visited Brook Knoll, and attended the CSBA Governance Workshop.

Trustee Warner enjoyed the team building at the CSBA Governance Workshop. He also visited the SLV field and was concerned with the condition of the field and the fact that there is very little seating and no lights. Trustee Shulman commented that our proposed turf field will be different materials and we won't have the same issues. Trustee Warner also inquired about our lice policy.

Trustee Snyder also attended the CSBA Governance workshop. It was enjoyable and he learned a lot. He read the article in the Santa Cruz Sentinel about the SVMS construction project and he publicly thanked Trustee Shulman for his efforts to move the issue along by working with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo.

Trustee Shulman noted that the music video from the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus is now online and he would like that publicized. He observed the trebuchet launching project for the Honors Physics class at SVHS. This project is a wonderful opportunity to put physics theory into practice, plus the students write a paper showing all the math involved in developing and launching their trebuchet. He applauded Mr. Postovit for this project. Trustee Shulman also attended the UCSC Grad Slam, and he encouraged the district to look at this for a middle school and/or high school field trip. The participants are graduate students and the winner goes on to the state competition. As mentioned by Trustee Snyder, Anna Eshoo is helping us with the beetle issue at SVMS. He attended the Cabrillo College Listening Tour, which Michelle Stewart also attended. Trustee Shulman is a member of the City of Scotts Valley's General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC). He noted that they are accepting applications for three open positions. Interested individuals will find the application on the City of Scotts Valley's website. Applications are due April 7. Finally, he also attended the annual event called 'Your Future is Our Business'.

Trustee Schultz discussed a recent newspaper article regarding Bay Area job loss, and how that may affect our school district. He will be doing the Inside Education program which starts in September.

#### **E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Minutes:

Superintendent Krause met with the Falcon Club and the subcommittee which is in charge of the Scotts Valley Sports Complex (SVSC). The proposed financial information will go the Board at the April 11 meeting. She took part in the newly developed District Budget Subcommittee meeting on March 16. On March 17 she attended the 2nd annual Tech Symposium where most of the presenters were from our own staff. The evaluations and staff feedback have been very positive. On March 18 she attended the CSBA facilitated Board Governance Workshop where they explored how to work together as a governance team. That evening she attended Pasta Palooza which raised \$4700 for the middle school. Superintendent Krause hired a new administrative assistant, Cathie Simonovich. She has been corresponding with the media regarding the SVMS construction, and she met with Overaa Construction in anticipation of moving forward after the contract approval tonight. She attended training for Threat Assessment at Cabrillo College on March 23 and 24. The training was provided by Diana Browning-Wright, and she learned the PENT model for Threat Assessment, which is now called 'Extended Threat Inquiry'. Finally, Spring is in the air and the pace has picked up as we participate in numerous Spring activities while also planning for next year. Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break next week!

## **F. STUDENT ADVISORY MEMBER'S REPORT**

### **Minutes:**

Vine Hill 5th graders attended Science Camp last week, and the 3rd graders are going to DeAnza College Planetarium next week.

Brook Knoll is experiencing learning through a variety of grade-level appropriate field trips, such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium, San Jose Airport, visits to local Fire Stations, to name a few. The 2nd graders will participate in their annual Biography Museum next Wednesday from 11:15 am-12:00 pm.

SVMS held their annual Pasta Palooza which was a hit, with good food and entertainment from the Drama Club. Gaga Bowl, a super fun game involving game pits, has made its way to SVMS. The annual site council survey yielded only 275 response, which was disappointing. They will be working on publishing a summary soon. Five top students will be honored by the Rotary Club at their annual awards ceremony scheduled for April 18. The last school dance will be held April 21.

SVHS held their Spring Sports Rally and the Battle of the Bands on March 24. Senior Servant Day will be March 31.

## **G. SCZCSBA REPORT**

### **Minutes:**

Trustee Shultz indicated that information was sent out regarding The Brown Act, and he encouraged everyone to review it. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is sponsoring an evening with Vernon Billy, CSBA's Executive Director, on April 10 at their offices in Santa Cruz. He signed up for Inside Education which starts in September. This is an opportunity for us to learn from the experience of others, and to learn about charter schools and alternative education. Trustee Rains will participate in the Inside Education program as well.

## **H. SVEA REPORT**

### **Minutes:**

SVEA Representative Molly McQuestion again invited the board members to visit the sites to have lunch with the teachers. She noted that the teachers had positive comments regarding the professional development day on March 17.

## **I. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC ORAL**

## **J. ADMINISTRATION**

### **1. Delegation to Superintendent of Authority to Execute Contract**

#### **Minutes:**

The Board moves to delegate to the Superintendent, pursuant to Education Code section 17604, the authority to execute the lease-leaseback contract documents (agreement, site lease, and sublease) with C. Overaa & Company for construction of the Scotts Valley Middle School Campus Modernization Project after the District receives DSA approval for the project.

MSP Snyder/Shultz Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

This item includes a request to the Board to authorize the Superintendent to sign Lease-Leaseback agreements with Overaa Construction upon written approval from DSA - Department of State Architects. We believe that this approval is imminent, which is why you are getting this tonight. The District Team, along with our Architects, reviewed the bid proposal and Overaa Construction had the best value score by 117 points. We are pleased with the decision to hire Overaa and excited to move the project along. I have received critical feedback because we did not choose a local company, however no one from Santa Cruz County placed a bid. Furthermore, the Bay Area is not that far away. Trustee Warner

confirmed that Overaa had the best qualifications by far. We are continuing to explore what we can do on the project while we are waiting for permits. Trustee Shultz publicly thanked everyone for getting us to this last step. Superintendent Krause is looking into holding a community event where Overaa will be there to speak about the project, and to address safety concerns. Regular updates on the status of the project will be issued through Mary Lonhart, and Project Manager, Mike Smith, will provide periodic updates.

## **K. BUSINESS**

### **1. Approve the Developer Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16.**

Minutes:

MSP Warner/Rains Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Rudolph Ramirez gave an update of the developer fees for fiscal year 2015-2016, and asked that this report be approved by the Board. This is usually done earlier in the fiscal year, however we are late this year. This money can be spent on improvement and expansion of the school site facilities, and some of the funds are already earmarked for portables. Trustee Shulman noted that we currently have decent balances but many unmet needs. Mr. Ramirez noted that we have five years to spend the money.

There was also a discussion about raising our developer fees to the state rate. Our last study was in 2014, so it may be time for a new study. The state may raise its rate in January 2018. The fee for the study is approximately \$3000 so it may be worth it to consider this study once we know if the state is going to raise its rate. Mr. Ramirez explained that after the Board approves a rate change, there is a 60-day waiting period before we can collect fees at the higher rate. This means that we will need to consider the timing of this proposal. The Board directed Mr. Ramirez to proceed with contracting for the study, as the potential revenue increase is likely to quickly exceed the expense.

## **L. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **1. English Learner Program in Scotts Valley**

Minutes:

This item was presented by Principal Julie Ebert, Ruth Smith, Lexie Neall and Heather Taylor.

This presentation described the English Learner Program in our district and included identifying EL students, testing, EL levels, languages spoken in our district, programs and curriculum utilized at each site, reclassifying students, and funding for this program. Julie Ebert spoke about how the community steps up to help EL students, specifically with language challenges. The teachers spoke about the EL programs for their specific sites.

The Board had questions about how we can best assist these students and Principal Ebert responded that children pick up the English language quickly, but it helps if they have the support of other students; and it is particularly helpful if the parents speak some English. Trustee Shulman questioned if we are receiving the appropriate amount of funding and thought that there should be a study regarding whether or not all districts are receiving the correct amount of funding, as districts statewide gather more data regarding LCFF effectiveness. Superintendent Krause pointed out that our EL population is small relative to our entire student population.

## **M. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, and 6. Items 2, 5, and 7 are pulled for discussion.

### **1. Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Board Meeting**

Minutes:

Trustee Shultz would like to amend the draft minutes of the 3/14 meeting which report a 5-0 vote on the SVSC Committee Proposal. This was an informational item, no action taken.

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

### **2. Approval of 8th grade replacement novel**

Minutes:

MSP Shulman/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Trustee Shulman pulled this item from consent to commend the SVMS staff on their choice to replace 'The Giver' with a new novel. There are already many dystopian novels, and this is a historical novel that takes place during the Revolutionary War. The novel touches on how to deal with a society where some classes believe that they need to speak out against authority. Students may see a correlation with events that are happening in our world right now.

### **3. Approve the MOU for TK with Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District**

Minutes:

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

### **4. Approve the Warrant Register for the 3-28-2017 Board Meeting**

Minutes:

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

### **5. Certificated Personnel Action Report**

Minutes:

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

Trustee Shulman pulled this from Consent to mention that we are saying goodbye to a truly exceptional teacher, Ann Brooke.

Superintendent Krause acknowledged Mary Dettle, who was in the audience, and will be working 60% next year as she gets closer to retirement.

### **6. Classified Personnel Action Report**

Minutes:

MSP Shultz/Snyder Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

### **7. Purchase of Four Portables from Mobile Modular**

Minutes:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of four portables from mobile modular.

MSP Shulman/Shultz Vote: 5-0 Approved Abstentions: 0 Absent: 0

The portables are being offered to the district for the cost of the remaining lease. The portables are all in good shape. The benefit is that they are already in place, and we have asked Mobile Modular for a complete set of plans that are already DSA-approved. We have the funds available in the developer fees fund. Three are at Vine Hill and one is at Brook Knoll.

#### **N. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT**

##### **1. Upcoming Activities in the District**

#### **O. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

##### **1. Future Board Meeting Dates for 2017**

#### **P. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

Board President Michael Shulman adjourned the meeting 7:55 pm.

**Minutes Recorded By:**

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**Cathie Simonovich**  
**Administrative Assistant to Superintendent**

**Minutes Approved By:**

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**Kim Shultz**  
**Clerk to the Board of Trustees**