

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
February 8, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 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 John Collins

Rachel Dewey Thorsett – present for Closed Session, absent for Open Session

Student Representative: Holly Borg, Santa Cruz High School

Absent: Michelle Goodwin, Harbor 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

Harbor High School LMT Smith extended her thanks to Sheila Coonerty and Bookshop Santa Cruz for a great holiday fundraiser that benefitted the SCCS school libraries. Ms. Smith invited everyone to join Santa Cruz High School and the SCCS LMTs for a “Parenting in the Digital Age” workshop on Thursday, February 16, at Santa Cruz High School. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Board Members to remove wireless internet connections from school sites and replace them with hard wired connections due to possible health concerns. Dr. Jim Logsdon acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Munro and former Superintendent Pagano to begin the process for the new field at Branciforte Middle School. Dr. Logsdon visited Bay View Elementary school and reported the Bilingual Program is vigorous and well supported by Principal Robb and staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent attended the Latino Role Models Conference at Harbor High School on January 28 and reported it was an exceptional event. Board Member Trujillo was one of the 20 guest speakers and the event was attended by approximately 400 students and family members. The official opening of the Branciforte Middle School Field took place on Saturday February 4th. Mr. Bloom commended Mr. Meza for obtaining financing through the ARRA funds and acknowledged the support of the Trustees throughout the process. Superintendent Bloom provided the Board Members with the following documents for their information: a) a report on the SCCS Grant Writing process and the work of Consultant Jo Kenny; b) the 2011 Personnel Commission Report; c) a flyer which describes the great high school programs available for students and is being utilized by Student Services Director Brown in an outreach effort to parents of K-8 students in local private schools. Mr. Bloom acknowledged Dr. Larry de Ghetaldi for his presentation at the Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership Meeting on Tuesday "Evidence-Based Practice in Medicine and the Possible Implications for K-12 Education". The Superintendent was in Sacramento on Tuesday and learned there may be as many as three education initiatives on the November 2012 State Ballot. Superintendent Bloom acknowledged Student Representative Borg for her distinguished finalist award in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Ms. Borg currently serves as the Governor of Interact's District Council and this award honor students for volunteerism and leadership.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman asked to have the February 14th Budget Advisory Committee posted to allow all interested Trustees the ability to attend without violating any Brown Act requirements. Mr. Wagman thanked Branciforte Middle School Principal Meeker for the great celebration of the new field opening on February 4th. Board President Wagman visited Principal Robb at Bay View Elementary School and enjoyed observing the after school programs. Mr. Wagman attended the Santa Cruz High School PTA meeting. Gault Elementary School Principal Parks provided a tour of the school for Board President Wagman and Santa Cruz County School Board Member Jack Dilles. The Board President acknowledged the site principals, school leaders and the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for a valuable Schools Coalition meeting on January 31st.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Collins reported that he will not be able to attend the next two meetings due to conflicts with his work travel schedule.

Board Member Hawthorne is working with Assemblyman Monning and the CSBA on funding issues. Ms. Hawthorne attended the Schools Coalition meeting and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Meeting.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx visited Pacific Elementary School to view the kitchen and food preparation practices used at this school. Ms. Tracy-Proulx enjoyed seeing students from Gault and DeLaveaga attend the Branciforte Middle School field opening on February 4. The Wellness Committee is seeking parents to become part of this group. Interested parties could attend the meeting tomorrow night.

Board Member Vestal attended the following meetings: Central Coast School Food Alliance; Community Go for Health steering committee; Coordinated School Health Council and Healthy Start Meeting; a south county board presentation regarding school Wellness Policies; Delta Parent Night meeting; Delta Budge Meeting. The Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary donated eight laptops for Delta students.

Board Member Trujillo was very proud to represent Santa Cruz City Schools at the Latino Role Model Conference. Mr. Trujillo met many members of the student and family community and felt the questions from the audience were both thoughtful and intelligent. Board Member Trujillo thanked Fe Silva Robles for the fantastic job of organizing this event – she is a remarkable resource for this community. Board Member Trujillo has been speaking to voters and Latino office holders regarding the upcoming parcel tax ballot measures and will speak to as many people as possible over the course of the campaign to gather support.

Student Representative’s Report

Student Representative Borg reported the California High School Exit Exams took place today at Santa Cruz High School. The Interact Club charity dinner on February 4th sold out and extra tables were added to accommodate the people who bought tickets at the door. The event was a great success and the county high school students are very proud of the organization and all they have accomplished working together as a unit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2012 – with one correction as noted – and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was approved with a vote of 6-0. Student Borg voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; Job Description – First and Final Reading – Guidance Technician; Investment Report; Resolution 16-11-12 Lynette Seibel Scholarship Fund; Disposal of Surplus Property. The board acknowledged, with gratitude, receipt of the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School* - the Cisco Matching Gifts Program, through JustGive.org, donated \$150.00 to match the donation received from George Lambidakis; the Wharf to Wharf Race donated \$2,500.00 to help fund the field projects; an anonymous donation of \$3,000.00 was received for the discretionary fund. *Mission Hill Middle School* - Peter Bagnall donated trophies for the Blake Walton Basketball Tournament. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote as follows:

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

Student Borg – Yes

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the appointment of Stacy O’Farrell as the Director of Special Education, and all other leaves, retirements, and resignations as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education received an update from designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12.
3. The Board of Education received an update from designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE Unit for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 14-11-12, 15-11-12, 16-11-12 and 17-11-12 with a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: SCCCE Nomination to the Personnel Commission

SCCCE Treasurer Bill Phillips introduced Mark Lawrence Violante to the Board of Education. Mr. Violante has been nominated by the Classified Employees to fill a vacancy on the Personnel Commission, and ask the Board of Education to approve the appointment. MSP (Collins/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Mr. Violante as the SCCCE appointment to the Personnel Commission. Student Borg voted yes.

Staff Report: Counselors Update

Santa Cruz High School Counselor Zach Joseph reported to the Trustees on the work of the counselors and counseling departments at the high schools. Information included increasing A-G class enrollment for students entering grades 9 and 10, working with middle school students from within the district and from our feeder districts, student/parent counseling sessions, how to turn data into action and next steps. Following questions and comments from the public, staff and Trustees, the Board of Education thanked Mr. Joseph for his report. This item was presented for information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

New Business: New Course Proposals

Ms. James introduced this item to the Board of Education and reported that if the courses are approved, classes will begin in the fall at Santa Cruz High School. SCCS Music teacher Christy Latham and SCHS teacher Todd Banks presented detailed information about each course. Following discussion and questions from the Trustees, MSP (Hawthorne/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the new Advanced Placement Courses for Music Theory and Engineering. Student Borg voted yes.

New Business: Resolution 17-11-12 Employee Recognition

Ms. Hendricks noted that the Governing Board and SCCS Cabinet members recognize the dedication, hard work, expertise and leadership exercised by its classified, certificated and administrative staff. Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the acknowledgment of March 4-10, 2012 as Week of the School Administrator; May 9, 2012 as Day of the Teacher; May 14-18, 2012 as Week of the Classified Employee. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Borg – Yes

New Business: Resolution 18-11-12 Determination of K-12 District Needs

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d) the Board of Education determines the District needs in order to retain the services of certificated employees in the 2012-13 school year, regardless of seniority, who possess qualifications needed for certain programs. The resolution will deviate from seniority to retain teachers with experience in the Dual Language Two-Way Immersion Program, those with BCLAD or BLCOC credentials, teachers with a preliminary or clear credential over those with a provisional or intern credential, and demonstration of bilingual competency for Counselors and School Psychologists. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Borg – Yes

New Business: Resolution 19-11-12 Tie Breaking Criteria for Seniority

Ms. Hendricks reported that this resolution is needed should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same date. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Borg – Yes

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Waiver Request for CELDT Apportionment

Ms. Munro reported that this Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirement allowing the public to give input on the general waiver request. Each year the district is required to submit documentation for the partial reimbursement of costs related to administering the California English Language Development Test (CELDT). The deadline for submission is December 31st. The deadline was missed. As required by the Department of Education, both bargaining units were contacted and subsequently concurred with the admission of the waiver. The total amount of reimbursement for the elementary district is \$3,315.00 and for the high school district the amount is \$2,095.00.

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

New Business: Waiver Request for CELDT Apportionment

Ms. Munro recommended approval of the Waiver Request. MSP (Collins/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the waiver request for CELDT Apportionment. Student Borg voted yes.

Information

1. The posted meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee on February 14, 2012, 4:30 p.m., District Office, Room 312, is **not a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. This meeting has been posted so all interested Board Members can attend without violating any Brown Act requirements.**
2. The Regular Meeting on February 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on March 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be at a location to be determined.
4. 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.

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education