

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

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 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

Rachel Dewey Thorsett                      Deborah Tracy-Proulx                      John Collins

Student Representative:                      Holly Borg, Santa Cruz High School

Absent:                      Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
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**

Parent Terri Ryan asked the district to establish a new and more secure system for screening visitors on campuses. Superintendent Bloom offered to meet with Ms. Ryan in person to discuss her concerns and provide information on campus safety. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to remove and replace wireless technology in the district to protect student health. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Logsdon shared the success story of a former Costanoa graduate who now manages a restaurant and provides for her young child using ROP skills acquired at Santa Cruz City Schools. Dr. Logsdon has been contacted by the U. S. Department of Education to participate in a survey of education.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent extended his commendations to the classified employees who worked over the Winter Break to ensure our schools were clean and our payroll and accounting services were current. Mr. Bloom acknowledged new Facilities Director Ed Victorine for providing a professional development in-service training for the entire custodial staff per the request of the SCCCE bargaining unit. The Branciforte Middle School field project is finished and everyone is invited to the ribbon-cutting/grand opening on February 4, 2012, 10:00 a.m. The Latino Role Model conference will take place in the Multi-Use Room at Harbor High School on February 28, 2012. Trustee Steve Trujillo will be a guest speaker at this event. Superintendent Bloom has been hosting

SCCS Leadership round table discussions regarding second year probationary teachers who are eligible for tenure. Trustees are welcome to attend these important conversations about extending invitations to become permanent team members of Santa Cruz City Schools.

### **BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS**

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

Board President Wagman attended the Parcel Tax meeting and noted that the core group included Board Members, Administrators, Santa Cruz Education Foundation Board Members, Bargaining Unit Representatives and Cabinet Members – all working together for the benefit of students. This is a unique community.

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

Board Member Collins acknowledged a group of Soquel High School students who are attempting to build a disc golf course at the county park next to the high school. Mr. Collins had the opportunity to hear the Governor speak this morning and commends his stated goal to investigate ways to decrease the amount of time students spend taking standardized tests.

Board Member Hawthorne reported she will attend the first 2012 meeting of the County School Boards Association tomorrow evening.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Gault Elementary parents' informational meeting regarding Outdoor Science School yesterday evening.

Board Member Vestal attended a Delta Charter School Board Meeting, and also a meeting of the steering committee for "Go for Health". Ms. Vestal had her teeth cleaned last week and received services from two former Harbor High School ROP students.

Board Member Trujillo is looking forward to the Latino Role Model Conference at Harbor High School. Over the winter break, neighborhood cars and fences were vandalized with spray paint and graffiti. The police are investigating. Mr. Trujillo would be interested in offering assistance to these misguided individuals.

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

Student Representative Borg attended the Santa Cruz High School Site Council Meeting today – school Safety Plans were reviewed and also plans for the annual Red and White Fair. The Winter Formal will take place this Saturday and the event is open to students in all grades this year. Students are excited for finals and the end of semester four day break. Ms. Borg is part of an organized youth group working with students in 80 other schools to raise \$140,000 to feed hungry youth and provide youth medical services in Africa. If the fundraising is successful, they may be eligible for a matching grant of \$280,000. Fundraising efforts will include a formal dinner with a silent auction and raffle on February 4 at the First Congregational Church in Santa Cruz. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Ms. Borg will send the Trustees invitations.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSP (Collins/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2011. Student Borg voted yes.

## GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Resolution 13-11-12 Frank E. George Scholarship Signatures Changes; Resolution 14-11-12 Ethel M. McDowell Scholarship Terms; Resolution 15-11-12 Establish the Marcus Martin Scholarship Fund; Quarterly Williams Complaint Policy Report; CSA Special Education; CSA(s) Supplemental Services; CSA – Academic Tutoring Services – Branciforte Middle School; Notice(s) of Completion. The acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School*-Philippe Moutarlier and Ruth Selvige donated \$200.00 for the Mock Trial Team. Don Montague donated a computer for the school. *District Office*-Michael Dively donated \$1,250.00 for the chartered bus to transport our district students to the Youth Empowerment Symposium for GLBT youth. 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

### Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the appointment of Marilyn Torp to the position of Interim Director, Special Education 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 09-11-12, 10-11-12, 11-11-12, 12-11-12 and 13-11-12 with a vote of 7-0.
5. The Board of Education received information regarding Public Employee Evaluation – Govt. Code Section 54957 – Title: Principal.

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

### Staff Report: Budget Update

Mr. Meza reported to the Board of Education regarding the key implements of the budget proposal released by the Governor. This report included highlights of the proposal, risks to the proposal, impact on Santa Cruz City Schools and next steps for the district. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

### New Business: Parcel Tax

Superintendent Bloom asked the Board of Education to direct staff to draft a resolution to place measures on the June 2012 ballot to renew measures A & B at \$38 and \$85 per parcel respectively. Following questions, comments and discussion, MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Trustees approved directing staff to draft a resolution to place renewal measures for A & B on the June 2012 ballot for \$38 and \$85 respectively. Student Representative Borg voted yes.

### Staff Report: Transitional Kindergarten

Ms. Munro reported to the Board of Education regarding this matter. Although the Transitional Kindergarten program was slated to begin in the 2012-13 school year, the Governor's current budget proposal eliminates

the funding for this program. Ms. Munro presented possible options for this program should the funding be reinstated. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

**Staff Report: Facilities Master Plan Update**

Mr. Meza and new SCCS Facilities Director Victorine provided updates to the Trustees on current and upcoming facility projects. Information included a summary of funding sources, projects completed in 2011-12, works in progress and potential projects for the summer of 2012. The district will develop a five year Facilities Plan which will be provided to the Board of Education. This report was informational only, and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

**Staff Report: ARK Enrollment**

Ms. Munro reported to the Board of Education regarding ARK Independent Studies enrollment trends, county office independent studies enrollment and offerings and SCCS plans to support program growth. This report was informational only, and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

**Information**

1. The Schools Coalition Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 6:30 p.m., Harbor High School Library, **is not a Regular Board Meeting. This meeting has been posted so all Board Members may attend without violating Brown Act requirements.**
2. The Regular Meeting on February 8, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. 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.
4. The Regular Meeting on March 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be at a location to be determined.
5. 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 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President  
Board of Education