

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
February 22, 2012**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Wagman 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

Deborah Tracy-Proulx                      Rachel Dewey Thorsett

Absent:                      John Collins

Student Representative:                      Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School

Absent:                      Student Representative 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**

Superintendent Bloom asked the Board Members to delete Item 3.9, Resolution 25-11-12 Non-Reelect of Certain Probationary Certificated, as this item was no longer needed. The Board of Education approved the deletion of Item 3.9. Board Member Hawthorne requested that Item 3.12, Resolution 28-11-12 be moved to follow Item 3.2, Budget Update. The Board approved this change in the order of items.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A group representing the Santa Cruz Parent Education Nursery Schools (PENS) provided an update regarding how the sites were progressing this year as they transitioned with less district funding. The schools have experienced success as they have sponsored joint events, increased class sizes and increased fundraising. The sites are fully enrolled and look forward to renewing the contract with the district. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to remove wireless internet connections at schools and replace with hard wired

connections to promote the health and well-being of students and staff. Dr. Jim Logsdon asked to hear available information on the proposed Montessori charter school.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent replied to Dr. Logsdon that the district has not received a formal application for a new charter school. If an application is received it will be fully evaluated. Superintendent Bloom reported a joint county-wide effort to secure funding for a long-term literacy project that would start at the preschool level. County Superintendent Watkins has appointed Mr. Meza to an oversight committee that will monitor the dissolution of the RDA. Mr. Bloom offered congratulations to all of the comprehensive high schools for hosting successful Open House events in February.

### **BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS**

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

Board President Wagman attended the Green Schools Committee meeting and is very pleased with the collaboration between the city and county governments, teachers, students, bargaining units and everyone involved in moving green practices forward in Santa Cruz County. Board President Wagman looks forward to providing the annual report in April.

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

Board Member Trujillo attended the Green Schools Committee meeting, and would like interested parties to assist Santa Cruz and Monterey counties in urging Governor Brown to re-examine the approval of the fumigant methyl iodide on farms. Mr. Trujillo continues to enjoy the emails he receives from the community regarding district issues.

Board Member Vestal attended a "Go for Health" subcommittee and a steering committee meeting, the Wellness Committee meeting, and the Budget Advisory Committee. Candidates for Santa Cruz County Supervisor have been invited to come to the May 1<sup>st</sup> "Go for Health" meeting and speak to health matters.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting and the county wide Mock Trial competitions where she was very proud of each of the SCCS comprehensive high school teams.

#### **Student Representative's Report**

Ms. Goodwin was not able to attend the last two board meetings as she was busy participating in the Mock Trial competition for Harbor High School. Harbor was able to send two teams to the competition and both teams competed well. Harbor High will host an "Unplugged" event which will challenge students to refrain from using technology for a period of one week – including text messaging, Facebook and other forms of social media. The Harbor High School Interact Club will host a bake sale fundraiser in downtown Santa Cruz on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in front of O'Neill's Surf Shop. Harbor students have begun planning for a "Safe and Sober" graduation night celebration this year. Ms. Goodwin has been accepted to Claremont McKenna College for Fall 2012.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (5-0-1) the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2012. Ms. Dewey Thorsett abstained from this vote, as she was not present at the Open Session of the meeting. Student Goodwin abstained from this vote, as she was not present at the meeting.

### 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; CSA – Special Education; Resolution 20-11-12 H & L Parker Scholarship; California Solar Initiative – Inquiry Funding Opportunity; Change Order(s). Mr. Trujillo asked to pull Item 1.8, California Solar Initiative – Inquiry Funding Opportunity, for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion for approval, less Item 1.8. This motion was passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

Student Goodwin – Yes

#### California Solar Initiative – Inquiry Funding Opportunity

Mr. Trujillo expressed some concern regarding entering into an agreement with the Chevron Company, and asked for more details and a discussion of this matter. Mr. Meza provided more information regarding the process for this inquiry. Following clarifying questions and discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the California Solar Initiative and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Dewey Thorsett – Yes                      Hawthorne – Yes                      Tracy-Proulx – Yes  
Trujillo – No                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin – Yes

#### Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved 3 and denied 1 leaves, retirements, and resignations as submitted with a vote of 5-0.
2. The Board of Education ratified the submitted contract with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12 with a vote of 5-0.
3. The Board of Education did not receive an update from designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE Unit for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education did not receive information on the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code Section 54957).

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

#### Staff Report: Enrollment and Staffing

Mr. Meza reported on the final certified CBEDS of 2/2/12 compared to the preliminary CBEDS of 10/5/11 and the projected 2012-13 enrollment compared to the 2011-12 CBEDS enrollment. A history of student enrollment beginning in 2006-07 was also provided. This report was provided for informational purposes and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**Staff Report: Budget Update**

Mr. Meza reported on the news from the State and how this information affects Santa Cruz City Schools. The District is planning on a range of reductions between \$2 to \$4 million dollars in 2012-13. Phase 1 is definite and will include \$2 million of reductions. Phase 2 will only be implemented if the Governor’s November Tax Initiative fails at the polls and will contain another \$2 million reductions and the potential depletion of our General Fund reserves. This report was informational and no action was taken by the Trustees.

**New Business: Resolution 28-11-12 In Support of Tax Initiative**

The GSCFT has requested that the governing board adopt a resolution in support of the Millionaires’ Tax Initiative, which is currently being circulated for possible placement on the November 2012 ballot. GSCFT Political Coordinator Casey Carlson reported that the GSCFT supports this action because K-12 education needs an ongoing revenue stream and these taxes would be collected only from those who earn more than \$1 million per year. Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Goodwin – Yes

**New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Parcel Tax Resolution for the Elementary District**

Pursuant to California Education Code 54954.6, the Governing Board must hold a Public Hearing to allow public input and comment on Resolution 21-11-12 Parcel Tax Measure for the Elementary District. Parcel Tax Measure B2, which assesses \$70 per parcel and will expire on June 30, 2013, is proposed for renewal at \$85 per parcel. The new assessment will expire on June 30, 2021. This Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirement for public input.

**Open:** Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Close:** Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m.

**New Business: Resolution 21-11-12 Parcel Tax Measure for the Elementary District**

Superintendent Bloom recommended adoption of Resolution 21-11-12. Ms. Hawthorne moved this resolution for approval and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Goodwin – Yes

**New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Parcel Tax Resolution for the High School District**

Pursuant to California Education Code 54954.6, the Governing Board must hold a Public Hearing to allow public input and comment on Resolution 22-11-12 Parcel Tax Measure for the High School District. Parcel Tax Measure A, which assesses \$28 per parcel and will expire on June 30, 2013, is proposed for renewal at \$38 per parcel. The new assessment will expire on June 30, 2021. This Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirement for public input.

**Open:** Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Close:** Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

**New Business: Resolution 22-11-12 Parcel Tax Measure for the High School District**

Superintendent Bloom recommended adoption of Resolution 22-11-12. Ms. Hawthorne moved this resolution for approval and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Goodwin – Yes

**New Business: Resolution 23-11-12 Release of Temporary K-12 Certificated Employees**

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44954, the Board is advised to release temporary K-12 Certificated Employees at the conclusion of the 2011-12 school year. Following public comments and discussion among staff and board members, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Dewey Thorsett – Yes                      Hawthorne – Yes                      Tracy-Proulx – Yes  
Trujillo – No                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin – Abstain

**New Business: Resolution 24-11-12 Release of Temporary AE Certificated Employees**

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44954, the Board is advised to release temporary K-12 Certificated Employees at the conclusion of the 2011-12 school year. Following public comments and discussion among staff and board members, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Dewey Thorsett – Yes                      Hawthorne – Abstain                      Tracy-Proulx – Yes  
Trujillo – No                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin – Yes

**New Business: Resolution 26-11-12 Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Service**

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44949 and 44955, the Board is advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 particular kinds of service for the 2012-13 school year and recommended adoption of the resolution. Following discussion among the board members, staff and audience members, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Dewey Thorsett – Yes                      Hawthorne – Yes                      Tracy-Proulx – Yes  
Trujillo – No                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin – Yes

**New Business: Resolution 27-11-12 Reduction of Adult School Particular Kinds of Service**

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44949 and 44955, the Board is advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 particular kinds of service for the 2012-13 school year and recommended adoption of the resolution. Following discussion among the board members, staff and audience members, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Dewey Thorsett – Yes  
Trujillo – No

Vestal – Yes

Hawthorne – Yes  
Wagman – Yes

Tracy-Proulx – Yes

Student Goodwin – No

**Information Item: 2012 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election**

The Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education may vote for two candidates for CSBA Representative Assembly. MSP 6-0 (Dewey Thorsett/Tracy-Proulx) the Board of Education nominated Ms. Hawthorne for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Student Goodwin voted yes.

**New Business: Approve Contract for Increased Bandwidth**

Mr. Meza reported that the current limitations of the SCCS Network (reported to the Board of Education on November 16, 2011) are restricting instructional options in the classrooms. The District issued a Request for Proposal on December 29, 2011 and sealed proposals were accepted until February 7, 2012. The District received 3 proposals. The evaluation and recommendation to award contract is based on the maximum number of points awarded as outlined in the RFP. AT&T's bid resulted in the proposal with the most points. The contract is contingent upon funding from the Federal E-rate program. Beginning in 2013, the district's fiber optic network will be approximately 665 times faster than current speeds. This improvement will be achieved without any additional cost to the district's current IT budget. Teachers and students will be able to take advantage of a wide range of new and rich educational tools and resources available for teaching and learning. District staff will use the connectivity for data assessments and utilize all the capabilities of Infinite Campus, Datawise Systems and Google applications. MSP 6-0 (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) the Board of Education approved the contract with AT&T for Fiber Optic Network contingent upon funding from the Federal E-rate program. Student Goodwin voted yes.

**New Business: Approve Contract for ISP Internet Provider**

Mr. Meza reported that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has submitted a proposal to provide District schools with Network services under a three year agreement commencing on July 1, 2012 and terminating on June 30, 2015. The agreement will provide: a) Internet access to all schools supporting 1 GB of bandwidth; b) 24/7 support of the district router; c) domain name services for each site; d) Web Page hosting for school and district web sites. The cost of the agreement is \$15,600 per year (these costs have remained the same since 2009); however, the District is seeking an E-rate discount for these services which would reduce the cost by approximately 50-55% to \$7,020 per year. A number of proposals were received, but none offered an equal or better comprehensive, bundled solution than that of the SCCOE. MSP 6-0 (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) the Board of Education approved the contract with the SCCOE for Internet services and other technology support services. Student Goodwin voted yes.

**Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on March 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The joint meeting of the Board/Budget Advisory Committee on March 27, 2012, 4:30 p.m., will be held at the District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on March 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on April 18, 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 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President  
Board of Education