

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
January 16, 2013**

Convene Open Session

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

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Graham Denevan, Soquel High School
Student Representative Melissa Lopez, Costanoa Continuation 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

Mr. Trujillo made a motion to add two new Consultant Service Agreements (CSAs) from Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Department to the Consent Agenda. These CSAs will become Item VII.1.13. Ms. Vestal seconded this motion, and the Board of Education approved the motion 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harbor High School Library Media Teacher Joyce Smith thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, Bookshop Santa Cruz and all the generous folks who contributed to the successful Holiday Book Drive for Santa Cruz City Schools libraries. Bay View Elementary 3rd Grade Student Vince Golder is one of 12 national finalists in a video contest. If Vince's entry in "Trees Rock" receives the most online votes, it could earn Bay View a \$10,000 prize. Go to www.scottiestreesrock.com to see the video and vote once each month. Monarch parents Heather Elrick and Amy Louise Seidewand asked the Trustees to consider granting current out-of-district Monarch students eligibility to complete their elementary careers at the site in spite of new attendance residence policies. Santa Cruz Education Foundation Executive Director Suz Howells acknowledged Bookshop Santa Cruz for the great Holiday Book Drive and noted that Mission Hill Creamery on Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz is sponsoring the "Scoops for Schools" fundraiser for the next several Tuesday afternoons. On behalf of several SCCS Spanish speaking families, Personnel Commission Member Dr. Jim Logsdon thanked SCCS teachers for their commitment to students at all times.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom welcomed Student Representative Lopez to the Board of Education. The Superintendent reported that the water has been turned back on at Westlake Elementary School and thanked the Westlake students, staff, and community for their patience in this matter. The flu outbreak has made its ways to SCCS – a significant number of students are ill and this trend is likely to continue for the next two or three weeks.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx reported that the Technology Task Force had its first community meeting last week and thanked all those who attended or contributed to the meeting. The Board Retreat meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2013 and will be held in the Santa Cruz High School Library.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo announced that he will retire from teaching in June 2013 after thirty-six years in the classroom. Mr. Trujillo hopes that the Resolution 10-12-13 to Support a Reduction in Gun Violence will be considered this evening by the Trustees and passed as an avenue to meaningful change in our state regarding gun legislation, mental health services legislation, and a strong stance against violence.

Board Member Coonerty visited several school sites since the last meeting – Gault Elementary, Westlake Elementary, Bay View Elementary, DeLaveaga Elementary, Branciforte Middle School and Harbor High School. Ms. Coonerty had the opportunity to speak with Monarch Alternative Elementary staff and students and was also able to visit a charter school in Watsonville. Today Trustee Coonerty spent time at the County Office of Education "Inside Education" program that focused on technology in education. Ms. Coonerty plans to visit Soquel High School in February.

Board Member Wagman reported more than 40 people attended the Technology Task Force community meeting at the Harbor High School Library. The Green Schools Subcommittee will meet on February 5th, and the Green Schools Student Subcommittee will meet on February 4th.

Board Member Hawthorne expressed her desire to turn the grieving regarding the Newtown Ct. school shootings into action – this is what brings Resolution 10-12-13 To Support a Reduction in Gun Violence before the Board tonight for consideration. If the resolution is passed by the SCCS Board of Education this evening, Ms. Hawthorne will ask our neighboring school districts and the County Office of Education to join SCCS with similar actions.

Board Member Threet has attended the Soquel High School Winter Concert; the Soquel High School Football Dessert Banquet; the Soquel High School Theater production of "Servant of Two Masters"; visited the Santa Cruz High School ROP Auto Shop Class; visited the Harbor High School ROP Biotechnology Class; attended "Scoops for Schools" at the Mission Creamery yesterday; met with Soquel High School Assistant Principal Miller to discuss the upcoming site safety drills; attended the SCCS Personnel Commission meeting. Ms. Threet is busy becoming familiar with all aspects of Santa Cruz City Schools.

Board Member Vestal attended the Delta Charter School Board Meeting where a solid budget was approved for this site and also attended the Delta Student Orientation Meeting. Ms. Vestal attended the Wellness Committee meeting last week and reported great enthusiasm about the new Student subcommittee for this group. Hydration stations are currently being installed at various district schools. The Go for Health

collaborative meeting will take place on January 24 and will include information on biking options for students and a Walking School Bus forum. Ms. Vestal is pleased to support the district by buying ice cream at the Mission Hill Creamery and is proud to be considering Resolution 10-12-13 To Support a Reduction in Gun Violence this evening.

Board Members' Committee Assignments for 2013

Sheila Coonerty:	School to College and Career Readiness
Cynthia Hawthorne:	CSBA Delegate; SCZCSBA Representative; Technology Task Force
Deborah Tracy-Proulx:	School to College and Career Readiness; Technology Task Force; Wellness
Patricia Threet:	Budget Advisory Committee; School to College and Career Readiness
Steve Trujillo:	Green Schools
Claudia Vestal:	Delta Charter School Representative; Wellness
Ken Wagman:	Green Schools; Budget Advisory Committee; Visual and Performing Arts

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Denevan was excited to see the newspaper article regarding the Resolution 10-12-13 on the agenda this evening. Soquel High School teachers are enthusiastic about the Technology Task Force and the possibilities improved technology will afford district students and staff. Mr. Denevan suggested that many students struggle with having finals after Winter Break when they have had two full weeks off from school and cannot remember the curriculum as well as prior to the break.

Student Representative Lopez shared that she is a Costanoa Continuation High School student and is enrolled in the ROP Agriculture Class at the Small Schools campus. Students enjoy working in the garden and sell the produce they have grown to raise project funds. The class also offers Applied Science and Applied Arts credits to students and District Senior Food Services Manager Jamie Smith is helping students get "Serve Safe" certificates that will promote restaurant employment. The Leadership Class is a very popular program at the small schools campus and the Alliance Program (which lets students know the outcomes of bullying) participants are hoping to do presentations at other district schools. The campus Blood Drive was successful. Ms. Lopez is looking forward to the Spoken Word Project poetry program. Ms. Lopez is very excited to represent Costanoa Continuation High School on the Board of Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2012. Student Representatives Denevan and Lopez abstained from a recommendation on this matter, as neither one attended the meeting on December 12, 2012.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wagman asked that Item VII.1.8, Coordinated Early Intervening Services for Special Education, be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate discussion following Item VII.3.4, Staff Report on Response to Intervention and Elementary Counseling. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel – *Certificated Actions*; Personnel – *Classified Actions*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; CSA(s) – Curriculum; Small Schools Single Plan; Quarterly Williams Complaint Report; NPS Contract Extension – Special Education; Agreement with Belli Professional Architectural Services; CSA(s) – Academic Equity and Categorical Programs. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following items donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Westlake Elementary School* - Paul and Lucy Navabpour donated three

16GB WiFi model iPad2's to this site. *Santa Cruz High School* - The Santa Cruz Education Foundation donated \$1,000 to the school Visual Arts Program; The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County donated \$250 to the Mock Trial Program; Catalyst Test Prep donated \$568 through the SAT Boot camp Fundraiser; Peggy and John Albrecht donated \$1,000 to the PTA Annual Giving Campaign and an additional \$600 to classroom teachers. *Soquel High School* - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunnicut donated kiln shelves, books and assorted kiln furniture to Ceramics classes; The Santa Cruz Education Foundation donated \$1,000 to the Visual Arts Program and an additional \$100 to the general school supplies fund. Ms. Coonerty seconded the motion and the 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 Recommendation: Denevan – Yes Lopez – 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 of Education approved Expulsions 10-12-13 and 11-12-13 with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to, the Superintendent regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2012-13.
4. The Board of Education provided a mid-year review for Superintendent Bloom.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Health Services – Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Recognition of Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Student Services Director Brown reported on the Palo Alto Medical Foundation donation of AED units to all Santa Cruz City Schools middle and high school campuses. These donations were coordinated with Matthew Ryan from PAMF and Greg Vandervoort from the Scotts Valley Fire Department to get the units installed and the staff trained. The provided contract monitors the AEDs and includes battery replacements for two years. District Nurse Anne Fliesler reported on student health screenings, immunizations and health plans and Special Education health assessments. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

New Business: Resolution 10-12-13 Measures to Support a Reduction in Gun Violence

Superintendent Bloom brought this item forward on behalf of the Board of Education with his full support. The safety of our children is our number one priority and this resolution has been drafted to encourage legislators to take swift action to control the availability of assault weapons and to take steps to improve mental health services. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion 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 Recommendation: Denevan – Yes Lopez – Yes

Staff Report: School Safety in Santa Cruz City Schools

Student Services Director Brown reported on how SCCS policies, safety drills, physical set up of sites, Safety and Emergency Response Plans and Comprehensive Safe School Plans align to support our learning communities. Santa Cruz Police Chief Kevin Vogel provided some detailed history of the SRO Program in Santa

Cruz City Schools and the partnership between the Police Department, City Council and City Schools. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

Staff Report: Response to Intervention – Elementary Counseling Grant

Student Services Director Eileen Brown and Elementary Counselors Dawn Baxter, Jolene Dugan and Janinee Ramirez reported on the services currently in place at elementary schools through funds received from a grant that Eileen Brown wrote for the district. Ms. Brown hopes to qualify SCCS again next year for follow-up funds from this program. Topics included Grant Goals and Measures, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Second Steps, Individual and Group Counseling, Parent Education and Counseling Referrals. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

*Note – Student Representative Lopez left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) – Special Education

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda, Item VII.1.8, for a separate discussion and vote per the request of Mr. Wagman.

Special Education Director O’Farrell reported that the California Department of Education (CDE) has identified Santa Cruz City Schools as having significant disproportionality for the 2010-11 school year in the special education population. Specifically, African American students are over-represented in our special education population in the eligibility category Specific Learning Disability. As a result of this finding, SCCS has reviewed policies, procedures, practices and 15% of our federal IDEA funds to provide coordinated early intervening services to children in the district. Feeder districts will be invited to stakeholder’s meetings, trainings and problem-solving meetings, and school psychologists and teachers will be trained in best practices when assessing students. The changes in protocols will be used for all students. Once the SCCS staff is fully trained, SCCS will offer trainings to other districts through the SELPA. SELPA Director Maglin is very involved in ensuring the success of this plan. Updates will be provided to the Board of Education two times per year regarding this matter – or more often if requested by the Trustees. MSP (Hawthorne/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Coordinated Early Intervening Services for Special Education. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote.

Recess: Board President Tracy-Proulx called for a short recess at 9:07 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Tracy-Proulx reconvened this Regular Meeting at 9:13 p.m.

New Business: Report on Transitional Kindergarten and Approval of Board Policy 6170.1

Ms. Munro provided the update on Transitional Kindergarten to the Board of Education. Information included Legislation, Implementation, Estimate of Eligible Students and Next Steps. Ms. Munro recommended approval of the new SCCS Board Policy 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved new Board Policy 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote.

Staff Report: Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2013-14

Mr. Meza reported that enrollment projections have been modified to account for recent 2012-13 preliminary CBEDS data. Preliminary estimates will continue to be monitored and adjusted as necessary. Overall, the projection shows an increase of 130 total students from the 2012-13 preliminary CBEDS enrollment on October 5, 2012. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter. *Note – Student Representative Denevan left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

New Business: Establish Superintendent’s Facilities Ad Hoc Committee

Superintendent Bloom reported that Santa Cruz City Schools is experiencing modest enrollment growth due to both demographic factors and increased public confidence in our schools. The Superintendent’s Facilities Ad Hoc Committee would review current enrollment trends and site capacities and make recommendations to the superintendent in relation to meeting medium and long-term district facilities needs. Recommended composition of the committee would include union representation, principal representation, parent and teacher representatives from elementary sites, and two trustees. The Board of Education did not elect to take specific action on this item, but did direct the Superintendent to form such a committee.

Staff Report: Budget Update – Governor’s Proposal

Mr. Meza reported to the Trustees on the Governor’s January Budget Proposal for 2013-14. Information included highlights of the proposal, Proposition 98 funding increases, Local Control Funding Formula (new weighted student formula), the proposed budget impact on Santa Cruz City Schools, anticipated risks to the Governor’s proposal, and next steps for SCCS including Second Interim Budget on March 13, 2013, the Governor’s May Revise and the SCCS Adopted Budget on June 19, 2013. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

Staff Report: Facilities Summer Projects

Mr. Meza reported that the Facility Master Plan 2020 approved in February 2011 by the Board of Education continues to be the roadmap for district projects. The focus of projects for Summer 2013 includes secondary classrooms that are needed to meet instructional needs. The Facility Master Plan Update includes removal of the cafeteria canopy at Santa Cruz High School and the replacement of the drain field in the large playground at Bay View Elementary. Projects listed on the Master Plan are evaluated frequently and are addressed in order of priority. Potential Community Partnership Projects (outside of the scope of the Master Plan where the District is committed to contribute up to 50% of funds) include a new baseball field at Harbor High School, a new swimming pool at Soquel High School, the Branciforte Middle School media lab, and a gate and fence at Bay View Elementary School. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

New Business: Resolution 11-12-13 Determination of K-12 District Needs for the 2013-14 School Year

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d), the Board of Education determines the District needs in order to retain services of certificated employees who possess qualifications needed for certain programs in the 2013-14 school year regardless of seniority. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion 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

New Business: Resolution 12-12-13 Tie Breaking Criteria for Seniority

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44955(d), the Board of Education is required to determine the District needs should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same date. The criteria identified in this resolution will be used to break ties for the employees with the same first date of paid service. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion 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

PUBLIC HEARING: Tentative Agreement Between SCCE and SCCS – Disclosure of Costs

Pursuant to AB1200, the Board is making this agreement available to the public to allow public comment prior to approval and to publicly disclose the cost of this agreement. There are no costs associated with this agreement.

Open: Board President Tracy-Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 10:07 p.m.
Public Comments: None
Close: Board President Tracy-Proulx closed this Public Hearing at 10:08 p.m.

New Business: Tentative Agreement Between SCCCE and SCCS

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of this tentative agreement, which has been ratified by the SCCCE, between the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees (SCCCE) and Santa Cruz City Schools (SCCS) for the 2012-13 school year. Per the Tentative Agreement, there will be no changes to current contract language. MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the tentative agreement between the SCCCE and SCCS.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Board Retreat will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2013, 11:30 a.m., at the Santa Cruz High School Library, 415 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on February 13, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education