

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
March 27, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:44 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	

Student Representative Graham Denevan, Soquel High School
Student Representative Winter Miller, Costanoa 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

MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board approved moving Item VII.3.3 *Staff Report: Teaching Tolerance* to directly follow the Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session. This change of sequence allows the students presenting information on this matter to conclude their business as early as possible on a school night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom encouraged the Trustees to read the report regarding Algebra I that he emailed to them today. The Superintendent is privileged to visit sites and observe many great things going on in the classrooms and throughout the district at this time of the year.

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Munro introduced Winter Miller, the new Student Board Representative from Costanoa Continuation High School.

Ms. Miller reported taking part in the county wide Safety Summit on Monday, March 11, 2013. Students from Costanoa High School participated in a discussion led by Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant regarding building a Santa Cruz Youth City Council. Youths from Santa Cruz County will participate in the Teen Fashion Design Event on April 17 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Costanoa Students have been writing letters to retired CIA director and retired Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta expressing their views as citizens. Youth are

encouraged by the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History to express their ideas regarding social injustices through art. The Small Schools will begin a class on Spoken Word Poetry. ARK Independent Study completed the WASC review. Small schools programs from around the county will hold the 2nd annual Small Schools Prom on May 17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Appointment to CAC; CPM Text Adoption; Disposal of Surplus Property. The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: Santa Cruz High School - Mary Jo May donated \$100 to the Mock Trial Club; Patrick O’Hara and Cheryl Stoops donated \$500 to the Mock Trial Club. Ms. Vestal 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

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 4-0.
2. There were no items this evening regarding 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 received an update from, and gave direction to the Superintendent regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education began an introductory discussion on the annual evaluation of Superintendent Gary Bloom.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Teaching Tolerance

Student Services Director Brown, Counselors J. Hodges and G. Atlansky, and students Tessa Mahan and Jackson Brody reported to the Trustees on this matter. Information included reflection on goals for school climates, Student Leadership Camp October 2011 and Fall 2012, and identifying next steps for the District students and staff. The Spring 2013 Student Leadership Retreat took place today, and included an analysis of the practices/activities instituted at middle and high schools and the effectiveness of these activities. Students and staff are looking forward to expanding anti-harassment and inclusion practices, and look forward to a day of Zero Bullying in SCCS schools.

New Business: Accommodating Growth in the Elementary District: Reopening Natural Bridges School

Superintendent Bloom reported that at the Regular Meeting on January 16th, the Governing Board heard a report on enrollment trends and the capacity of its facilities. The Board directed the Superintendent to convene an Ad Hoc Facilities Advisory Committee to advise the board regarding medium and long-term facilities needs in the district. This committee has met twice and reviewed available options to accommodate growth in elementary enrollment. The issue has also been discussed at the Schools Coalition, and a fact sheet

and FAQ have been posted to the district web site. Based upon input from the committee, it is the Superintendent's recommendation to reopen the Natural Bridges campus. The programs to be housed there, and the attendance areas it might serve, should be determined after a process of evaluating options and considering staff and community input. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education directed district administration to proceed with planning to reopen the Natural Bridges Campus in the 2015-16 school year and immediately notify Pacific Collegiate School of this decision. In addition, administration is directed to return to the Board with a proposed process and timeline for managing this transition at the June 19th board meeting. Students Denevan and Miller recommended a "yes" vote.

New Business: Resolution 21-12-13 In Support of Measure S (Soquel Union Elementary School District)

Superintendent Bloom recommended approval of the resolution for our feeder district to: protect academic programs; attract and retain qualified teachers; support smaller class sizes; maintain school libraries; maintain art and music programs; ensure that students who matriculate to SCCS high schools are well prepared. SUESD Assistant Superintendent Harley Robertson was present to answer questions from and provide additional information to the Trustees. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution and 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

Students Denevan and Miller recommended a "yes" vote.

New Business: Feasibility of Solar Carports – Intent to Work with Solar City

Mr. Meza reported that the District is pursuing the possibility of installing solar carports to reduce its operating utility cost while investing in clean and renewable energy. The Letter of Intent provided to the Trustees will set forth "preliminary, indicative and non-binding terms" under which Solar City and the District can continue to analyze and pursue the potential installation of solar carports at various sites. There are no financial obligations for approving the Letter of Intent. Once all the preliminary work has been completed, the District will evaluate financing options with both SolarCity and KNN Financial Advisors to determine the most advantageous financing structure without upfront capital costs. The Governing Board will be provided with options prior to entering into any binding agreement. Mr. Andy Sinnott from SolarCity was present to answer questions from and provide information to the Trustees. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Letter of Intent to work with SolarCity. Ms. Wagman abstained from this vote. Students Denevan and Miller recommended a "yes" vote.

New Business: Resolution 22-12-13 General Obligation Bond Refunding for the Elementary District

Mr. Meza introduced Simon Gutman from KNN Financial Advisors to present information on the bond refunding to the Trustees. In order to proceed with refunding the bonds, the Governing Board is required to approve this resolution and supporting documents. The actual sale of the refunding bonds is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through a Competitive Sale to ensure lowest costs to the tax payers. Following questions and comments from the Trustees and the Audience Members, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and 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

Students Denevan and Miller recommended a "yes" vote.

New Business: Resolution 23-12-13 General Obligation Bond Refunding for the Secondary District

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Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman - Yes

Students Denevan and Miller recommended a “yes” vote.

New Business: Resolution 20-12-13 Classified Employee Layoffs

Ms. Hendricks reported this resolution as needed in order to meet 2013-14 budget reductions as necessitated by lack of work or lack of funding. Santa Cruz City Schools will follow the procedures outlined in the SCCCE Contract and the current Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations concerning layoffs and reduction of hours. With the passing of this Resolution, layoff and reduction of hours and/or months notices will be sent, employees bumping rights will be exercised and negotiating the effects of these decisions will take place. Following questions, comments and discussion among Trustees, Staff, and Members of the Audience, Mr. Wagman moved approval and Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – No Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – No Vestal – Yes Wagman - Yes

Students Denevan and Miller abstained from this vote.

New Business: 2013-14 K-12 School Calendars

Ms. Hendricks reported that under the leadership of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, SCCS and representatives from the GSCFT and SCCCE have been participating in ongoing Countywide Calendar Committee meetings. The calendars submitted for approval provide close alignment between our academic calendar and that of other districts in this county, with the exception of Pajaro Valley Unified, which continues to have an earlier start date on their calendar. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 6-1, the Board of Education approved the 2013-14 K12 Calendars. Mr. Trujillo voted no.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board President’s Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx reported that nominations are now open for the Santa Cruz Education Foundation Eddy Awards through April 22nd and the awards will be presented on May 15th at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center in Santa Cruz. The 5th Annual Young Performer’s Showcase will take place at the Rio Theatre in Santa Cruz on April 18th.

Board Members’ Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal reported the following activities: the Go for Health Steering Committee Meeting; working on the Wellness Policy; the Delta Charter School Board Meeting; the SCCS Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Board Member Threet reported the following activities: SCCS Budget Advisory Committee meeting; Soquel Union Elementary School District Board Meeting; Soquel High School 8th Grade Parent Night; Soquel High School Environmental Club.

Board Member Wagman welcomed Ms. Miller to the Board of Education. Mr. Wagman reported the following activities: SCCS Budget Advisory Committee meeting; the Schools Coalition meeting; the Mission Hill Middle School Common Core Standards Parents Information meeting. The next Green Schools Committee meeting will be on April 9th – location TBD. The student subcommittee will meet from 6:00-6:40pm and the regular meeting will take place from 6:45-8:15pm.

Board Member Hawthorne reported the following activities: the Schools Coalition meeting; SCCS Budget Advisory Committee meeting; the Santa Cruz County Boards Association meeting. The County Boards Association is preparing packets containing all county school district resolutions in support of a reduction in gun violence for distribution to elected officials on both the state and federal levels – Santa Cruz County will make a united stand.

Board Member Coonerty reported the following activities: a visit to Harbor High School; a visit to the Westlake Elementary Life Lab, Library and Staff Meeting; a discussion with Santa Cruz High School Principal Edmonds; meeting with Santa Cruz High School Special Education Resource Teacher.

Board Member Trujillo reported attending the SCCS Budget Advisory Committee meeting and expressed his great pleasure in working with Mr. Meza. Mr. Trujillo will retire on March 29th and looks forward to having more available time to visit SCCS schools. Board Member Trujillo is also available to meet with staff/union groups to discuss and exchange ideas. Mr. Trujillo welcomed Ms. Miller to the Board of Education.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education