

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
April 17, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Cynthia Hawthorne	Patricia Threet	Deborah Tracy-Proulx
Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman	

Student Representative Winter Miller, Costanoa High School

Absent: Student Representative Graham Denevan, Soquel 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 Tracy-Proulx 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 invited the Trustees to make a donation to the Santa Cruz High School Marching Band and offered to match any donations made by Board Members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that on April 18th, 3:30 p.m., Santa Cruz City Schools Classified Employee Laura Hamby will be recognized as the Santa Cruz County Classified Employee of the Year. The District is very proud of Ms. Hamby. Tonight in Closed Session, the Governing Board approved the appointment of Classified Personnel Director Heidi Odom. Superintendent Bloom attended the WASC debriefing meeting at Harbor High School. Bay View Elementary School has been recognized as a Green Business.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Winter attended the Santa Cruz Youth City Council Meeting today. The Teen Fashion Show is taking place this evening at the Civic Auditorium. Costanoa students have written a letter to Leon Panetta regarding the officer shootings in Santa Cruz in February. Tomorrow the Small Schools Campus will host an awards assembly honoring improved attendance and habits of mind. The Small Schools Prom on May 17 will feature an "Enchanted Forest" theme. The AFE theater program will present "Get Smart". The Small Schools invite the community to utilize the Santa Cruz Bookshop Fundraiser for this campus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Revised Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2013.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Revised/Updated Board Policies; Williams Complaint Quarterly Report; Special Education Contracts – NPA and NPS; Revision – LEAP Graduation Requirement; Resolution 24-12-13 Annual Inter-Fund Transfer Availability; Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary School* - Barbara Hellesoe has donated \$1,040 over the last year through the Wells Fargo Payroll Matching Fund Pledge program. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Representative Miller recommended a yes vote.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations and Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0. The Board accepted the resignation of Small Schools Principal Gaukel, effective June 30, 2013, and approved the appointment of Adult School Principal Tabachnick as a 1.0 Co-Principal of both the Small Schools and Adult School Campuses. The search for the second Co-Principal for these sites will begin immediately.
2. There were no items this evening regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 12-12-13 and 13-12-13 with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to the Superintendent regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to the Superintendent regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Recognition for School Crossing Guards

Santa Cruz Police Chief Vogel and Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent Bloom recognized and honored school crossing guards. The Superintendent thanked the City of Santa Cruz and Chief Vogel for funding these positions. Chief Vogel presented each crossing guard with a Chief's Commendation and Superintendent Bloom presented each with a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation. No action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: AVID Programs

Curriculum Director Wildman introduced AVID Coordinators Jessica Olamit (MHMS) and Kathleen Sandidge (B40MS) to present a review of the history, current programs and next steps for AVID at SCCS comprehensive secondary sites. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Response to Intervention/Walk to Read

Ms. Munro and Curriculum Director Wildman introduced RTI Coordinators Sarah Balla (DL), Lauren Stashak (GA) and Charlene Oatey (BV) to report to the Trustees about the impact of the implementation of this targeted instruction for elementary students in the language arts. Reading assessment comparisons for 2011-12 and 2012-13 were provided, as well as this year’s reading growth rates and the increased classroom participation rates. Student, teacher and parent feedback was provided, as well as next steps for the program. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Graduation Requirements Update

Curriculum Director Wildman provided an update on the steps being taken to revise our graduation requirements concerning Mathematics, Health and Fine Arts/World Language. High schools have integrated success strategies such as AVID based note taking, critical reading, etc. into the 9th grade course of study and will implement further strategies next year. The revised requirement to ensure all juniors take EAP tests was implemented in 2012. The Trustees will be updated again when new information is available. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Sunshine SCCCE Negotiations Openers to SCCS

Ms. Hendricks asked the Board of Education to receive the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees 2013-14 contract proposals to Santa Cruz City Schools for “Sunshining”. This information did not require any action by the Board of Education.

New Business: Sunshine SCCS Negotiations Openers to SCCCE

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the Santa Cruz City Schools’ 2013-14 contract proposals for “Sunshining”. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCS Negotiations Openers to SCCCE for “Sunshining”.

New Business: Resolution 25-12-13 Decision Not to Reemploy K-12 Certificated Employees for 2013-14

Ms. Hendricks reported a side letter of agreement with the GSCFT and recommended approval of the resolution. Mr. Wagman moved approval and Ms. Coonerty seconded the motion. This resolution was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Abstain Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Miller abstained from this vote.

New Business: Resolution 26-12-13 Decision Not to Reemploy Adult Ed. Certificated Employees for 2013-14

Ms. Hendricks reported a side letter of agreement with the GSCFT and recommended approval of the resolution. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This resolution was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes
Trujillo – No Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Miller abstained from this vote.

New Business: Resolution 27-12-13 in Support of SCA3

Senate Constitutional Amendment 3 (SCA3) would lower the threshold for voter approval of parcel taxes to 55 percent and would also hold parcel taxes approved under its authority to strict accountability requirements and allow exemptions for elderly property owners or those with disabilities. Legislative action is pending for SCA3 and the Senate Governance and Finance Committee will take up SCA3 on May 15. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This resolution was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Miller recommended a yes vote on this matter.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board President’s Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx attended the Technology Task Force meeting.

Board Members’ Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal attended: Delta Charter School Board meeting; Go for Health meeting; The Young Performers Showcase at the Rio Theatre.

Board Member Threet attended: Vote Yes for Measure S meeting at Soquel Union Elementary School District; The Young Performers Showcase; the Harbor High School Meet and Greet for the visiting WASC Committee and the WASC Debriefing meeting today. Ms. Threet encourages participation in the annual Soquel High School Golf Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, May 3rd.

Board Member Hawthorne supports a piece of legislation headed to the Assembly and authored by District Attorney Sue Ann Salmon Evans of Dannis Woliver Kelley that ensures all students are fully considered when Proposition 39 Facilities Requests are made by charter schools.

Board Member Wagman reported that the Green Schools Committee acknowledges the Bay View students and staff, including Bill Philips and Stuart Branoff for their work to have Bay View recognized as a Green Business. Mr. Meza’s commitment to the vision of the work of this committee is also vital. The Green Schools Student Sub-Committee acknowledges Board Member Threet for her many activities as a parent and community member of Soquel High School.

Board Member Coonerty attended: The Young Performers Showcase; the COE “Inside Education” meeting.

Board Member Trujillo supports Assembly Bill 256 regarding electronic bullying. Mr. Trujillo acknowledged Mr. Meza for his work with Solar City on behalf of the District. Board Member Trujillo visited both Santa Cruz and Soquel High Schools. Mr. Trujillo plans on visiting Adult Education and Harbor High School next week.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on May 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on May 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on June 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education