

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION /BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. in the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Board Members: Ken Wagman, President
Claudia Vestal, Vice President
John Collins
Rachel Dewey Thorsett
Steve Trujillo

Cabinet: Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

BAC Members: Jeanne Gardner, COE
Clyde Curley, Principal, Westlake Elementary
Mary Anne James, Director, Curriculum
Ken Lawrence-Emanuel, Principal, Soquel High School
Angela Meeker, Principal, Branciforte Middle School
Heather Murphy, Certificated, Harbor High School
Barry Kirschen, President, GSCFT
Robert Chacanaca, President, SCCCE

Members of the Audience

Agenda Changes

None

Overview of Multi-Year Projections

Mr. Meza provided the 2nd Interim Multi-Year Projection for this discussion. Information included projected unrestricted and restricted revenues and expenditures, as well as the projected unrestricted reserve for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. Questions and comments from the Trustees, committee members and audience members were discussed.

Phase 1 Budget Reductions – Discussion and Feedback

Mr. Meza explained that budget reductions for Santa Cruz City Schools have been separated into two groups – Phase 1 and Phase 2. Phase 1 reductions are required to adopt a budget by June 30, 2012 that will be approved by the County Office of Education. Phase 2 reductions are possible reductions that would be implemented if the Governor’s November 2012 Tax Initiative fails. Mr. Meza presented a draft of potential reductions for Phase 1. At the conclusion of questions and discussion regarding these Phase 1 potential reductions, Mr. Meza was acknowledged for the work he has done to ensure that Santa Cruz City Schools will have full class schedules for the 2012-13 school year.

CORE Budget Worksheets

The CORE Budget Worksheets for 2012-13 project the summary of General Fund FTE and expenditures for each school site and district office department. These projections are divided into CORE Budget FTEs/dollars and Other General Fund Services FTEs/dollars. The Other General Fund Services are the items that the parcel taxes help to fund. The projections assume a 180 day school year for 2012-13. Following comments, questions and discussion, Superintendent Bloom stated that if someone would like to have the list of services that categorical funds will provide, the district would be pleased to send this information upon request. The Board members can receive this information prior to the board meeting at which the budget will be recommended for adoption.

Summary and Next Steps

Mr. Meza reported that the information distributed at this meeting is a preliminary first draft and encouraged committee members, board members and any other interested parties to email him with questions, requests for additional information, comments, etc. All received input will be fully considered as the draft budget is revised. Mr. Meza will present the latest draft of the Phase 1 budget to the Board of Education for approval on April 18. If approval by the board members is received, then work will begin on the budget for submission to the County Office of Education.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees/BAC, Board President Wagman adjourned this Joint Meeting of the SCCS Board of Education/BAC at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education