

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 18, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Cynthia Hawthorne	Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal
Ken Wagman	Deborah Tracy-Proulx	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	

Student Representatives: Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School
Holly Borg, Santa Cruz High School

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon was very pleased to see SCCS Classified Employee Patty Switzer recognized at the County Office of Education Board Meeting as the County Classified Employee of the year. Mission Hill Site Program Coordinator Laura Hamby presented the Superintendent with the Second Harvest Food Bank "District Heavyweight Champion" award for most pounds of food collected this year per student by a Santa Cruz County School District. Ms. Hamby accepted the award on behalf of the District while attending the "Grind out Hunger" dinner. The plaque is a "perpetual award" that will move from winning district to winning district each year. GSCFT President Kirschen thanked the Board for their previous support of the AFT/CFT sponsored "Millionaire Tax Initiative" and reported that the AFT/CFT is currently working with the Governor to gather signatures on a compromise initiative. Mr. Kirschen will pass the new initiative around the room for signature gathering with the Board's permission. The Board gave permission for the signature gathering.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom acknowledged Patty Switzer as Santa Cruz County Classified Employee of the Year. The Superintendent reported that the WASC Committee completed their visit to Soquel High School and had many positive comments about the programs and the safe and nurturing environment for students.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman encouraged everyone to attend the EDDY Awards on May 1st at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz. President Wagman has spent time recently in Sacramento lobbying for community colleges, as well as actively working for Measures I & J. The Board President acknowledged the Soquel High School Administrators and Staff for their diligent work on accreditation.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Collins welcomed the Soquel High School alumni in the audience this evening. Mr. Collins attended the Soquel High WASC meeting and appreciated the many positive comments expressed from the Review Committee. Trustee Collins visited Harbor High School and appreciated the inclusion he observed and also the innovative classroom practices he observed. Mr. Collins would like to have the Board of Education review policy regarding texting between students and faculty.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the RDA Successor Oversight Committee Board Meeting and encourages Santa Cruz City Schools to keep a close eye on the future actions of this agency. A very large fraction of the former RDA funds came from taxes that used to provide school funding; basic aid districts like Santa Cruz City Elementary have not been provided any back-filled funds.

Board Member Hawthorne acknowledged all who have been working hard on Measures I & J. Phone contacts have been very positive, but lots of help will be needed in the month of May for those who can volunteer some time. Folks will be reaching out to the 80% of Santa Cruz school district residents who do not have students in school. Santa Cruz City Schools has come to a place of accord with the Montessori Charter School proponents – this is a very positive and necessary model of collaboration in times of diminishing resources.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx reminded everyone to attend the Saturday April 21st 11:00 a.m. screening of the documentary “Bully” at the Del Mar Theater in Santa Cruz. There will be a panel discussion following the movie.

Board Member Vestal attended: Central Coast School Foods Alliance Meeting; United Way Steering Committee Meeting; Budget Advisory Committee; Wellness Committee. Ms. Vestal is looking forward to the Santa Cruz County Supervisors Candidates Forum on May 1st, as the candidates will address current health issues. Delta Charter School will host a “Student Shadow Day”. Delta has also recently completed work for the WASC review. Trustee Vestal invited everyone to attend the Young Performers Showcase this Saturday at the Rio Theatre – tickets will be available at the door for the 7:00 p.m. show.

Board Member Trujillo will attend the sign-making event tomorrow for Measures I & J. Mr. Trujillo encouraged colleagues and community members to attend a screening of the documentary “Bully”. Trustee Trujillo will attend the gathering at 5:30 p.m. on Friday prior to the 7:00 p.m. screening at the Del Mar Theater. There is great value in this movie for all students.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Goodwin reported that Harbor High School has posted 3 long lists of student college acceptances in the library and it is a great feeling to see the lists and celebrate fellow students. Advanced Placement Tests will be starting soon as well as California Standardized testing for the students in grades 9-11. For those who plan on attending Senior Volleyball Night tomorrow, the \$4 admission fee is waived if you bring

a teddy bear for children in need. The Community Unity event at Harbor High School on April 27 will celebrate all of the diverse cultural groups in Santa Cruz County.

Student Representative Borg reported that many students visited colleges over Spring Break and many students have been accepted to prestigious colleges and universities. The prom in May will be held at the Rittenhouse Building in Santa Cruz. The Interact Club has raised more than \$100,000 – this is a great accomplishment for a very small district. Chaperones are needed for an Interact Club summer trip to RWANDA – 12 students from SCCS will be in attendance. Ms. Borg will represent the Santa Cruz Rotary Club during an upcoming visit to Thailand and is selling raffle tickets to pay for her traveling expenses.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2012. Mr. Collins abstained from the vote as he was absent from the meeting. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.
2. MSP (Collins/Vestal) 5-0-2, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Joint Board/BAC Meeting of March 27, 2012. Ms. Hawthorne and Ms. Tracy-Proulx abstained from the vote due to absence from the meeting. Students Borg and Goodwin abstained from this vote due to absence from the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins requested that Item 1.8 Memorial Renaming of the Soquel HS Basketball Court be removed for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Panama Canal Science Project; Board Policy/Administrative Regulations Revisions; Quarterly Williams Complaint Report; U. S. History Text Adoption; AFE Out-of-State Field Trip; School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs); School Safety Plans; CSA-Watershed Education Program; Resolution 32-11-12 Frank E. George Scholarship Designation Trustees; Notice(s) of Completion. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz High School* – Ms. Gail Pellerin and Mr. Tom Chaffin donated \$1,050 to purchase classroom supplies; Ms. Rachel Dewey Thorsett donated \$500 to the Mock Trial Team; Ms. Linda Bottarini and Mr. Bennett Elkin donated a \$100 Palace Art and Office Supply gift certificate for classroom supplies; Mr. and Mrs. Hackenbracht donated \$1,300 to purchase a defibrillator for the gymnasium. Mr. Collins seconded the motion, which was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Trujillo – Yes	Vestal – Yes
		Wagman – Yes

Student Representatives Borg and Goodwin voted yes

Memorial Renaming of the Soquel High School Basketball Court

Ms. Dewey Thorsett and Ms. Hawthorne asked Superintendent Bloom for some background information on this item. Mr. Bloom reported the Soquel High Fund has proposed renaming the basketball court in the Soquel High Gymnasium “Randy Peck Court” in honor of an iconic and inspirational role model who was killed in a tragic automobile crash in March of 1970. The Superintendent also read aloud SCCS Board Policy 7310 detailing present policy for renaming facilities. Mr. Collins presented an alternative motion to the one presented by the Soquel High School alumni. The motion by Mr. Collins recognized Mr. Peck, and also other alumni who died in military service to their country. After questions and discussion among Board Members,

Staff and audience members, the vote was taken on the alternative motion and the motion was not passed. The vote was 2-4-1. Mr. Collins and Mr. Trujillo voted yes, and Board President Wagman abstained from the vote. Students Goodwin and Borg also abstained from the vote. Following the vote on Mr. Collins alternative motion, MSP (Hawthorne/Tracy-Proulx) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the original motion proposed by the Soquel High School Fund. Mr. Collins, Mr. Trujillo and Mr. Wagman abstained from the vote. Students Goodwin and Borg abstained from the vote. Board President Wagman asked Superintendent Bloom to bring a revised Board Policy 7310, Naming Facilities, to the Trustees to provide clarification on this type of process in the future.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 for 2012-13.
3. The Board of Education did not receive an update on negotiations with the SCCCE for 2011-12.
4. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 20-11-12 and 21-11-12 with a vote of 7-0.
5. The Special Education Settlement Agreement was discussed.
6. The Board approved with a vote of 7-0 the appointment of Mary Gaukel Forster to the position of the Branciforte Small Schools Principal beginning July 1, 2012.
7. The Board of Education briefly discussed the performance evaluation of the Superintendent and Board President Wagman will be sending out superintendent evaluation forms to Board members.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Migrant Program Update

Director of Academic Equity & Categorical Programs Eric Gross, School/Community Coordinator Patty Switzer and School/Community Coordinator Margaret Rosa reported to the Trustees regarding this program. Migrant Education staff members provide an array of services to students (0-21 years) and their families including: home-based preschool services; parent education; summer study; health and dental services; community-based ESL classes; parent leadership opportunities; and more. Specific programs include: Migrant Education School Readiness Program (MESRP); Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS); Out of School Youth (OSY); Parent Advisory Committee (PAC); Summer Programs. This report was presented for information only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

*NOTE: Student Borg left the meeting at this time – 7:20 p.m.

Staff Report: Elementary Bilingual Programs Update

Director of Academic Equity & Categorical Programs Eric Gross reported to the Trustees regarding this program. Mr. Gross reported on the concentration of English Learners at each elementary school site, various programs for English Learners, delivery models for English Language Development, the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) – a standardized test to inform staff how proficient students are becoming in the English Language, and the reclassification process for English Learners (Reclassified Fluent English Proficient = RFEP). Next steps include: review current ELD curriculum & assessments; ensure ELD is embedded in content areas; maintain effective partnerships with parents; expand accountable engagement strategies; increase focus on academic language. This report was presented for information only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Information

1. The Regular Meeting on May 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on May 23, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on June 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education