

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
February 13, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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

Former Monarch School teacher, parent, and former Santa Cruz City Schools Trustee Deborah Taylor asked the Board of Education to refrain from making any changes to Monarch programs as this school meets the needs of many types of students and has strong support from the community. Two Monarch parents who have been affected by the 2013-14 Interdistrict Transfer Policy asked the Board of Education to consider alternative plans to address the loss of revenues for accepting out of district transfers and allow their students to continue their educational careers at Monarch Elementary. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to ensure student safety and health by discontinuing the use of Wi-Fi at school sites. DeLaveaga teacher Kelly Keenan invited everyone to the school's biggest fundraising event of the year: the concert and raffle on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Soquel High School. All proceeds will directly support DeLaveaga School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that he has found the staff members at Monarch Elementary to be very supportive of the opportunity for increased diversity that the new enrollment procedures will provide. Superintendent Bloom reported that the El Sistema Musical Instrument program generously provided by the Santa Cruz Education Foundation at Gault Elementary is a great success. Mr. Bloom attended a Martin Luther King event last week with speaker Bob Moses. Today at the District Office there was a Math Content Literacy Meeting. Changes in the order that students take math classes may be brought to the Trustees for approval in March. The S4C College Commitment has applied for a \$1.6 million grant – Superintendent Bloom will keep the Governing Board informed on the progress of this funding. The Superintendent met with representatives from the CollegeSpring Company - the largest non-profit organization in California offering SAT preparation

and college counseling services to low-income high school students. The company has proposed a five week summer course for SCCS students and the district is investigating the feasibility of this opportunity for students.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Middle School Open House; the Santa Cruz High School Red and White Fair; the Technology Committee Meeting.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal attended the Open House for Assemblymen Mark Stone and Bill Monning and Congressman Sam Farr hosted at Mr. Stone's office. Ms. Vestal also attended the Open House events for Delta Charter School and Soquel High School. The Board Retreat Meeting was very productive. The new student members of the Wellness Committee are a great addition to this group. The Go for Health Steering Committee has adopted the theme "Making a Healthy Choice the Easy Choice".

Board Member Threet visited: Branciforte Small Schools; Delta Charter School; Mission Hill Middle School; Personnel Commission Meeting; Soquel High School Open House; Green Schools Meeting; Mission Hill Creamery SCCS Fundraiser; Board Retreat on February 3rd; work "parties" at Soquel High School for the Environmental Club. Ms. Threet is becoming acquainted with many aspects of the district. The Giants World Series Trophy will make a two hour stop at Soquel High School on Tuesday, March 5th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Board Member Hawthorne would like the district to create a fact sheet to present information on why the SCCS Basic Aid District elementary schools can no longer accept students who live out of the district boundaries. Trustee Hawthorne would like to investigate whether the District can provide some core budget funds to help sites including the Bay View Elementary School community collect \$15,000 to help install a new safety features such as a Security fence. Ms. Hawthorne extended her thanks to the district Library Media Teachers for stepping forward to help students through many different committees and venues – their energy and enthusiasm are endless.

Board Member Wagman reported that the funds for Monarch Elementary come from the property taxes paid by in district residents and the Governing Board has a responsibility to manage these funds to provide for students of the district. At the Green Schools Committee Meeting the members of the student subcommittee acknowledged Ms. Threet for her enthusiasm in the Environmental Club. The Green Schools Committee will have a booth at the Earth Day Celebration in April and the committee now has a new Habitat Restoration Subcommittee. Fashion Teens Santa Cruz is now accepting applications from all middle and high school students in Santa Cruz County for the April 17th show at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium.

Board Member Coonerty visited the Small Schools Campus and also met with Suz Howells, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation. Trustee Coonerty voted many times for Vince Golder's video and encouraged friends across the nation to do the same. Ms. Coonerty met with County Supervisor Ryan Coonerty. Ms. Coonerty donated stained glass tools and materials to Kathleen Crocetti at Mission Hill Middle School. Board Member Coonerty attended the Career/College Workshop and was impressed with ConnectEd speaker Brad Stam. Trustee Coonerty agrees with Ms. Hawthorne – a conversation is needed regarding the new Security Fence for Bay View Elementary.

Board Member Trujillo encouraged all community members to come forward and speak to the Trustees on any matter of importance to them. Next week Mr. Trujillo will visit the Small Schools Campus and the Adult Education School. Board Member Trujillo attended the Open House for Assemblymen Mark Stone and Bill Monning and Congressman Sam Farr hosted at Mr. Stone's office. Mr. Trujillo will travel to Sacramento to speak with our legislators more often after his retirement on March 31, 2013. Mr. Trujillo attended the Green Schools Committee Meeting and will volunteer as a male model for Men's' Recycled Clothes at the Teen Fashion Show on April 17.

***Note:** Board President Tracy-Proulx left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2013.
2. MSP (Trujillo/Threet) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 3, 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; Gifts; CSBA Policy Updates; 2nd Quarter Investment Report; KNN Public Finance – agreement to provide financial advisory services; Anderson Christie – agreement to provide real estate services; CSA – Santa Cruz High School; CSA – Positive Discipline; NPA – Special Education; Revised Job Description – Campus Supervisor; Disposal of Surplus Items. The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary School* - Kyle De Priest donated two Apple iBook G4 computers to the school. Ms. Threet seconded the motion and the motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

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.
2. The Board heard information regarding a *Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint*.
3. 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.
4. The Board of Education approved *Special Education Settlement Agreement: OAH Case No. 2012090482* with a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Santa Cruz Warriors Basketball Reading Program

Staff Members Eric Gross and Martha Dyer and Santa Cruz Warriors Manager of Public & Community Relations Matt DeNesnera reported to the Board of Education regarding this matter. For the individual incentives, the SCCS Library Teachers will track the quantity of each student's reading during the program and the Warriors organization and their sponsors will provide prizes for the students. For the school-wide incentives, the SCCS Library Teachers will track the quantity for each school's reading and the Warriors organization and their sponsors will provide prizes three times during the season. The visits by the players to the school sites to promote reading and strength of character have a high impact on the enthusiasm of the students. This report was informational only and the Governing Board did not take action on this matter.

New Business: Revised District Core Values and Goals

Superintendent Bloom reported these minor revisions are a result of the discussion at the February 3rd Special Meeting of the Board and recommended approval by the Trustees. MSP (Wagman/Threet) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the revisions to the District Core Values and Goals.

New Business: Resolution 13-12-13 The Big Read

Once again Santa Cruz City Schools will collaborate with *Santa Cruz Reads*, a partnership of Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries, and Santa Cruz Writes to read great literature, encourage conversations and stimulate thinking. The theme for the 30 events taking place from 2/27/13 to 3/27/13 is “The Grapes of Wrath” by John Steinbeck. With the exception of a March 2nd performance at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center and a March 23rd performance at the Broadway Playhouse, all events are free. Santa Cruz is one of 78 communities nationwide participating in the Big Read. Events include discussion groups led by local writers and educators, a photo exhibition, a film series, and special presentations. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. This resolution was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Staff Report: Government Obligation (GO) Bond Refunding

Mr. Meza reported the District is in the preliminary stages of evaluating the refunding options for the elementary and secondary bonds with KNN Public Finance. KNN Public Finance serves as a financial advisor to the District. KNN Representative Simon Gutman provided an overview of the District bond program as well as details of the refunding options available to Santa Cruz City Schools. KNN estimates that refunding the outstanding bonds could save taxpayers \$6-8 million. This report was informational only and the Governing Board did not take action on this matter.

New Business: Resolution 14-12-13 Week of the School Administrator, Day of the Teacher, Week of the Classified Employee

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of this resolution to acknowledge March 3-9, 2013 as the Week of the School Administrator, May 8, 2013 as the Day of the Teacher, and May 19-25, 2013 as Week of the Classified Employee. Mr. Trujillo moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This resolution was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

New Business: CSBA Delegate Assembly Election 2013

Santa Cruz City Schools, as part of Subregion 9-A (San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties) may vote for no more than 1 candidate for the two year term April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2015 for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. San Lorenzo Valley USD Trustee George Wylie is running for reelection to the Assembly. Following discussion among the Board Members, Mr. Wagman moved approval of the reelection of George Wylie and Ms. Threet seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-1-0. Mr. Trujillo voted no.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on February 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on March 13, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on March 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on April 17, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 Vice President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education