

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
May 23, 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**

John Collins	Steve Trujillo	Cynthia Hawthorne
Ken Wagman	Deborah Tracy-Proulx	Rachel Dewey Thorsett

Student Representative Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School

Absent: Trustee Claudia Vestal

Absent: Student Representative 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**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon thanked the Board of Education and the District Administration for the continued support of the annual Guelaguetza at Harbor High School. The recent event on May 20 was very successful and provides a valuable service to the community.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bloom announced that Santa Cruz High School teachers Ave Cope and Stacey Falls are the recipients of the first Mark Bruce Teacher Service Awards from UCSC for Cal Teach host teachers. Ms. Cope was awarded in the field of mathematics and has hosted 40 interns and Ms. Falls was awarded in Science and has hosted 20 interns. These awards also include a \$500 stipend and recognition of their achievements at the Cal Teach End-of-Year Celebration at UCSC on Wednesday June 6. The Superintendent will host a conference tomorrow to discuss and prepare participating district Science teachers for the Panama Canal project over the summer break. Mr. Bloom traveled to San Luis Obispo on May 20 and 21 with the Rotarians to observe the impressive working relationships that have been forged between Cal Poly SLO and the K-12 public school system and business community. The Superintendent provided Scotts Valley Superintendent Weaver with a

tour of SCCS sites on May 17. Mr. Bloom participated in the interview process for students seeking the Seal of Biliteracy. SCCS students and staff are gearing up for the end of the school year.

## **BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS**

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

Board President Wagman attended the Guelaguetza at Harbor High School on May 20 and it was great to see so many district administrators participating in this community event on what could have been a day off. The Green Schools Committee had its last meeting of the year, including the student subcommittee. Mr. Wagman has been working for Measures I & J.

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

Board Member Collins attended the Parks and Recreation County Commission Meeting to advocate for Soquel High School getting a disc golf course approved. Mr. Collins has been walking precincts for the tax measures. Board Member Collins was able to send graduation gowns to all three comprehensive high schools by utilizing Goodwill donations.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the Santa Cruz High School 1<sup>st</sup> annual PTS pot luck last night and has been working to support measures I & J. Trustee Dewey Thorsett has handed in her resignation from the Board of Education to County Superintendent Watkins, effective June 30, 2012. It has been a privilege to work on the Board of Education for the past 7 ½ years and Ms. Dewey Thorsett is proud to recognize that significant changes that benefit students have occurred during this time.

Board Member Hawthorne attended the Harbor High School Guelaguetza and the Gault Elementary Pancake Breakfast. Ms. Hawthorne has been working the phone bank for Measures I & J, and appreciates the district staff that also devote time to this worthy cause. Trustee Hawthorne has been learning about the process for distributing the RDA funds and has found that an opportunity exists for school districts to recoup funds for both the Basic Aid District and the Revenue District.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the DeLaveaga Spring Carnival, the Gault Pancake Breakfast and the Guelaguetza. Thursday, May 24, Santa Cruz Mayor Don Lane will join the Gault Elementary Walking School Bus to promote walking to school and ensuring a safe pedestrian environment for our students and families.

Board Member Trujillo attended the Guelaguetza, worked for Measures I & J and participated in student exit interviews at Monarch Alternative Elementary School for the second year. Mr. Trujillo invites all students, families and staff to join him on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> on the corner of Cathcart St. and Pacific Ave. @ 10:30 a.m. to march in the Annual Gay Pride Parade. At the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Board Member Trujillo would like this Governing Board to pass a resolution supporting the Dream Act for students. Mr. Trujillo encouraged everyone to vote on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Board President Wagman presented Student Representative Goodman with a certificate acknowledging the gratitude of the Board of Education and the District for her year of service to the community as a Board Representative. Ms. Goodman also received her name plaque.

## 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. Hawthorne abstained from this vote as she was not present at the meeting. Student Goodwin abstained from this vote as she was absent from the meeting.

## GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Appointment - Community Advisory Committee – Special Education. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following items donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz High School* – Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories donated \$100 for classroom supplies on behalf of former student Matt Lawton; Alan Heit, DDS, donated \$100 to the PAAS (Parents of African American Students) Fund; Hamilton-Swift & Associates donated \$100 to the PAAS Fund; Gail Levine donated \$200 to the PAAS Fund; The Merle A. Lustig Trust donated \$1500 to the PAAS Fund. 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                      Wagman – Yes

Student Representative Goodman - 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 approved the following Public Employee Appointment/Employment with a vote of 6-0:  
Title: Interim Director of Finance: Jerene Lacey  
Title: Assistant Principal, Harbor High School: Tracy Runeare
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2011-12.
4. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 26-11-12 and 27-11-12, 24-11-12 with a vote of 6-0.
5. The Board of Education approved the Special Education Settlement Agreement with a vote of 6-0.
6. No action was taken regarding anticipated litigation.
7. No action was taken regarding the Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent.

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

### Informational Report: Supervisor John Leopold Update to the Board

Supervisor Leopold provided an update to the Board of Education and the audience members regarding projects he has worked on this year for the community, including the new sidewalk project that will take place this summer between Soquel High School and Soquel Village. Mr. Leopold also fielded questions from the Trustees regarding various city/county projects, budgets, etc. Mr. Leopold acknowledged Superintendent Bloom for his efforts to reach a compromise with the county to ensure a continuing School Resource Officer at Soquel High School.

### Staff Report: Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership (SCIL) Update from the Secondary Schools

Curriculum Director James introduced Instructional Leadership Team Members from Branciforte Middle School, Mission Hill Middle School, Harbor High School, Santa Cruz High School and Soquel High School. SCCS

Middle Schools developed common themes in professional development this year, including Peer Observations, Grading Practices and Common Benchmark Assessments. The reported Common Theme for High Schools was Peer Observations. Site specific programs included: Santa Cruz High School – Growth Mindset and AVID Strategies; Soquel High School – Student Engagement; Harbor High School – Collaboration. All teams agreed without reservation that site based professional development has been extremely beneficial for teachers, students and administrators, and site teams are eagerly planning for 2012-13.

**New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Tier III Fund Shift**

**Open:** Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Meza reported the Governing Board is required to conduct a Public Hearing to allow for public input prior to approving the flexibility transfers of State categorical fund to unrestricted expenditures in 2012-13 as allowed by the 2008-09/2009-10 State Budget Act.

**Public Comment:** None

**Close:** Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m.

**Staff Report: May Revise**

Mr. Meza provided the Trustees with a budget update based on the May 14<sup>th</sup> release of the Governor’s 2012-13 May Revise to the January Budget Proposal. Highlights, Financial Exposure to SCCS, and Next Steps were included. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

**New Business: Third Interim Report**

Mr. Meza reported the due to the District’s “Qualified Certification” as of the Second Interim Report, SCCS is required to provide a Third Interim Report to show that the District will have enough cash available to meet its financial obligations through the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year. The District does have the cash to meet its obligations. MSP (Trujillo/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Third Interim Report.

**Staff Report: Facilities Summer Projects**

Mr. Meza reported the Facilities Master Plan 2020 identified over \$20 million worth of Priority 1 (Health & Safety) and Priority 2 (Replacement & Obsolescence) projects to be completed through fiscal year 2015. Given the limited funds available for facility improvements, the projects identified have been focused on health and safety, and equipment obsolescence. The seven projects that will take place during the summer break are funded through Bonds, Deferred Maintenance Funds, and one project that received a donated 50% match of funds from the Wharf to Wharf Race Board. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding these matters.

**New Business: Resolution 34-11-12 Ordering Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, Requesting Consolidation of the Election, and Specifications of the Election Order**

This Resolution defines the specification of the election order listing the number of seats being vacated, including the seat that will be vacated by Board Member Dewey Thorsett’s upcoming June 30 resignation, areas represented, length of term, responsibility of the cost for the Candidate’s Statement of Qualification and the length of the statement. It also requests that the County Elections Board conduct the election and consolidate it with the General Election on November 6, 2012. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Resolution and 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                      Wagman – Yes

Student Representative Goodman – Yes

**New Business: SCCCE 2012-13 Articles Submitted for “Sunshining”**

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees 2012-13 contract proposals to Santa Cruz City Schools for “Sunshining”. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the articles. Student Goodman abstained from this vote.

**New Business: SCCS 2012-13 Articles Submitted for “Sunshining”**

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the Santa Cruz City Schools 2012-13 contract proposals to the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees for “Sunshining”. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the articles. Student Goodman voted yes.

**Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on June 20, 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 this Regular Meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President  
Board of Education