

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
November 16, 2011**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Cynthia Hawthorne Steve Trujillo Claudia Vestal Ken Wagman

Rachel Dewey Thorsett Deborah Tracy-Proulx John Collins

Student Representatives: Michelle Goodwin, Harbor High School

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 Hawthorne welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

The Board approved the following changes in the agenda:

1. Item 3.6 Resolution 11-11-12 SCCOE Redistricting Proposal will immediately follow Public Communications.
2. Item 3.1 Williams Report by County Superintendent Watkins will immediately follow Item 3.6.
3. The Superintendent's Report, Board Reports and Referrals, and Student Representatives' Reports will move to the end of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Jane O'Driscoll from the Santa Cruz Public Library gave a summary of the activities that took place during the month of October through the Santa Cruz Reads Edgar Allen Poe program. The event was a success and Ms. O'Driscoll acknowledged both Mary Anne James and Santa Cruz High School LMT Veronica Zaleha for strong support of this collaborative program. Ms. James recognized all Santa Cruz City Schools LMTs for their participation during the month of October. Ms. James acknowledged Mission Hill Middle School Art Teacher Kathleen Crocetti for receipt of the California Art Education Association State Visual Art Educator of 2011 Award, and the City of Santa Cruz Jim Howes Community Service Award for 2011. Ed Victorine, the new SCCS Director of Maintenance and Operations, introduced himself to the Board of Education. Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells advised of some new grants for SCCS that will support K-12 Art, the Watershed Education Program and K-12 Music.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANACTED or DISCUSSED

New Business: Resolution 11-11-12 SCCOE Redistricting Proposal

Mr. Wagman reported that following state guidelines, after each decennial census the COE has to submit a redistricting proposal based on the results of that recent census. This year the COE hired a consultant and hosted several open meetings on this topic. The COE Task Force has put forth a proposal that does a great job of representing our different county populations, and this resolution recommends approval of the task force proposal to the COE. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. Resolution 11-11-12 was approved by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Goodwin – Yes

Informational Report: Williams Report delivered by Santa Cruz County Supt. of Schools Michael Watkins

County Superintendent Watkins reported that the California Education Code Section 1240 requires that he and his appointed designees visit schools identified in the county, review information as specified in Code 1240, and report the results of this review to the Governing Board. Superintendent Watkins visited Gault Elementary School for the period of August – November 2011. It was determined that this site: has sufficient standards aligned instructional materials in four core subject areas; is in good repair; has provided accurate data on the school accountability report card; has a Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) policy in use and UCP notices are posted in classrooms and administrative offices. Mr. Watkins noted that the site administrators of scheduled visits were well prepared. In addition, unannounced site visit administrators were able to accommodate the review team efficiently. All Santa Cruz City Schools personnel were professional and cooperative during this process to address compliance requirements for the Williams Settlement Legislation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wagman made two corrections to his Board Member’s Report of October 26, 2011. MSP (Collins/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Regular Minutes of October 26, 2011, including the corrections from Mr. Wagman. Student Goodwin voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Surplus Item(s); Gifts; CSA – Special Education; CSA – Special Education; CSA – Professional Development DeLaveaga; Waiver of PE Requirement for SHS Student; Adult School Calendar 2011-12; Job Description-Elementary Counselor-First and Final Reading; Out of State Travel-IT Director; 1st Quarter Investment Report. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School*- George and Marilee Lambidakis donated \$150.00 to the school. *Soquel High School*-Ms. Margaret Kline donated \$2,048.20 towards the Theatre Arts Program. Mr. Mark Bidelman donated \$1,833.18 towards the Choral Program. Ms. Dewey Thorsett 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 Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin - Abstain

Closed Session Actions Report

1. No Certificated/Classified Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations or Appointments were submitted to the Board of Education for approval.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education approved expulsions 03-11-12, 04-11-12, 05-11-12 and 06-11-12 with a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED (continued)

Staff Report: Teaching Tolerance

Director Brown reported that the Southern Poverty Law Center reached out last May when the white power events came to light at Soquel High School. We expressed interest in their leadership camp for students and professional development for staff. Student Leadership camp consisted of 100 students: 20 each from Soquel, Santa Cruz and Harbor High Schools; 15 each from Mission Hill and Branciforte Middle Schools; 10 students from Costanoa Continuation High School. Training for students and teachers lasted two days. Next steps include developing student leadership; expectations and ideas for staff on understanding and intervening in harassment; district wide steering committee for exchange of ideas and continued learning. The item was presented for information only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this item.

New Business: Single Plans for Student Achievement

Ms. Munro introduced Ms. James and acknowledged the wonderful job she has done creating the matrix included in the board packets that summarizes 2011-12 goals and targets by site. Also included in the board packets were the results of 2010-11 goals by site. The yearly results from these living documents provide a road map for site staff when planning for the new year and for joining the best practices of education programs with the needs of students. Superintendent Bloom applauded site administrators for the continuous improvement of both the reporting out process and for the results achieved. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Single Plans for Student Achievement. Student Goodwin voted yes.

Staff Report: Instructional Technology and Bandwidth Report

Mr. Meza introduced new Information Technology Director Guadalupe Rayas, Jr. to present this report to the Trustees. Mr. Rayas reported on the District's current connectivity, its current limitations in supporting student learning and teaching, and possible funding options available as part of the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund (USAC/E-rate). Teachers and students need high-speed broadband access to take advantage of a wide range of new and rich educational tools and resources for teaching and learning. District staff need high-speed connectivity for data assessments and to utilize all the capabilities of Infinite Campus, Datawise systems and Google applications. Funding options are available through the annual submittal for E-rate funding. This item was presented for information only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding the matter.

Staff Report: Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Mr. Meza reported that enrollment projections have been modified to account for the recent 2011-12 preliminary CBEDS data. A weighted average of the prior fiscal years, along with the cohort survival method was used in developing this projection. Overall, the projection shows a modest increase of 27 total students from the 2011-12 CBEDS data. This enrollment projection is an educated guess, and will be refined after

meetings with the Principals. This item was presented for information only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding the matter.

New Business: Resolution 12-11-12 Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 5

Superintendent Bloom reported that Senator Joseph Simitian has authored Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 5, which would allow school districts, community college districts and county offices of education to pass a parcel tax with a 55 percent majority vote. The Trustees adopted a resolution in 2010-11 for a similar iteration of the SCA 5 and the Superintendent recommends approval of SCA 5. Mr. Wagman moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Goodwin - Yes

Information

1. The Regular Meeting on December 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on January 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Education and the Budget Advisory Committee on January 31, 2012, 4:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on February 8, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on February 22, 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 Hawthorne adjourned the Open Session of this Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education