

Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting of November 8, 2011

MINUTES

- TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Gary DeSmet
Nicole Abate Ducarroz
Dan Gustafson
Camerino Hawing
Helen Marsh
- TRUSTEES ABSENT:**
- ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:** Louann Carlomagno, Superintendent
Justin Frese, Deputy Superintendent
Lynn Fitzpatrick, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Nanci Mathison, Director of Student Services
Loyal Carlon, Director of Human Resources
- ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT:**
- CALL TO ORDER** The Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees, acting as the Governing Board of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District, met in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, 177 1st Street West, Sonoma, CA. Trustee Ducarroz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and invited public comment on the Closed Session items.
- CLOSED SESSION** After no public comment, the meeting was recessed to Closed Session for the Board to confer on the following topics: Public Employment, Consideration of Student Expulsions/Rescission, and Conference with Labor Negotiator, Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, case (2), and Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation VMTA v. Sonoma Valley.
Closed Session was adjourned at 6:25p.m.
- RECONVENE AND REPORT OUT** Trustee Ducarroz reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:30p.m. No action was taken in Closed Session
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRANSLATION SERVICES** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the announcement regarding Spanish language translation services was read.
- MINUTES** The motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated October 11, 2011 was made by Trustee DeSmet, seconded by Trustee Hawing, 5 ayes.
- AGENDA** The motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated November 8, 2011 was made by Trustee DeSmet, seconded by Trustee Hawing, 5 ayes.
- STUDENTS OF THE YEAR** Max Handron and Celeste Rodriquez of Flowery Elementary School were recognized as the Students of the Year.
Anika Ljung and Jacqueline Regan of Adele Harrison Middle School were recognized as the Student of the Year.
- COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT** There was public comment regarding the following: Solar Power, AVID student, and a community pool.
- SITE REPORT** Principal Esmeralda Moseley of Flowery Elementary School presented the Flowery Elementary School Site Report. This report included:
1) Staff development; 2) parent involvement; and 3) academic achievement and best first

instruction.

Principal Karla Conroy of Adele Harrison Middle School present the Adele Harrison Middle School Site Report. This report included; 1) building and sustaining relationships; 2) academic excellence; 3) best first instruction.

REGULAR AGENDA

1.SVHS Freshman Teams Update

Ninth Grade Team Leaders present a PowerPoint overview of the Freshmen Teams structure and the result of some preliminary data collected.

2. Charter Schools Update

Director Sheila Reilly of Woodland Star Charter School shared an Annual Update in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included goals of the administration, faculty, council, and parents. This report covered testing mandates, English language learners, community, fundraising, parent involvement, marketing plan, and employee care committee.

Director Paula Hunter of Sonoma Charter School shared an Annual Update in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included traditions, curriculum, new Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), recruitment, outreach, and testing.

3. Algebra Boot Camp / Summer Sch Update

Vice Principal Andrew Ryan presented an overview via PowerPoint of the Sonoma Valley High School Algebra Boot Camp. Also included in this report was a brief overview of Middle School Transitions Summer School and Sonoma a Valley High School Summer School for 2011.

Monthly Reports VMTA REPORT

Valley of the Moon Teachers' Association President, Gary Griffith, reported on wanting to be scheduled at the same time at each Board Meeting, interest in reading the report on solar expenditures, three administrators' salaries, vehicle code regarding helmets and bike riding, perceived underage student driving, and home and hospital. Mr. Griffith also commented on the role of charter schools in the district.

CSEA REPORT

There was no Classified School Employee Association's report.

DELAC

There was no District English Language Advisory Committee report.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Ben Marcus-Willers submitted a report for the Board Meeting. This report included information on the Budget Cut General Assembly, testing, college application sports and Leadership's focus on class unity, breaking barriers, and community building.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Louann Carlomagno shared the district vision of all students college and career ready by graduation and reminded everyone that "college" means any post secondary education. Superintendent Louann Carlomagno updated the Trustees on the following: The Howl, Mohawk Assembly, Adele Stand Up/Speak Up, SVHS Ag Grant, \$4800 from SCOE, \$10,000 from Fairmont for SVHS Ag, AAUW, Sports, Porterville Trip to learn about Connect Ed and Pathways, Community Budget Meeting, El Verano Safe Routes, and new babies for the Deeths and Ryan Families.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no Staff Reports.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees reported on attending meetings and events throughout the District including: Budget Meetings, The Howl, Sonoma County Office of Education's Symposium, District English Language Advisory Committee, and various sporting events.

**REGULAR AGENDA
(cont.)**

Trustee Gustafson left the meeting at this time.

**4. Budget
Reduction
Process**

Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese updated the Board on the Budget Reduction process and Timeline. The report included information from past and future budget meetings with staff, parents and community. Additional community meetings, as well as a special board meeting are planned for November and December 2011.

Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese updated the Board on the un-prioritized list of budget reductions. This list has come to the board each month and will continue to do so until the January 2012 board meeting. Staff was directed to continue gathering feedback.

There was discussion a regarding dollar amounts and success rates of certain program.

**5. Facilities
Update**

Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese shared photos and updates on the following current projects: solar and gardens.

**6. Approval of
Landscape Bid**

The motion to approve the bid from JKT Associates, Inc. for the landscape work at Addle Harrison Middle School and the District Office and to authorize Deputy Superintendent, Justin Frese, to enter into contract for the work was make by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

**7. 2011-2012 Sch
Site Safety Plan**

The motion to approve the School Site Safety Plans as presented was made by Trustee Hawing, seconded by Trustee Marsh, 4 ayes.

**8. Public Hearing
Sufficiency of
Txtbk & Inst
Material**

The Public Hearing regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials opened at 10:47pm. After no comment, the Public Hearing closed at 10:48pm.

**9. Res. No. 12-06:
Sufficiency IMP**

The motion to approve Resolution No. 12-06: Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials was made by Trustee Hawing, seconded by Trustee Marsh, 4 ayes.

10. BP/AR/ E

The following Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Exhibits were present for a first read, information only. These policies will come to the next board meeting for approval.
BP 4033
AR 4112.2
AR 4112.22
BP 6111

11. Warrants: QKA

Board Member Hawing made the following announcement for the record:

"At this time I would like the official board meeting minutes to reflect that consistent with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 1091 and the Political Reform Act, I, Camerino Hawing, am recusing myself from the discussion and vote on the agenda item regarding payment to QKA for services rendered to the District, because I am currently an employee architect of QKA."

Trustee Hawing stepped down from the dais and left the room.

The motion to approve the QKA warrants made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 3 ayes, 2 absent (Gustafson left the meeting, Hawing stepped out for the vote on this item).

Trustee Hawing returned to the room and took his seat on the dais.

12. Expulsions

The motion to approve the suspended expulsion of case number 11-1204 was made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

The motion to approve the expulsion of case number 11-1205 was made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

The motion to approve the suspended expulsion of case number 11-1207 was made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

The motion to approve the suspended expulsion of case number 11-1208 was made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Marsh, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 4 ayes.

**BUSINESS &
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Warrants

Warrants – October 2011 were approved as presented.

Payroll Certifications

Payroll Certification(s) – October 2011 were approved as presented.

Surplus Equipment

Surplus Equipment was approved as presented

RESIG

Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Groups Annual Report was approved as presented.

Donations

Donations were approved as presented.

PERSONNEL

Personnel Report

The monthly Certificated and Classified Personnel Reports dated November 8, 2011 as discussed in Closed Session were approved.

Williams Report

The 3rd Quarter Williams Settlement Report was approved as presented.

Job Description

The job description: Account Technician I was approved as presented.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

**Interdistrict Attendance
Requests**

The Interdistrict Attendance Requests were approved as presented for the 2011-2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Open Session of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District School Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Camerino Hawing, Clerk
Board of Trustees, Sonoma Valley Unified School District

Board Meetings for the 2011-2012 School Year

December 13, 2011 - 6:30pm - Community Meeting Room
January 17, 2012 - 6:30pm – District Office (Third Tuesday)
February 21, 2012 - 6:30pm – District Office (Third Tuesday)
March 13, 2012 - 6:30pm - Community Meeting Room
April 10, 2012 - 6:30pm - Community Meeting Room
May 8, 2012 - 6:30pm - Community Meeting Room
June 12, 2012 - 6:30pm - Community Meeting Room