MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS June 20, 2012

Convene Open Session

Board Vice President Tracy Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins Steve Trujillo Cynthia Hawthorne

Claudia Vestal Deborah Tracy-Proulx Rachel Dewey Thorsett

Absent: Board President Ken Wagman

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

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCCS LMT Joyce Smith asked the audience to give the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, the Board of Education, and the Cabinet a standing ovation for the collective great work on the parcel tax campaign that resulted in an 80% passage rate on June 5, 2012. Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells reported the receipt of a \$2,500 grant for the Branciforte Middle School Life Lab; a donation of \$5,000 from the SCEF to the Harbor High School Summer Math Program; a successful pilot of an after school music program that will be considered for expansion in the future. SCCS Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon had the pleasure of attending the Black Student Union Graduation Ceremony, which included students from Santa Cruz High School, Delta Charter School, Pacific Collegiate and one student who came from San Jose to participate in the ceremony. Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Member Janet Swann thanked Ms. Dewey Thorsett for her years of service to the school community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom reported that 737 students graduated from Santa Cruz City Schools high schools in 2012 and will be prepared to move on to some of the finest colleges in the world. The Superintendent offered heartfelt thanks to Ms. Dewey Thorsett and recognized her as one of the top one or two board members he has worked with over the course of many years in education.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board Vice President's Report

Board Vice President Tracy Proulx noted that as this is the last board meeting for Trustee Dewey Thorsett, the Board Members may choose to devote their reports to comments about their colleague. Board Vice President Tracy thanked Trustee Dewey Thorsett for her very valuable service to this community as a member of the Board of Education. Ms. Dewey Thorsett made all the very tiny numbers in the budget relevant and understandable and has been the voice of reason, calmness and class during her tenure as a Trustee. Thank you.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Dewey Thorsett reported that serving as a Trustee has been very interesting and she feels fortunate to have been part of an effort that has brought significant change to the district. One of the changes Trustee Dewey Thorsett is most proud of is how the Board and the Cabinet have come to realize the importance of community involvement. Ms. Dewey Thorsett thanked the Trustees for the ability to keep kids and classrooms the centerpiece of their work, and Superintendent Bloom for his recognition of the value of active community participation in district business and for advocating access and equity for all students. Board Member Dewey Thorsett thanked Ms. Hawthorne for her diligent support of students and former Trustees Strimling and Maxwell for stepping up at a difficult time in the district. Ms. Dewey Thorsett's time as a Trustee would have been very different without the partnership and support of Board President Wagman, and Suz Howells and George Martinez have served as great sounding boards for her. Thank you all for everything.

Board Member Collins attended all of the comprehensive high school graduations and one of the Small Schools celebrations. Mr. Collins noted that the district school photographer attends the comprehensive school graduations to take pictures, but does not come to the Small Schools promotions – perhaps the district should take a look at this practice. Mr. Collins is in communication with the Warriors Basketball Organization regarding getting their program up and running in Santa Cruz. Trustee Collins will run for reelection in November and would like to thank the bargaining units for their support of his candidacy. Board Member Collins acknowledged Trustee Dewey Thorsett as a great colleague and expressed his admiration for her analytical skills. Ms. Dewey Thorsett is not just a "numbers" person – she is a consensus seeker, passionate regarding the education of children, and she always comes from a place of reason. Thank you.

Board Member Hawthorne acknowledged Ms. Dewey Thorsett as a most amazing ally and colleague. Ms. Dewey Thorsett's grasp of the issues, leadership and ability to analyze the budget made her an invaluable asset to the Board of Education. Thank you for being a selfless public servant.

Board Member Vestal acknowledged Trustee Dewey Thorsett for her ability to see both sides of a situation and discover a way to compromise – she is the Queen of the "Friendly Amendment"!

Board Member Trujillo attended the Santa Cruz, Harbor, Costanoa and ARK high school graduations and really enjoyed the experience. Board President Wagman and Trustee Hawthorne joined Board Member Trujillo to march in the Santa Cruz Gay Pride Parade on June 3rd. Mr. Trujillo acknowledged Ms. Dewey Thorsett for her inclusiveness and her thoughtful way to find a compromise.

Refreshments and Celebrations

Break: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx called for a short recess at 7:10 p.m. and everyone to share in cake and celebration to acknowledge Trustee Dewey Thorsett and the passage of Measures I & J.

Superintendent Bloom invited anyone who participated in the campaigns for Measures I & J to come forward and sign the yard poster that will be displayed in the district office.

Reconvene: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx reconvened this Regular Meeting at 7:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Collins) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2012. Ms. Vestal 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; Gifts; 2012-13 Agreement for Legal Services for Dannis/Woliver/Kelley; Board Meeting Schedule for July through December 2012; Board Policy Updates – First and Final Reading; Adult Education – Behind the Wheel Program; Resolution 41-11-12 Authorizing Summer Personnel Actions; Resolution 39-11-12 Authorized District Signatures; Consolidated Application; CSA(s) – Special Education; CSA – Hearing Testing; NPA/NPS Contracts – Special Education; District Service Contract (DSA) – Migrant Services; 2012-13 Agriculture Incentive Grant; Resolution 42-11-12 Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to Accept Bids. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School* – Sheila and Amanda Gamban donated books to the campus library; Scott Borek of Aqua Venture donated a fish tank and tank management/care to the Harbor Library fish tank; Students Hannah Golden, Liz Starkey and Michelle Goodwin each donated "The Practice of Statistics" to the campus library. *Soquel High School* – Teacher Margaret Kline donated her \$2,065.64 stipend to the Drama Program at Soquel High School. Mr. Collins 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

Closed Session Actions Report

- 1. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments as submitted with a vote of 6-0.
- 2. The Board of Education heard information regarding a Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal (Govt. Code 54957) but did not take action on this matter.
- 3. The Board of Education approved a Public Employee Appointment/Employment (Govt. Code 54957) with a 6-0 vote. Title: Assistant Principal, Santa Cruz High School: Robert Hatcher
- 4. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 28-11-12 with a vote of 6-0.
- 5. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2011-12.
- 6. The Board of Education heard information and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding the Meet and Confer agreements for AMA and Confidential.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Biliteracy Recognition 2012

Director of Curriculum and Assessment James reported that on April 27, 2011 the Board approved Resolution 28-10-11 establishing a Seal of Biliteracy to recognize graduating seniors who demonstrate advanced skills in English and a target language. This year, Santa Cruz City Schools is very proud to announce that 35 students

were awarded the Seal of Biliteracy on their high school transcripts and diplomas. Bilingual "pathway" awards were given to 16 grade 8 and 33 grade 5 students from four different schools – and the district looks forward to a robust Biliteracy program in the future. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Athletic Directors Update on Student Athletes

Ms. Hendricks introduced Athletic Directors Stu Walters and Steve Kopald to present this report to the Trustees. The Athletic Directors thanked the Board for their continued support of athletic programs at the three comprehensive high schools. Mr. Walters reported that at Soquel High School, 450 out of 1,000 students participated in sports programs in 2011-12. The Knights Girls Basketball, Softball and Volleyball teams won league and/or CCS championships this year. The Girls' Sports Teams had a combined GPA of 3.92 and included 2 valedictorians, and Ragine Graves was named the Santa Cruz Sentinel 2012 Female High School Athlete of the Year. Mr. Kopald reported that 590 of 1160 Harbor High School students participated in athletics. For many students, the primary motivation to do well in school is to ensure that their grades qualify them to play a team sport. Athletics offers a great way to feel connected to the school site, and for the school to feel connected to the community. At Harbor High School, 14 of the top 28 grade 12 students this year were athletes and 4 of 11 were valedictorians as well. Harbor athletic teams had six league championships this year. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Santa Cruz City Schools 2012-13 Budget

Open: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Per the AB1200 requirement, this Public Hearing allows for public comment prior to Board approval of the 2012-13 Budget.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx closed this Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

New Business: Santa Cruz City Schools 2012-13 Budget

Mr. Meza reported that Santa Cruz City Schools is on a single budget adoption cycle. This means the Board adopts a budget by June 30 and once the State enacts a budget SCCS will have 45 days to revise its budget if necessary. The report included: highlight of expenditure assumptions; highlight of revenue assumptions; summary of 2012-13 FTE & Expenditures; summary of the 2011-12 estimated Actuals & 2012-13 Budget; 2012-13 Restricted and Unrestricted Projected Expenditures; 2011-12 General Fund Underfunded Programs; Multi-Year Projection; Next Steps. MSP (Collins/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board approved the SCCS 2012-13 Budget.

New Business: Resolution 40-11-12 Non Re-election of Certain Certificated Probationary Employees

Pursuant to Education Code 44929.21, on or before June 30 of a probationary certificated employee's first school year of service, the Superintendent or designee must notify the employee of the Board's decision not to re-elect the employee for the next school year. Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of this Resolution. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes

Tracy Proulx – Yes Trujillo – No Vestal – Yes

New Business: Revised Graduation Requirements

Ms. James reported that during the fall and winter of 2011-12, a Graduation Requirements Ad Hoc Committee was established to give the district input on potential revisions to student graduation expectations, identify supports needed, and develop a possible timeline by which revisions may take place. Ms. Munro recommended approval of preliminary planning for revision of Santa Cruz City Schools graduation requirements. Final Board approval will be sought prior to implementation. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved authorization for an inclusive discussion for the planning of revisions to high school graduation requirements in settings that include middle and high school teachers, students, parents and community members, particularly those with expertise in the areas involved, and with frequent updates on these discussions to the Board of Education. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

Recess: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx called for a short recess at 9:03 p.m. **Reconvene:** Board Vice President reconvened this Regular Meeting at 9:08 p.m.

New Business: Revised Strategic Metrics

On December 8, 2010, the Board of Education adopted district Strategic Goals and Metrics that form the foundation for monitoring student progress and district initiatives. The metrics have been revised periodically, with input from leadership, for ease of analysis or to accommodate new assessments or initiatives. The current proposed metrics revisions were made in order to collect data that will better inform district initiatives and/or simplify data collection to accommodate our information system. Ms. Dewey Thorsett suggested that although item 6.8 (Parent participation in site and district level committees) presents challenges in defining and quantifying results, it should not be removed until a better metric can be substituted. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the revised metrics, with the exception of the removal of item 6.8. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

Staff Report: Wellness Committee Annual Report

Student Services Director Brown presented this information to the Board of Education. The Wellness Committee has three subcommittees that focus on separate issues – Food and Nutrition, Parent Education, and Physical Activity. *Food and Nutrition*: the Universal Breakfast pilot program at Gault has resulted in far fewer visits to the Health Office before the lunch break at Gault Elementary. Dinner at Bay View is a federally funded program that serves 90 students healthy foods and presents leadership opportunities for students. In order to address the high level of soda consumption among students, the "Rethink Your Drink" program includes a one month "Soda Tracker" and encourages alternative drinks (water, fruit juice, or plain milk). *Parent Education*: the "Passion for Produce" program is a partnership with the Second Harvest Food Bank and provides participating parents with fresh fruit and produce, cooking demonstrations, and exercise classes. Parent volunteers serve as Nutrition Ambassadors in their neighborhoods. *Physical Activity:* Programs in 2011-12 included "Movement with Purpose" (1 hour per week with an instructor at the elementary level); PE Professional Development for elementary teachers (provided by Middle School PE teachers); "Playworks" at Bay View Elementary. Board Member Vestal reported a great year for the Wellness programs – watching the children in action makes it clear how well these programs are working. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Food Services Update

Mr. Meza presented an update on Food Services detailing participation trends, results from 2011-12 for the Universal Breakfast program at Gault, plans for revising the Universal Breakfast program at Gault for 2012-13, targeted outreach and marketing, financial summary, and areas of focus and improvement for 2012-13. During discussion, Superintendent Bloom suggested summer meetings with Mr. Meza, Gault Principal Parks and available Board Members to identify a plan for the Gault 2012-13 Universal Breakfast program that differs from the plan proposed this evening. Trustees Tracy Proulx and Vestal indicated their willingness to meet with Mr. Meza and Principal Parks over the summer to discuss revising the UB program at Gault for 2012-13. No action was taken by the Board of Education at this time regarding this matter.

New Business: Resolution 38-11-12 in Support of the Dream Act

The Dream Act would provide conditional permanent residency to certain undocumented aliens of good moral character who graduate from U.S. high schools, arrived in the United States as minors, and lived in the country continuously for at least five years prior to the bill's enactment. If they were to complete two years in the military or two years at a four-year institution of higher learning, they would obtain temporary residency for a six-year period. Within the six-year period, they may qualify for permanent residency if they have "acquired a degree from an institution of higher education in the United States or [have] completed at least 2 years, in good standing, in a program for a bachelor's degree or higher degree in the United States" or have "served in the armed services for at least 2 years and, if discharged, [have] received an honorable discharge". Updates on SCCS support to Dream Act eligible students will be included in an annual report to the board regarding counseling services. Following discussion, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval and Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. Board Member Trujillo proposed a friendly amendment which was accepted by both Ms. Dewey Thorsett and Ms. Hawthorne. Friendly Amendment: (Add final paragraph to resolution) "Be it further resolved that Santa Cruz City Schools agrees to continue to reinforce the availability of the Dream Act information to all eligible students and their families." The motion, including the amendment, was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes

Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes

Staff Report: Montessori Alternative School

Superintendent Bloom reported that there have been two meetings with representatives of advocates for a Montessori alternative program in Santa Cruz City Schools. Board Member Cynthia Hawthorne, Kris Munro and Gary Bloom have represented the district at these meetings. SCCS is ready to proceed with a more formal planning process, with the intent of submitting a preliminary proposal for the establishment of a Montessori alternative program within Santa Cruz City Schools. The preliminary proposal and requested board action would be presented in early Fall 2012, with the anticipated opening of a small pilot program in Fall of 2013. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Transitional Kindergarten Waiver

As Transitional Kindergarten has not been included in the Governor's proposed budget, the district is requesting a waiver of this new program. Implementing Transitional Kindergarten this year would result in new costs to the district for training, curriculum and staff in a year when we are making significant reductions to existing programs. Prior to filing a Waiver Request, the CDE requires the Governing Board to hold a Public Hearing and to encourage community participation.

Open: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 10:43 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board Vice President Tracy Proulx closed this Public Hearing at 10:43 p.m.

New Business: Transitional Kindergarten Waiver

Ms. Munro recommended approval of the Transitional Kindergarten Waiver. MSP (Hawthorne/Collins) 6-0, the Governing Board approved the Transitional Kindergarten Waiver.

New Business: Tentative Agreement with the SCCCE

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the Tentative Agreement between the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees and Santa Cruz City Schools for 2012-13 as attached for Article VI Hours and Overtime/Work Calendar and Article IX Wages. This agreement was reached on June 6, 2012 and stands separate of other articles on the table. Bargaining can continue on other measures on the table. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Tentative Agreement with the SCCCE.

<u>Information</u>

- 1. The Regular Meeting on August 22, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073.
- 2. The Regular Meeting on September 5, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073.
- 3. The Regular Meeting on September 19, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board Vice President Tracy Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent Santa Cruz City Schools Ken Wagman, President Board of Education