

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
August 17, 2011**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Cynthia Hawthorne                      Steve Trujillo                      Claudia Vestal                      Ken Wagman

Absent:              John Collins                      Rachel Dewey Thorsett                      Deborah Tracy-Proulx

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

**Welcome and Format**

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

**Agenda Changes**

Due to the absence of three Trustees tonight, Superintendent Bloom requested rescheduling Item 3.1 Staff Report: CST Results to the next Board Meeting. The Board approved this agenda change. Mr. Wagman reported a Classified Resignation from Information Technology Services Director Susan Doucette was received after the Board Book was published, and moved to include this additional action in Item 1.2 Classified Personnel Actions. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion, and the Trustees approved this action with a vote of 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Marilyn Garrett and Angela Flynn spoke about health and safety concerns regarding the use of wireless technology and smart meters in and/or near the Santa Cruz City Schools. Dr. Jim Logsdon commended the thorough work of an SCCS school psychologist in referring a student for needed diagnosis and treatment. The student's family conveyed their gratitude through Dr. Logsdon.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent acknowledged classified employees who have worked during the summer break to make campuses ready for the return of staff and students, and the administrators and certificated who are currently gearing up for classes. After a successful 2010-11 school year, the Management/Leadership team has high enthusiasm and it is a pleasure to work with such a quality staff. Employees attended a COE sponsored AVID/Long-term English Learners workshop, and the Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership Team met yesterday to ensure practices are put into place to use this information in classrooms each day. The District Office is conducting professional development workshops for classified employees focusing on "Creating a Culture of Service". The workshops will be led by the Cabinet, with particular credit to Ms. Munro for taking the lead on this training opportunity. Superintendent Bloom reported that SCCS is in contact with the Center for Teaching Tolerance with the intent to provide workshops for student leaders and teachers in the near future.

## **BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS**

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Hawthorne has visited the Branciforte Middle School to check on the progress of the new field installation and is very pleased. The school sites look amazing – kudos to staff!

### **Board Members' Reports and Referrals**

Board Member Vestal recently attended both the Delta School Meeting and the Go for Health Meeting.

Board Member Wagman received an email from UCSC wondering how their students who need community project hours could assist with our Green Schools Committee. Mr. Wagman is seeking advice on how to best utilize this resource.

Board Member Trujillo has been teaching this summer, but managed to spend 2 days in Sacramento lobbying on behalf of important school matters and visiting State Superintendent of Schools Torlakson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Trujillo/Wagman) 4-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2011.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Consent Agenda, which consisted of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified* – including the addition of the item approved by the Trustees during Agenda Changes earlier in the meeting; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; Revised Board Policy 4040 Employee Use of Technology; Resolution 03-11-12 TPA for 2011-12 403(b) & 457 Plans; Annual IT Maintenance Contract with Mike Brogan Consulting; Resolution 02-11-12 Designation of JPA Rep(s); Extension of Contract for Grant Writer through 2011-12; Disposition of Surplus Property; Williams Complaint Process Quarterly Report; NPA/NPS Contracts – Special Education; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment Report; 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz – Roof Maintenance; Classified Job Description – Program Coordinator ASES; Classified Job Description – Instruction Technician ASES. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz High School*-William Raney donated benches, the installation of benches, turf block and lawn sod installation, purchase and installation of large rock, three plaques and the fork lift transportation required to perform the work. *Soquel High School*-Margaret Kline donated \$2,048.00 to Soquel High School. *District Programs*-Plantronics, Inc., through the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund in Cincinnati, Ohio, donated \$4000.00 to the SCCS Online Blended Learning Program. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Hawthorne – Yes      Trujillo – Yes      Vestal – Yes      Wagman - Yes

#### **Closed Session Actions Report**

1. The Board of Education approved the recommended Certificated Leaves, Retirements, Resignations, and Appointments as submitted with a vote of 4-0.
2. The Board of Education did not receive an update from Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE bargaining unit for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education discussed the evaluation and contract of the Superintendent.

**ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED**

**New Business: Resolution 01-11-12 Santa Cruz City Schools College Commitment**

The Superintendent reported that for the past five months, leaders of Santa Cruz County school districts and local institutions of higher education (IHE's) that serve our students have been meeting to build a coalition dedicated to achieving higher levels of college completion for Santa Cruz County students. These conversations and plans have been informed by the very successful Long Beach College Promise (<http://www.longbeachcollegepromise.org>). The Santa Cruz College Commitment is consistent with SCCS strategic goals. Superintendent Bloom recommended approval of the Resolution. Following discussion and questions, Mr. Wagman moved approval of Resolution 01-11-12, including the addition of the words "and/or career" after the word "college" and before the word "ready" in paragraph 2 of the resolution. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion, and this motion was passed by roll call vote as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Hawthorne – Yes                      Trujillo – Yes                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

**New Business: Amendment to Superintendent's Contract**

Board President Hawthorne reported that the Trustees had worked very hard on the Superintendent's evaluation this past spring, and would like to offer the Superintendent congratulations on his leadership skills and one additional year to his contract. Mr. Wagman commented that the work the Superintendent has done has impacted the classrooms and has directed and inspired the leadership team. MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 4-0, the Board of Education approved the one-year contract extension for the Superintendent through 2014.

**New Business: Resolution 04-11-12 Layoff/Reduction Classified Services**

Ms. Hendricks reported that a grant-writing program SCCS uses to fund the Life Labs at Bay View and Gault was offering fewer funds this year and in order to stay within the budget, Bay View Principal Robb would like to reduce the Life Lab position at Bay View from 5 hours per day to 4 hours per day. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Hawthorne – Yes                      Trujillo – Yes                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

**Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on September 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on September 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Board Retreat scheduled for September 25, 2011, will be held in the SCCS District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Adjournment**

There being no further Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned the Open Session of this Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President  
Board of Education