

Board Member Dewey Thorsett – Budget Advisory Committee, Academic Excellence Committee
Board Member Trujillo – Green Schools Committee, GLBT, Student Safety Concerns and State and National Legislative issues
Board Member Collins – Career Technical Training/ Regional Occupational Program, as needed for the Wellness Committee, Academic Excellence
Board Member Wagman – Budget Advisory Committee, Green Schools Committee, Board Agenda Committee and kept updated on everything else

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom thanked the Board Members for the vital service they provide to the school community. The Superintendent announced that Dr. Jim Logsdon was appointed to the Personnel Commission and that Paul Johnston, the SCCCE Representative on the Personnel Commission, had resigned his position. The SCCCE will seek a new Personnel Commission Representative. Mr. Bloom reported the passing of Special Education Director Lynette Seibel last week. Ms. Seibel was a valued member of the SCCS community. The district is establishing a scholarship fund for special education students in Lynette’s name and those who wish to contribute can make their check to the Lynette Seibel Scholarship Fund. Ms. Seibel’s family will hold a public memorial in January 2012.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President’s Report

Board President Wagman presented Ms. Hawthorne with a plaque commemorating her service as Board President from December 2010 to December 2011. The Board President also thanked Ms. Vestal for her service as Board Vice President. Ms. Vestal’s vision of Transitional Kindergarten and expertise on Delta Charter School has proved very useful to Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Wagman attended the Santa Cruz City Council meeting to see SCCS Art Teacher Kathleen Crocetti receive the Jim Howes Community Service award; the Santa Cruz High School PTA meeting; the Ad-hoc Parcel Tax meeting; the Green Schools Committee meeting.

Board Members’ Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo thanked the Trustees for introducing him to serving on a school board this past year and appreciates the experience and wisdom of all. Mr. Trujillo is encouraged by the Parcel Tax Survey results that intimate a positive reception from the public regarding the renewal of the parcel taxes. Mr. Trujillo does not support any new bills with the intent to overturn the recently signed AB48 Fair Education Act. Feel free to contact Mr. Trujillo at: cruztbone@yahoo.com

Board Member Vestal attended: Go For Health meeting; Dinner with Lightfoot Industries – this is a supper club that serves as a training program for Delta Charter High School students; visited the Live Oak district to see the new Green Building – very impressive.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx thanked Ms. Hawthorne and Ms. Vestal for their service as Board President and Board Vice President this past year, and thanked the Trustees for their confidence in her abilities to serve as the Board Vice President this coming year. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended a City of Santa Cruz meeting yesterday to discuss more speed and traffic control in Santa Cruz.

Board Member Hawthorne thanked Superintendent Bloom, the Bargaining Units and other Board Members for a productive 2011. By working together and supporting each other, Santa Cruz City Schools has gained valuable experience in weathering the storm. Ms. Hawthorne is proud of working in collaboration with community members and other county school boards to ensure that every student has the chance to be successful.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett thanked Ms. Hawthorne and Ms. Vestal for their service this past year and congratulated Ms. Tracy-Proulx for her willingness to take on a new role in the coming year. Ms. Dewey Thorsett has attended the Parcel Tax Renewal meeting and the Graduation Requirements meeting. This past week has been a very sad week for education with the passing of SCCS Special Education Director Seibel and Live Oak Board Member Barney Bricmont.

Board Member Collins thanked Ms. Hawthorne for a solid year of performance that is greatly appreciated. Mr. Collins appreciates Mr. Meza for taking the time to meet with the group trying to fundraise to improve the Soquel High School softball field and find ways to help. Mr. Collins attended the Graduation Requirement meeting and the DAD's basketball tournament. Mr. Collins wished Board President Wagman a great year as Board President.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Goodwin reported that students at Harbor High School are busy with food drives, "Pennies for Patients", clothes drives, and various philanthropic endeavors at this time. After the Winter Break, students will prepare for semester final exams. Ms. Goodwin attended one of the Graduation Requirements Meeting. This weekend the Mock Trial Club will hold a bake sale at the downtown O'Neill's Surf Shop.

Student Borg attended one of the Graduation Requirements Meeting and found it interesting. Santa Cruz High School has raised over \$2,400 for the Adopt a Family Program and is competing with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District in a food drive organized by Second Harvest Food Bank. Santa Cruz High School students will be in downtown Santa Cruz this weekend to fundraise by providing gift wrapping services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Trujillo/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2011.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; CSA – Curriculum; Out-of-State Travel for Gault Elementary School Teachers; Job Description – Instructional Tech. PBS; Change Order(s); Disposition of Surplus Property. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary School* – The Comcast Foundation beautified the campus on "Comcast Cares Day" and also awarded a generous grant of \$2,294 which will be used to purchase computers for this site. *Branciforte Middle School* – Shopper's Corner, J. M. Beauregard, donated \$100 to the Library Fund. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

Student Borg – Yes (Student Goodwin was out of the Board Room during this vote.)

Closed Session Actions Report

1. One retirement was approved as submitted with a vote of 5-0.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12.
3. The Board of Education approved an extension of the contract for the Adult Education Unit of the GSCFT from 2011 to June 30, 2014 with a vote of 7-0.

4. The Board of Education approved an extension of the contract for the Guest Teacher Unit of the GSCFT from 2011 to June 30, 2014 with a vote of 7-0.
5. The Board of Education did not receive an update on negotiations for the SCCCE Unit for 2011.
6. The Board of Education approved expulsions 07-11-12 and 08-11-12 with a vote of 7-0.
7. The Board of Education denied a Liability Claim from David Mine with a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: 2010-11 Audit

Mr. Meza introduced Jennifer Hill from the firm of Crowe Horwath, LLP to report to the Board of Education. Ms. Hill reported 8 audit findings (3 General, 2 Federal and 1 State) but these findings were minor and will not impact the district's apportionment. Mr. Meza asked the Board to accept the 2010-11 Audit. MSP (Trujillo/Collins) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the audit report. Students Goodwin and Borg abstained from this vote.

Staff Report: Food Services Update including the Gault Elementary School Universal Breakfast

Mr. Meza and Food Services Senior Manager Jamie Smith reported to the Board of Education. Information included: menu participation trends, meals and vendors, Universal Breakfast at Gault, efforts to increase participation, working budget and comparison of meals served between 2010-11 and 2011-12. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

Recess: Board President Wagman called for a short recess at 8:16 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Wagman reconvened this Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Staff Report: Parcel Tax Survey Results

Superintendent Bloom reported on this item to the Trustees. On October 12, 2011, the Governing Board commissioned a survey of Santa Cruz City Schools voters to assess prospects for renewing Parcel Tax Measures A & B, both of which expire in June 2013. That polling has been completed. The polling firm believes that passing a \$38/year parcel tax for the High School District is feasible in the June 2012 primary, and recommends an eight year sunset clause. For the Elementary School District, the recommendation is for an \$85/year parcel tax. The Board of Education must act prior to March 11, 2012 to place measures on the June 2012 ballot, or August 12, 2012 to place measures on the November 2012 ballot. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

PUBLIC HEARING: Developer Fees

Mr. Meza reported that the District provides a Public Hearing to give the public an opportunity to address the Trustees regarding this report on the collection and use of Developer Fees. Public Notice was printed in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and posted at the schools and District Office.

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 8:37 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:38 p.m.

New Business: 2010-11 Developer Fees Report

Mr. Meza reported that the District collects Developer Fees assessed on a square foot basis on new residential and commercial construction within the District. These funds are used to provide school facilities funds to house and service the growth in student enrollment generated by the new construction. The law requires the District to make a public report on the receipt and uses of the Developer Fees within 180 days of the end of each fiscal year. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the annual report on Developer Fees. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

New Business: 1st Interim Report

Mr. Meza and Ms. Lacey reported the Board of Education receives three statutorily mandated reports of the financial status of the District during the year – the 1st Interim Report, the 2nd Interim Report and the Year-End Report. Information included economic outlook, variance between the 2011-12 Revised Budget on 9/14/11 and the 1st Interim on 12/15/11, the Food Service fund and Adult Education. Mr. Meza recommended approval of the 2011-12 1st Interim Report with a Qualified Certification. MSP (Trujillo/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 1st Interim Report with a Qualified Certification. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

Staff Report: Mid-Year Human Resources Update

Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Ochoa presented information to the Board of Education outlining efforts in recruiting, hiring and supporting classified, certificated and management staff. Other information included workforce demographics, Workers Compensation and Safety and Professional Development. Ms. Hendricks thanked Ms. Dominguez and Ms. Ochoa for their diligent efforts and recognized Administrative Assistant Kaulukukui, who will retire on December 31, for her 20 years of service to Santa Cruz City Schools. Superintendent Bloom acknowledged that Ms. Hendricks has arguably the most important non-teaching work in the district. The Human Resources Department currently has no management member who has been at SCCS longer than two years and this team is doing a great job. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

Information

1. The Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and the Budget Advisory Committee on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 4:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 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 the Open Session of this Regular Meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education