

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
March 14, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Harbor High School Library, 310 La Fonda, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Cynthia Hawthorne	Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman
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Deborah Tracy-Proulx	Rachel Dewey Thorsett
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Absent: John Collins

Student Representatives: Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School
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 3.4, Resolution 29-11-12 Release/Reassign Administrative Employees, as this item was no longer needed. The Superintendent also requested the addition of Item 1.8, an Out-of-State Field Trip Request for Harbor High School to the Consent Agenda. This item was received by the District Office after the Regular Meeting Agenda was posted. Board Member Dewey Thorsett moved for a finding of fact that: 1) this field trip request was received after the agenda for tonight was posted; 2) this item requires action before the next Regular Meeting on March 28; 3) this item be made a part of the Consent Agenda as Item 1.8. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with a vote of 6-0. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells announced that the 4th Annual Eddy Awards are now open and nominations will be accepted through April 4, 2012. The Awards Celebration will take place on May 1st at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz. Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Young Performers Showcase on April 21st at the Rio Theatre in Santa Cruz. The annual show raises funds for District Music Programs. Several speakers from the Santa Cruz Save Neighborhood Schools organization spoke to describe the mobilization of this group to oppose the proposed Montessori Charter School. Online and paper petitions

are circulating in the city as the organization strives to make the public aware of the high cost of supporting a new alternative school in Santa Cruz. Save Neighborhood Schools has requested a spot on any future agenda that will allow them to present views and information about this topic. Harbor High School Library Media Teacher Joyce Smith has observed some very advanced research techniques being used by Ms. Ohana's American Literature classes to prepare for their upcoming debates. Grade 10 students are currently writing letters to District Administrators on many topics of interest, including College Readiness, Social Networking and Internet Music Downloads. Students are aware that having a Public Library Card allows them to access advanced research tools for their work. GSCFT President Kirschen recognized the Board for the recently passed Resolution in support of the "Millionaires' Tax". This kind of support has influenced Governor Brown to work with the CFT and revise his Resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom began his report with the good news that the County Clerk has received the Resolutions for both Measures I & J for the June 2012 State Ballot. Ballot arguments in favor of the measures were also submitted, and no arguments against the measures were received. The Superintendent has recently met with both the Live Oak and the Soquel Union Elementary School District Trustees and was well-received by both groups. Mr. Bloom met with Barrios Unidas on March 7th. The Superintendent participated in a phone conference with Irvine Foundation and Connect Ed. to discuss funding support for Career/Technical Education. Superintendent Bloom acknowledged Ms. Munro for organizing the "Engagement Walk-Throughs" at the Secondary sites. These excursions provide powerful information for the Leadership Team at SCCS. Our comprehensive high schools successfully hosted 8th grade students from within the district and feeder districts today. Mr. Bloom thanked the folks from the Santa Cruz Save Neighborhood Schools organization for their efforts. The District has reached out to the Montessori folks to encourage a meeting to discuss the Santa Cruz City Schools strong alternative programs before submitting a petition. There is no strong rationale for creating another school in Santa Cruz. The Superintendent introduced new Santa Cruz City Schools Special Education Director Stacy O'Farrell and welcomed her to the District.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman did not have a report this evening.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo spoke to the new AVID class at Soquel High School and enjoyed meeting Teacher Keys and the students. In the search for greater opportunity for all students it is important to nurture growth for programs just as we do for students and teachers. Mr. Trujillo supports the documentary "BULLY" which examines the bullying, isolation and alienation of certain groups of high school students.

Board Member Vestal attended the Delta Charter School Board Meeting and is a WASC Representative for Delta during the accreditation program. Ms. Vestal attended the College Readiness meeting at Cabrillo College and a Wellness Committee meeting.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Middle School Open House and her child recently returned from 5th grade Science Camp. Ms. Tracy-Proulx stated that when the Montessori charter application is publicly noticed it will be an agenda item at the next board meeting.

Board Member Hawthorne thanked the parents and community members who are working hard to save our schools. By definition – since there is no state funding for charter schools – the relationship between public and charter schools is adversarial. The Legislature needs to make some adjustments in fund distribution. Ms. Hawthorne attended the College Readiness meeting at Cabrillo College and the County School Boards Association meeting. Board Member Hawthorne met with Assemblyman Bill Monning and he agreed to be one of the signers on the Ballot arguments in favor of Parcel Tax Measures I & J.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett has been working on the Parcel Tax Campaign. Although much hard work is needed, she feels hopeful about the June 2012 election.

Student Representative’s Report

Student Representative Goodwin reported that “Harbor Unplugged” was a success. Students went one week without texting, social networking, using cell phones, etc. The program received KSBW television coverage and the Video Class is working on a documentary detailing the experience. Harbor High School hosted a successful AVID luncheon. Ms. Goodwin provided homework assistance in Spanish at DeLaveaga Elementary and the experienced not only provided help to students but also enabled Ms. Goodwin to achieve her diploma Seal of Biliteracy. Today Harbor High School hosted more than 290 grade 8 students from a variety of schools. Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. 8th grade parents will attend Parent Night.

Student Representative Borg reported over 200 visiting grade 8 students at Santa Cruz High School today. Despite the rain, students opted to take campus tours and visit classes. Currently, there are on-going efforts for graffiti removal and trash pick-up. The end of the term, college decisions and college notifications are coming up in the next few weeks. Santa Cruz High School AVID students competed in Math and Science competitions at UCSC last week and did well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Tracy-Proulx made a correction to the minutes. MSP (Hawthorne/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2012.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the Consent Agenda, including Item 1.8 Harbor High School Out-of-State Field Trip, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; Policy Updates from CSBA; Contract for GASB 45 Actuarial Study; Harbor High School Out-of-State Field Trip. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following items donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School* - Mrs. Connie Bertuca donated a Panasonic 27” flat screen television and a Samsung DVD/VCR player. *Santa Cruz High School* - Using materials the school provided, local contractor Sal Locatelli donated his time and the time of his crew to convert a former hand ball court into a storage building for track and field equipment and materials. Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded this 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 Representatives Borg and Goodwin voted yes

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments as submitted with a vote of 6-0. Appointments included Gino Raugi for Summer School Principal at Gault Elementary and Renee Golder for Summer School Principal at Bay View Elementary. The Board accepted the resignation notice of Small Schools Principal Dale Knight, and the retirement notice of Adult Education Mary Powers.
2. The Board of Education did not receive an update from designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE Unit for 2010-11.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 18-11-12 and 19-11-12 with a vote of 6-0. Information was received on proceedings for Expulsion 20-11-12.
4. The Board of Education did not take action on the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957)

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Second Interim Report

Mr. Meza and Ms. Lacey reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. Information included: required reporting during the fiscal year; certification; 1st Interim vs. 2nd Interim revenues and expenditures; changes in unrestricted revenue, expenditures and fund balance; elementary and secondary funding; multi-year projection revenue and expenditure assumptions; factors that will affect the budget; recommended board action. MSP (Trujillo/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the 2011-12 Second Interim Report with a self-selected Qualified Certification. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

New Business: Sunshine Negotiations Proposals from GSCFT K-12 to SCCS

Ms. Hendricks reported that the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers K-12 Unit contract proposals were being “sunshined” in accordance with the Employee Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. In addition to salary and benefits, the GSCFT K-12 opens the following articles for negotiation: Article XXIII Completion of Agreement; Article XXV Savings. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Sunshine Negotiation Proposals from GSCFT K-12 to SCCS. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

New Business: Sunshine Negotiations Proposals from SCCS to GSCFT K-12

Ms. Hendricks reported that the SCCS contract proposals were being “sunshined” in accordance with the Employee Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. In addition to salary and benefits, SCCS opens the following articles for negotiation: Article XV Leaves of Absence; Article XVIII Calendars. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Sunshine Negotiation Proposals from GSCFT K-12 to SCCS. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

New Business: Resolution 30-11-12 Non-Reelection of Certain Probationary Certificated Employees

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44929.21, on or before March 15th of a probationary certificated employee’s second complete consecutive 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 2012-13 school year. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of this resolution contingent upon the understanding that SCCS has not received a letter of resignation from the designated employee, and if such resignation is received prior to the end of the day on March 15, 2012, this resolution is null and void. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. The 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 Borg – Yes Student Goodwin – Yes

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative Agreement between SCCCE and SCCS – Disclosure of Costs

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to AB 1200, the Governing Board must hold a Public Hearing to publicly disclose the costs of the Tentative Agreement between the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees and Santa Cruz City Schools. Public input and comments must also be allowed. This Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirements. There are no costs associated with this agreement.

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

New Business: Tentative Agreement between SCCCE and SCCS

MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the agreement between SCCCE and SCCS for 2010-11. Students Borg and Goodwin voted yes.

New Business: Resolution 31-11-12 Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Services in Categorical Programs

Ms. Hendricks reported that based on a recent court of appeals decision that was not available at the previous board meeting; SCCS is recommending an elimination of particular kinds of services in categorical programs due to the fact that funding is uncertain. Noticed employees will be receiving both a temporary release (approved on March 14, 2012) and a particular kinds of service (PKS) reduction notice. Pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955, the Trustees are advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 PKS in categorical programs for the 2012-13 school year. Following discussion and questions, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Information

1. 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.
2. The Regular Meeting on May 9, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on May 23, 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 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education