

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 22, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 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 Graham Denevan, Soquel High School

Absent: 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to discontinue the use of wireless technology in the schools. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon attended the Guelaguetza at Harbor High School over the weekend and had a great time. Dr. Logsdon expressed thanks to retired Principal Coleman and employees Nereida Robles and Fe Silva for organizing such a wonderful event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent acknowledged the Santa Cruz Educational Foundation for hosting the annual Eddy Awards. It was a wonderful event by a great organization. On May 17th every 4th grade student in the county of Santa Cruz public school systems attended the College Event at Cabrillo Community College. On May 21st Branciforte Middle School Grade 7 students visited UC Santa Cruz and participated in classroom discussions. These two events demonstrate the fabulous evolving collaboration with higher education in Santa Cruz County that has moved forward largely due to the efforts of Santa Cruz City Schools. Superintendent Bloom noted that this is Classified Employee Recognition Week and acknowledged Santa Cruz City Schools classified employees for their dedication to student service.

Student Representative’s Report

Student Denevan noted that Student Miller was unable to be at the meeting this evening, and on her behalf he reported that four Costanoa students received scholarships from the Rotary Club in the form of new laptops. At Soquel High School, students have recently finished both CST and AP Testing. School Counselor Sue Faix is in the audience tonight – and Mr. Denevan would like to thank her for all the work she did helping him and other Soquel High School students prepare for college. Student Representative Denevan will begin school at UC Berkeley in Fall 2013.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2013. Student Representative Denevan recommended a yes vote on this matter.

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; Board Meeting Schedule July 2013 through June 2014; Carl Perkins IV Grant Application; CSA – Significant Disproportionality; Award Contract for Removal of Santa Cruz HS Café Overhang; Award Contract for Harbor HS Portables; Resolution 28-12-13 Education Protection Act; Classified Management Position Title Change (Director, Food Services). 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 Denevan 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 Trustees welcomed new employee Food Services Director Amy Hedrick.
2. The Trustees received an update on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).
3. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Assistant Superintendent Hendricks regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Assistant Superintendent Hendricks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation and provided direction to Superintendent Bloom in this matter.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: May Revise Update

Mr. Meza provided details of the Governor’s May Budget Revision. Information included: highlights of the May Revise; the Governor’s major proposals; the Local Control Funding Formula Accountability System; information on Adult Education; risks to the May Revise; financial impact to Santa Cruz City Schools; next steps for SCCS. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership – Elementary

Curriculum Director Wildman provided a brief update on the SCIL Leaders Survey and the SCCS Working Conditions Survey. Instructional Leader Teachers Susana Brown, Shannon Delaney, Kathy Mitchell, Becca Mussetter and Eva Quevedo reported on the impact this work will have on the upcoming Common Core State Standards curriculum, Professional Learning Community accomplishments, focus areas, challenges and feedback. Superintendent Bloom reported that this is the most important ongoing work in Santa Cruz City Schools and the District is committed to supporting teachers. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Technology Task Force Update

In September 2012, the Governing Board approved the formation of a Technology Task Force in order to support the District’s technology plan and improve the implementation of instructional and office technology in District schools and departments. Board President Tracy-Proulx remarked that the Task Force includes IT Staff, Library Teachers, Classroom Teachers, and other interested parties and she is proud to be moving conversation forward for SCCS. Task Force Presenters included Mission Hill Program Coordinator Hamby, IT Director Rayas and Curriculum Director Wildman. Information included the history of the use of technology in Santa Cruz City Schools, committee brainstorming, committee mission and goals, recommendations and the goals for 2013-14. Superintendent Bloom acknowledged Board President Tracy-Proulx for leading the district in this direction and reported he is very pleased with the thoughtful, well-informed and reasonable work and goals of the committee members. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report

Committee Chair Amy Spiers presented the annual report to the Trustees. Ms. Spiers reported that each year since the PTOC was created in 2003 every penny of parcel tax funds have been spent in accordance with ballot language and the wishes of the voters who approved the parcel taxes. Committee members provide the Trustees with timely and accurate information and analysis of expenditures to assist the Governing Board in making important budget decisions each year. The PTOC asked the Trustees to examine the annual budget carryover and the funding of the school registrar positions to clarify if these expenditures are the best use of parcel tax funds. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Adult Education Revenue Enhancements in 2013-14 to Maintain Current Program

Mr. Meza and Adult School Principal Tabachnick reported that in order to maintain current class offerings for ongoing registration, a small increase in class fees will be necessary. Currently, for a one semester English as a Second Language (ESL) class, students pay \$0.23 per hour for 108 hours of services and students pay \$0.28 per hour for 216 hours of services. These fees will be increased to \$0.37 per hour and \$0.41 per hour respectively. A similar increase for classes to complete high school requirements is proposed. Following clarifying questions and discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the proposed enhancements with delayed implementation until July 1, 2013. In the interim period, District Trustees and Staff will meet with the County Office of Education Superintendent Michael Watkins, Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant, and begin efforts toward a regional collaboration to restore the \$100,000 grant no longer guaranteed by the County Office of Education. In addition, the Governing Board requests the presence of Principal Tabachnick at the Regular Meeting on June 19, 2013 to discuss the funds received for registration since May 22 and how those funds will be used. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion. This motion was carried with a vote of 7-0. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote on this matter.

New Business: Budget Planning 2013-14

Mr. Meza reported that the budget planning document submitted to the Trustees was created to guide the discussion around possible items to be included in the 2013-14 preliminary budget that will be presented for adoption by the Governing Board on June 19, 2013. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the “Stage 1” items, with the provision that “Stage 2” items will be discussed this evening but not approved at this time. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. This motion was carried with a vote of 7-0. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote on this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING: Tier III State Categorical Flexibility

The Governing Board of the Santa Cruz City Schools District will conduct a Public Hearing to allow for public input prior to approving sweeps of Tier III State Categorical funds to unrestricted expenditures in 2013-14 as allowed by the 2008-09/2009-10 State Budget Act.

Open: Board President Tracy-Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 8:59 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Tracy-Proulx closed this Public Hearing at 8:59 p.m.

New Business: Tier III State Categorical Flexibility

Mr. Meza presented a list detailing information on the projected entitlements and the projected flexibility transfers that will be part of the 2013-14 preliminary budget. There have not been any changes made to the sweeps from last year. This sweep of Tier III funds is part of the original, on-going budget solutions that were incorporated into the Fiscal Solvency Plan in 2010-11. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Tier III State Categorical Flexibility fund transfers. Dr. Coonerty abstained from this vote. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote on this matter.

New Business: Third Interim Financial Report

Finance Director Lacey presented the Third Interim Financial Report to the Trustees. Information included changes in unrestricted revenue for 2012-13; changes in unrestricted expenditures for 2012-13; changes in unrestricted fund balances for 2012-13; multi-year projection through 2015-16. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Third Interim Financial Report. Student Denevan recommended a yes vote on this matter.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board President’s Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx attended the 4th Grade Cabrillo College Visit and the Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards. Ms. Tracy-Proulx reported that on June 5th Whole Foods in Santa Cruz and Capitola will host an SCCS Fundraiser through the Education Foundation – 5% of the sales on that day will be donated.

Board Members’ Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal reported attending the following events: Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards; Monarch Alternative School Exit Interview; Delta Charter School Board Meeting. Ms. Vestal is looking forward to attending graduation exercises/promotion celebrations.

Board Member Threet reported attending the following events: Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards; Monarch Alternative School Exit Interview; Green Schools Committee meeting; Soquel HS Theater Production; Soquel HS Environmental Club work meeting; Soquel HS Fund meeting.

Board Member Hawthorne reported attending the following events: Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards; Common Core State Standards Study Session led by Mary Anne James of the County Office of Education; CSBA Delegate Assembly in Sacramento. Trustee Hawthorne invited interested Board Members to vote for 2014 CSBA Officers and provided nomination forms to all Trustees.

Board Member Wagman reported attending the following events: Monterey Bay Regional Climate Action Compact meeting; Green Schools Committee meeting; Monarch Alternative School Exit Interview; Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards.

Board Member Coonerty reported attending the following events: Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards; Monarch Alternative School Exit Interview. Dr. Coonerty reported that in honor of Harvey Milk Day she wished to acknowledge all people who serve the public.

Board Member Trujillo reported attending the following events: Green Schools Committee meeting; Monarch Alternative School Exit Interview; Guelaguetza Festival; a visit to Branciforte Middle School. Mr. Trujillo will not be able to attend the 39th Annual Santa Cruz Pride Parade and Festival on June 2nd but will be there in spirit.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education