

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 9, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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| John Collins | Steve Trujillo | Claudia Vestal |
| Ken Wagman | Deborah Tracy-Proulx | Rachel Dewey Thorsett |

Absent: Cynthia Hawthorne

Absent: Student Representative Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School
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

A group of students from Costanoa Continuation High School read aloud their letter of acknowledgement to the Trustees for their support of the Universal Breakfast Program this year at Costanoa. Elizabeth Marcus, Coordinator of the "Yes on I & J" Campaign presented a short "You Tube" video to the Board Members regarding the upcoming ballot measures. SCCCE President Chacanaca passed out postcards detailing information about the Guelagueta celebration at Harbor High School on May 20. Mission Hill Site Program Coordinator Laura Hamby invited Trustees and Administrators to an event after school tomorrow at Mission Hill celebrating the graduating 8th grade AVID students. Personnel Commission Member Dr. Logsdon commended the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their selection of Bay View Classified Employee Arturo Lopez as "Unsung Hero of the Year" at the Eddy Awards on May 1st.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As California Standardized Testing reaches a conclusion at district schools, the Superintendent acknowledged both students and staff for their diligent efforts towards a successful testing cycle. Superintendent Bloom, Assistant Superintendent Munro and newly appointed Branciforte Small Schools Principal Gaukel visited a charter Montessori school in San Francisco and met with a contingent of folks interested in discussing such a charter school agreement in the Santa Cruz City Schools district. The Superintendent asked the Trustees to

please use the sign-in chart here this evening to indicate which promotion ceremonies they would be interested in attending. On May 31st at 5:00 p.m. the district will host the annual retirement reception at the Cabrillo College Sesnon House. Westlake Elementary School has been named to the honor roll by the California Business for Excellent Education organization. Superintendent Bloom presented each Trustee with a banner detailing the Samper S4C 4th Grade Experience. This event will take place on Friday, May 11, 2012 – with more than 3,000 county 4th grade students visiting Cabrillo College.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman reported that Thursday, May 10th is “Bike to School” day and asked all cyclists to bike safely and all drivers to take extra care on the road. Board President Wagman presented a report on behalf of Santa Cruz City Schools at the “Green Summit” in Sacramento on April 24. SCCS is at the forefront of this movement. The Board President has been making phone calls on behalf of the “Yes on I & J” campaign and has been pleased by the many positive responses he has received. Mr. Wagman acknowledged the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for the great Eddy Awards event on May 1st – this amazing evening really brings the Santa Cruz City Schools community together.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Collins reported attending the Harbor High School theater production of “My Fair Lady”. Trustee Collins presented some posters detailing the May 19th Youth Talent Show at Cabrillo College to raise funds for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Mr. Collins participated in a KSCO radio program to advocate for a Veterans Memorial at Soquel High School. Congratulations to GSCFT President Kirschen – he was recently elected to serve as GSCFT President for two additional years.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett has been working on Measures I & J. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended a recent meeting with Santa Cruz City Leaders regarding the RDA funds distribution process and has signed up for an upcoming RDA Webinar.

Board Member Tracy Proulx has been working on Measures I & J and was also able to attend the Harbor High School production of “My Fair Lady”. Trustee Tracy Proulx extended her thanks to the Gault Parent Club for a lovely Staff Appreciation Day today. Ms. Tracy Proulx intends to visit the DeLaveaga Carnival at 4:00 pm on Friday May 11th.

Board Member Vestal attended: a “Go for Health” Committee meeting; the Young Performers Showcase at the Rio Theatre; a Supervisorial Candidate Forum during which school health and nutrition were discussed; the Santa Cruz Education Foundation Eddy Awards; a Santa Cruz County Nutrition Task Force meeting. At the Task Force Meeting, Ms. Vestal provided an update on Santa Cruz City Schools. Delta Charter School is seeking a new Principal.

Board Member Trujillo congratulated the Green Schools Committee Members, including quite a few student members, for another year of important work and success. After reconsideration, Santa Cruz City Schools will not be doing business with the Chevron Corporation. Trustee Trujillo has been speaking to voters regarding Measures I & J and has also spoken on behalf of the parcel tax measures at the Tri-County Latino Officials organization. Board Member Trujillo was very touched at the Eddy Awards on May 1st by SCCS Classified Employee Arturo Lopez, who delivered his acceptance speech for the “Unsung Hero” award in Spanish. Mr. Trujillo hopes that staff members, students and other community members join him for the June 3rd GAY PRIDE PARADE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Tracy Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2012

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; Gifts; 2012-13 Designation of CIF League Representatives; CSA for Summer Algebra Academy at Harbor High School; Out-of-State Travel Approval for the Director of Special Education; Resolution 35-11-12 Authorizing Temporary Cash Transfers from the COE; Approve Contract with California Track to resurface the Soquel High School track; Third Quarter Investment Report; Disposition of Surplus Property. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gift donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School* – Joyce and Otto Lund donated \$750 to the Truella Lund Theater Fund. Ms. Tracy Proulx seconded this motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Tracy Proulx – Yes
Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – 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 received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 for 2012-13.
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 received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom negotiations with the GSCFT-Adult School for 2012-13.
5. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 22-11-12, 23-11-12, 24-11-12 and 25-11-12 with a vote of 6-0.
6. The Board of Education approved the Special Education Settlement Agreement with a vote of 6-0.
7. The Board approved with a vote of 6-0 the following appointments beginning July 1, 2012:
Branciforte Middle School Principal: Kristin Pfothenauer
Adult School Principal: Lysa Tabachnick
Special Education Program Specialist: Staci Lacagnin
8. The Board of Education approved the Santa Cruz County Easement Deed for 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Informational Report: Green Schools Committee Annual Update

The Board of Education received the fifth annual Earth Day Report, consisting of: Executive Summary; District Operations; District Conservation Projects; Student Subcommittee; Transportation; Curriculum; SCCS Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact 2.0 Resolution. Wetlands and Watersheds Curriculum Educator Julia Davenport presented a slide show detailing the program elements and expected outcomes for grade 5 students. The funding for this program is expected to last for three years – at that time, a new funding source will be investigated and pursued. This report was informational only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership (SCIL) Update from Elementary and Small Schools

The Branciforte Small Schools staff presented information on the work done at the four small schools in 2011-12 to lay the foundation for student success. The comprehensive elementary schools focused on aligning practices and improving student outcomes. The Common Core standards and a district-wide focus on writing helped to align assessments, define proficient writing, and stay focused on district goals and initiatives. This report was informational only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative Agreement between GSCFT and SCCS for 2012-13

The Board is required by AB 1200 to make this agreement available to the public, to publicly disclose its costs and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the agreement prior to being approved.

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.

New Business: Approve Agreement between GSCFT and SCCS for 2012-13

Per the recommendation, MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the agreement between SCCS and the GSCFT for 2012-13.

New Business: Resolution 36-11-12 to Eliminate Particular Kinds of Services and Decision Not to Reemploy Adult Education Certificated Employees for 2012-13

The Board adopted Resolution 27-11-12 on February 22, 2012 to eliminate all Adult Education programs and services. As directed by the Board, the administration gave notices to those AE certificated employees who were affected by the reduction in services. The District and the GSCFT AE entered into a side letter agreement for the AE layoff on March 11, 2012. This settled the layoff by rescinding respondents' hearing requests, waiving their right to a hearing and rescinding the layoff notices of certain employees. By adopting this resolution, the Board will reduce or eliminate the services pursuant to Side Letter Agreement for Adult Education layoff and will direct the administration to issue final layoff notices pursuant to that Side Letter agreement. Ms. Hendricks was pleased to report that during this process, the District was able to rescind notices for 6 Adult Education teachers. Mr. Collins moved approval and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

New Business: Resolution 37-11-12 to Eliminate Particular Kinds of Services and Decision Not to Reemploy K-12 Certificated Employees for 2012-13

The Board adopted Resolution 26-11-12 and Resolution 31-11-12 to eliminate 11.22 FTE of particular kinds of services. The District and the GSCFT entered into a Side Letter Agreement on April 16, 2012 which settled the layoff by rescinding the respondents' hearing requests, waiving their right to a hearing and rescinding the layoff notices of certain employees. By adopting this Resolution, the Board will reduce or eliminate services pursuant to the Side Letter Agreement and will direct administration to issue final layoff notices pursuant to the Side Letter Agreement. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval and Ms. Tracy Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative Agreement between SCCCE and SCCS for 2011-12

Pursuant to AB1200, the Board of Education is making this agreement available to the public in order to publicly disclose its costs and to conduct a Public Hearing prior to adoption.

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

New Business: Approve Agreement between SCCCE and SCCS for 2011-12

Per the recommendation, MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the agreement between the SCCCE and SCCS for 2011-12.

Information

1. 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.
2. 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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education