

Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting of November 9, 2010

MINUTES

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Gary DeSmet
Nicole Abaté Ducarroz
Dan Gustafson
Camerino Hawing
Helen Marsh

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Louann Carlomagno, Superintendent
Justin Frese, Deputy Superintendent
Lynn Fitzpatrick, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Nanci Mathison, Director of Student Services
Loyal Carlon, Interim Director of Human Resources

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT: None

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 Marsh 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, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Consideration of Student Expulsions/Rescission, Consideration of Student Suspension or Other Disciplinary Action – Not Expulsion, Public Employee Performance Evaluation, and Conference with Labor Negotiator.
Closed Session was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

RECONVENE AND REPORT OUT Trustee Marsh reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 6:35 p.m. There was no action taken in Closed Session. The Trustee will return to Closed Session at the end of the Regular Meeting.

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 12, 2010 was made by Trustee Hawing, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.

AGENDA The motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting dated November 9, 2010 with the following change; renumber item 2.3 Warrant Report – QKA to 2.4, was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee DeSmet, 5 ayes.

STUDENTS OF THE YEAR Alex Gustafson and Paige Knief of Adele Harrison Middle School and Aron Corona and Nathalia Zavala Ramirez of Flowery Elementary School were recognized as the Students of the Year.

MEASURE H COMMITTEE The Co-Chairpersons of the Measure H Committee, Andy Gray and Jenny Witous, were thanks for their work on the committee.

SITE REPORT Karla Conroy, Principal of Adele Harrison Middle School gave the annual site report which included: Multiage Program, Core Teams, examining the practice of teaching, student engagement and professional development.

Esmeralda Sanchez Moseley, Principal of Flowery Elementary School gave the annual site report which included: student support, parent and community involvement, and dual immersion.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE BOARD/PUBLIC
COMMENT**

There was public comment regarding the following: nutrition

VMTA REPORT

Valley of the Moon Teachers' Association President, Gary Griffith, reported on Measure H results, conferences, problems solving with the District, union committees are getting put in place, and VMTA is ready with openers.

CSEA REPORT

There was no Classified School Employee Association Report.

DELAC

The District English Language Advisory Committee President (Pilar Cruz) and reported on ELAC and PTO collaboration on fundraising, upcoming survey in collaboration with La Luz, parent understanding of the importance of emergency card information, and parent understanding of drug and alcohol consumption by students.

**STUDENT TRUSTEE
REPORT**

Student Trustee Alex Moore reported on sports, fall and winter, possible changes to the Tier Program structure, seal of bi-literacy, and new clubs.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Carlomagno shared her vision of all students' college and career ready and updated the Trustees on the following events and happenings around the district: The Howl, the Moondance, SCS event, Jog-a-Thon, and Zumba.

She explained the make-up of the Measure H Taxpayer's Oversight Committee.

She congratulated SVHS photo students and staff for their recognition by the Texas Photo Contest.

She thanked Rotary for their \$5000 donation towards greenhouses and The Youth Initiative for supporting enrichment at Adele Harrison Middle School.

STAFF REPORTS

Justin Frese reported on Food Services and the multiple salad bar grant applications currently being processed. In the Maintenance Department the green house and shed projects at the middle schools, as well as a new portable classroom at Dunbar School are in process. In technology, the district phone systems are failing and the district is currently working on a district-wide phone upgrade that will be completed by June 2011.

Lynn Fitzpatrick shared appreciation for the 4th and 5th grade teachers and teacher Lindsey Munn who are piloting the new electronic report cards. Phase one will be complete by the end of November 2010.

Nanci Mathison presented the California Department of Educations compliance for all reports due from the district.

**TRUSTEE
REPORTS**

The Trustees reported on attending many events around the district, as well as shared appreciated for the Measure H committee.

1. BOARD

- 1.1 Charter Schools' Annual Report** Sonoma Charter School Director Paula Hunter presented the Trustees with an annual update which included Response to Intervention, Visual Thinking Strategies, and their Garden Project.
- Woodland Star Charter School Director Sheila Reilly presented the Trustees with an annual update which included their School-wide Strategic Plan; public relations, 5-year vision, community building, testing mandates, parent involvement, and professional development.
- 1.2 BP & AR 6153** This item has been moved to the December 14, 2010 meeting to give Trustees more time to review and discuss with staff prior to taking action.
- 1.3 Parent University** El Verano Principal Maite Iturri updated the Trustees on the Parent University Program.
- 2. BUSINESS**
- 2.1 Budget Update** Deputy Superintendent Justin Frese stated that with the passing of Measure H the district budget is on track and at this time we have no need to implement reductions for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 2.2 GO Bond Update** Khush Gheyara of Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc and Jim Roth of Piper Jaffrey were in attendance to discuss the next steps for the General Obligation Bond including:
- Broad framework to issue and sell bonds
 - Secure a rating
 - Pricing bonds
- 2.3 Resolution 11-07: GO Bond** The motion to pass Resolution No11-07: General Obligation Bond was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.
- 2.4 Warrant Report 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 Warrant Report – QKA was made by Trustee DeSmet, seconded by Trustee Ducarroz, 4 ayes.
- Trustee Hawing returned to the room and took his seat on the dais.
- 3. STUDENT SERVICES**
- 3.1 School Safety Plans** The motion to approve the School Safety Plans as presented was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Hawing, 5 ayes.
- 3.2 Dress Code/Discipline** The Trustees and staff including Principals Battaglini, Conroy, Deeths and Vice- Principal Tuohy, discussed the impact of the dress code as it relates to actual discipline data. The consensus was the dress code has improved the school climate.
- 3.3 Expulsions and Rescissions** The motion to approve the expulsion of case number 6021011 as amended was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 4 ayes, 1 no (Hawing). The motion to approve the suspended expulsion and conduct probation of case number 6027011 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.

The motion to approve the suspended expulsion and conduct probation of case number 6026011 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.
The motion to approve the suspended expulsion and conduct probation of case number 6028011 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.
The motion to approve the suspended expulsion and conduct probation of case number 60210011 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.
The motion to approve the expulsion of case number 60211011 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.
The motion to approve the rescission of conduct probation and expulsion of case number 60224910 was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Hawing, 5 ayes.

**BUSINESS &
FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Payroll Certifications
Overnight Fieldtrip(s)
Donation(s)
Injury and Illness
Prevention**

Warrants - October 2010 were approved as presented.
Payroll Certification(s) – October 2010 were approved as presented.
Donation(s) were approved as presented.
The Injury and Illness Prevention Program was approved as presented

PERSONNEL

Personnel Report

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

**Student Teaching
Agreement**

The Student Teaching Agreement was approved as presented.

**CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION**

**Interdistrict Attendance
ConApp**

The Interdistrict Attendance Requests were approved as presented.
The Consolidated Application was approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the Open Session of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District School Board Meeting at 10:00pm was made by Trustee Ducarroz, seconded by Trustee Gustafson, 5 ayes.

**CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

At this time the Trustees returned to Closed Session. No action was taken in Closed Session. The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 11:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary DeSmet, Clerk
Board of Trustees, Sonoma Valley Unified School District

**Board of Trustee's Meeting
2010-2011 School Year**

December 14, 2010

January 11, 2011

February 8, 2011

March 8, 2011

April 12, 2011

May 10, 2011

June 14, 2011