

**REVISED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
May 8, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 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

Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources – Acting Superintendent
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Members of the Audience

Absent: Gary Bloom, Superintendent

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

Acting Superintendent Hendricks reported that in order to keep the Trustees and Members of the Public as current as possible, the Classified Personnel Actions had been revised to reflect changes that occurred after the board book was published. MSP (KW/CH) 7-0, the Board approved the Revised Classified Personnel Actions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz City Council Member Cynthia Mathews provided information to the Trustees about the Regional Seawater Desalination Project and encouraged everyone to personally consider this information to prepare for the 2014 election ballot issues. On behalf of the district Teacher-Librarians, Harbor High School LMT Joyce Smith asked the Trustees to re-allocate funds for high school library clerical support so that Teacher-Librarians can focus on teaching and not textbook support or other clerical responsibilities. Harbor High School AVID students invited the Board Members to the Harbor High School 2013 AVID Senior Awards and Graduation on Thursday, May 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m., in the Harbor High School MPR.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Acting Superintendent Hendricks reported that today is the Day of the Teacher and the Cabinet Members visited each SCCS school site to deliver cookies and gratitude to staff for the wonderful work done each day on behalf of our students. Ms. Hendricks noted that the Santa Cruz Education Foundation Eddy Awards will be held on May 15, 2013, at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center. Reported for: *Gault Elementary* - successful Pancake

Breakfast Fundraiser; *Westlake Elementary* - 11 students were County Math Contest Winners; Library Teacher Griffith organized and displayed student books for the County Author's Faire at the Capitola Mall; Open House on Thursday, May 16, from 7 to 8; *Branciforte Middle School* - kudos to the Home and School Club for a successful Spring Festival; 8th Grade Core Team for "Best in the West" evening which displayed western vignettes; *Mission Hill Middle School* – 8th Grade AVID Celebration on 5/9; Young Writers' Publishing Party 5/14; Talent Show 5/17; *Harbor High School* – Senior Saige Manier won first place in her division at the California State Science Fair; *Santa Cruz High School* – Theater Production of "Lucky Stiff"; Principal Edmonds received a Region 10 ACSA Award; Sophomore Angela Pogson took third place in her division at the California State Science Fair; *Soquel High School* – The Knights of the Square present "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"; *ARK Independent Studies* – Received a 6-year WASC Renewal! SCCS Seniors at all schools and programs are receiving acceptances into all UC programs; many exceptional Universities and State Schools in California and other states; excellent community colleges; vocational programs; travel and exchange programs. Congratulations to all students as they enter the next phase of their educations/careers!

Student Representative's Report

Ms. Miller reported: *AFE - student information*: Russell Huang is a National Merit Scholar; Abe Karplus was selected for the 6th year to the California State Science Fair; Jonah DeMars was honored by the Santa Cruz City Council as a Volunteer of the Year for the Santa Cruz Public Library; Derek Mather is a member of the Kuumbwa Honors Band; *Monarch Alternative Elementary* – students present Exit Criteria May 13-17; Outdoor Education for 5th and 6th Graders @ Point Reyes May 22-24; 4th Graders visit Cabrillo College on May 17; *Costanoa High School* – 12th Graders are currently presenting Senior Projects; students have been invited by Leon Panetta to the panel discussion on Gun Control with speaker Vice President Biden on May 27; the Santa Cruz Youth City Council installed its officers, including Ms. Winter as the Vice-Mayor; *ARK* – increased enrollment by 75% this year; completed Year 2 of the Real World Learning Curriculum in partnership with Your Future is Our Business; *BSSC Multicultural Community* – the district is actively serving the EL community with rich multicultural activities on evenings and weekends, including: ESL and Citizenship Classes; bilingual UCSC tutors in the library; Santa Cruz Mental Health Groups "Xinachtli" and "Cara y Corazon"; the Mexican Consulate has provided the primary skill building curriculum "Plaza Comunitaria". Special thanks to Fe Silva and Nereida Robles for building this valuable community resource for bilingual learners of all ages.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2013. Student Representative Miller recommended a yes vote on this matter.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; Designation of CIF Representatives for 2013-14; Classified Job Description – Instructional Technician: Home Based Preschool; Special Education Contracts – NPA and NPS; CSA – Educational Services; Out-of-State Travel – Special Education; Contract: Information Technology – Website Upgrade; 3rd Quarter Investment Report; Lease Addendum – 133 Mission St., Suite 102, Santa Cruz, CA.; Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following items 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; *Santa Cruz High School* - Dr. Jim Logsdon has donated \$100 to the Santa Cruz High School Marching Band. 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.
2. The Trustees received an update on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 14-12-13 with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to the Acting 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 Acting Superintendent regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Green Schools Committee Annual Report

Green Schools Co-Chair and Board Member Wagman introduced this item to the Trustees. Stu Branoff, Bill Philipps and Gretchen Bach reported on all aspects of committee projects, including watershed curriculum and the You Tube video by 3rd Grader Vince Golder that won third place in a national contest and provided the funds to plant five trees on the Bay View Elementary campus. This report was informational only and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

Staff Report: Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership – Secondary

Curriculum Director Wildman shared results from the SCIL Leaders Survey and the SCCS Working Conditions Survey. Naima Leal and Molly O’Neal reported on programs at the middle schools. Janet Ward, Helena Bradford, Teresa Gaims and Michelle McKinney reported on programs at the high schools and the small schools. Board Members asked clarifying questions and requested a future presentation with additional details on the programs. This report was informational only and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

Staff Report: Content Literacy

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross reported that Content Literacy Training was provided to secondary teachers as part of an ongoing effort to provide high quality professional development to faculty in order to better meet the needs of all students, and to align practice with the expectations of the new Common Core State Standards. During the 2011-12 school year, the three-day training was provided to the science and the history/social studies teachers. During the 2012-13 school year, the English teachers, mathematics teachers and Resource Specialists received the training. These trainings are consistent with the secondary district’s Title III Year IV Plan to provide relevant professional development to improve instruction to English learners. This report was informational only and the Board of Education did not take action on this matter.

New Business: Contract with DecisionInsite Enrollment Impact Specialists

Mr. Meza recommended approval of a three-year agreement with DecisionInsite for enrollment analysis and projection services. The governing board has taken action to re-open the Natural Bridges campus in the 2015-2016 school year. Determining attendance boundaries for the new campus, as well as projecting overall enrollments, will present difficult and important challenges in the coming months. DecisionInsite is a national

leader in supporting and advising districts as they project enrollments and make boundary adjustments. Their highly sophisticated software allows districts to analyze multiple enrollment scenarios and to monitor multiple demographic and other variables. The cost of these services can be paid from developer fees, restricted, non-general fund dollars. MSP (Hawthorne/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the three-year agreement with DecisionInsite.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx attended the following events: the Santa Cruz Youth City Council Meeting; the Gault Elementary School Pancake Breakfast; the Gault Elementary/Goodwill Industries fundraiser; the Branciforte Middle School Spring Festival; Wellness Committee; Technology Steering Committee; the Santa Cruz Public Safety Citizens Task Force.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo is enjoying the additional time his recent retirement provides to expand his profile and activities in Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Trujillo visited the three comprehensive high schools and the Adult School. Board Member Trujillo will be attending a meeting with Assemblyman Stone on May 10th in Monterey to discuss educational matters. Mr. Trujillo is very proud to work on behalf of the teachers of this district – thank you for your service.

Board Member Coonerty met with Mr. Meza to learn more about the District Budget. Dr. Coonerty also visited Monarch Alternative Elementary and a tribute dinner to her former UCSC professor Herman Blake. Trustee Coonerty acknowledged the great teachers at SCCS and the exceptional services to our students. Dr. Coonerty reported that students who have graduated from Cabrillo College are transferring to great four year programs.

Board Member Wagman attended the tree planting celebration at Bay View Elementary; the Green Schools Committee meeting; the Gault Elementary School Pancake Breakfast; the Branciforte Middle School Spring Festival. Mr. Wagman acknowledged Mr. Gross for organizing the UCSC Alumni organization and Ms. Wildman for joining a Green Schools Sub-Committee in spite of her very busy schedule.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that CSBA Region 9 Representatives will meet with Assemblyman Stone on Friday May 10 to discuss educational issues. Ms. Hawthorne attended the Technology Steering Committee and acknowledged the diligent efforts by Mr. Meza and Director Rayas to ensure that the district will be enjoying fiber optics technology in the fall of 2013. The County School Boards Association meets tomorrow night in the Harbor High School Library for a presentation on the Common Core Standards.

Board Member Threet attended Earth Day Clean-Up at Soquel High School; the Personnel Commission meeting; participated in the Gault Elementary/Goodwill Industries fundraiser; met with Mr. Meza to learn more about the District Budget.

Board Member Vestal participated as a panelist in the "Go for Health" forum; attended a "Go for Health" Schools Committee meeting; attended a Central Coast Health Alliance meeting; attended a Wellness meeting.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hendricks, Acting Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education