

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICT
November 14, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Steve Trujillo Cynthia Hawthorne Deborah Tracy-Proulx Ken Wagman Claudia Vestal John Collins

Student Representatives: Graham Denevan – Soquel High School

Absent: Student Representative Sasha Helms

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 Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells invited school community members to attend the Holiday Parade in downtown Santa Cruz on December 1st to publicly support public schools. The SCEF will partner with Bookshop Santa Cruz for the annual “Holiday Book Drive” November 23rd through December 31st. During this time, patrons may buy books for schools using the school wish list and receive a 20% discount on their purchases. SCEF has awarded approximately \$4,700 to our schools for visual arts programs and worked with the City Arts Commission and the Cultural Council to arrange for student art to be displayed all year at City Hall. The Monterey Peninsula Foundation has renewed the \$10,000 SCEF grant to fund AVID programs at SCCS for two more years. Mission Hill Middle School Site Program Coordinator Hamby reported that Second Harvest Food Bank currently has collection containers at all school sites for the annual food drive. A Monarch Alternative Elementary School parent reported that her second grade student is thoroughly enjoying the multi-age activities and small class sizes at this site. Monarch staff members thanked the district administration for the great demographic report presented at the October 24th meeting and expressed great interest in addressing the concerns brought forward in the report. A letter was distributed to the Trustees and the Cabinet Members detailing information on the Monarch School and the programs offered at this site. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to remove Wi-Fi from the campuses due to her concerns regarding health and safety. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon reported that local parents he knows are very pleased with the Bay View Elementary ASES programs and the Pre-K class.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that the district is pleased to receive great support from California voters, \$4,700 from the SCEF to support visual arts, \$10,000 from SCEF to fund the AVID program, \$23,000 from the Packard Foundation for the Watershed Education Program, and \$500 in book donations through Bookshop Santa Cruz for Costanoa Continuation High School in memory of teacher June Reuben. Bids are currently being solicited for the elementary "hydration stations" and the intent is to have these items installed over the winter break. The district hosted a productive articulation meeting with our feeder districts last week. Last Friday the district hosted 20 educators from China. Leadership PLC meetings seeking future administrators are continuing to flourish under the leadership of Ms. Munro. The Latino Role Models Conference will be held at Harbor High School on Saturday, November 17. Trustee Trujillo, Assistant Superintendent Meza and IT Director Rayas are just a few of the many professionals who have been invited to participate in this event. Congratulations to Trustee Vestal and Board President Wagman on their reelections to the Board of Education. Welcome to new Trustees Coonerty and Threet. Thanks to Mr. Bettinger and Mr. Granados for participating in the election. Thanks to Trustee Collins for his years of service.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman attended the Music Meeting at the end of October and is pleased to see Music programs flourishing in our schools. Santa Cruz City Schools will apply for the Green Ribbon Award in December 2013. The next Green Schools student subcommittee meeting is November 27th and will include middle school, high school, and ROP students. The next Green Schools general meeting is December 4th. Congratulations to Ms. Vestal, Ms. Coonerty and Ms. Threet. Thanks to Mr. Collins for his years of service to this school community.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo is pleased to participate for the third year in the Latino Role Models Conference on November 17. Mr. Trujillo enjoyed campaigning for Ms. Vestal on Election Day and is pleased she will serve as a trustee again. Board Member Trujillo thanked Mr. Collins for his years of service, his advice and his help. Congratulations to Ms. Coonerty and Ms. Threet.

Board Member Vestal attended the very enjoyable Gault Elementary School Parade and Carnival, the Go for Health Meeting and the Wellness Committee Meeting. Delta Charter School raised more than \$7,000 in the Drive for Schools fundraiser. Ms. Vestal gave thanks for the support she received in her reelection campaign.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx congratulated everyone who participated in the election and all those who worked so hard to have another very successful Gault Elementary School Parade and Carnival. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Go for Health Meeting, the Wellness Committee Meeting, the County School Boards Meeting and the Technology Committee Planning Meeting. The first official meeting of the new district Technology Committee will be in January, 2013.

Board Member Hawthorne is pleased to report that the County School Boards Association now has membership from every school district in the county. These meetings provide great peer communication and the entire county will benefit from economy of scale purchasing and countywide trainings in the coming year. Ms. Hawthorne and Superintendent Bloom met with the Montessori folks and are pleased to report that the district has followed through with all commitments made regarding researching this educational program. At this time, the district awaits word from the interested parties regarding where they are in terms of process. Congratulations to Board President Wagman and Trustee Vestal on their reelections and welcome to Trustees

Coonerty and Threet. Trustee Collins can leave this position knowing that the Board of Education is a more cohesive unit than when he was first appointed in 2003.

Board Member Collins congratulated all who ran for the Board of Education – regardless of their election outcome. It is great to see people involved in the process. Mr. Collins joined this Board to help students and feels that has been accomplished. Over the years, this board has had a variety of people with a variety of talents – and all had the best interests of children at heart. Mr. Collins leaves knowing the district has a fine administrative team brought together by the talent of Superintendent Bloom. Trustee Collins appreciates the work of the bargaining units. The district still needs to seek changes in the system as it does not yet meet the needs of all students or prepare them for the workforce. Mr. Collins wishes great success for the district in the future.

Student Representative’s Report

Student Representative Denevan reported that Soquel High School beat Santa Cruz 42-0 in the annual “Stump” game. Student Denevan thanked Trustee Collins for his service and reported that the Soquel High School Students will miss having him at the graduation ceremony each year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Collins/Hawthorne) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2012. Student Denevan recommended approval.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Single Plan(s) for Student Achievement (SPSA); CSA – Curriculum –Watershed Education; Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following donations to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School*: Mike Clarke donated a Panasonic video camera kit and Nikon cameras for the Video Production Class. *Costanoa High School*: Approximately \$500 in books was donated to Costanoa High School. These donations, made by various individuals, were coordinated by Bookshop Santa Cruz and made in the memory of teacher June Reuben. *Visual Arts*: The Santa Cruz Education Foundation has made awards of approximately \$5,000 in support of Visual Arts at Santa Cruz City Schools. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion and the motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Student Denevan recommended approval.

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 6-0.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 04-12-13, 05-12-13 and 06-12-13 with a vote of 6-0.
3. The Board of Education approved Special Education Settlement Agreement OAH Case No. 2012080873 and OAH Case No. 2012090482 with a vote of 6-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Information: County Office of Education Williams Report

Santa Cruz County Office of Education Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction Adam Wade presented a report to the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education regarding the County Office of Education Williams Compliance Team visit, inspection and findings. This report is required by Education Code. There were no negative findings. This inspection is an oversight obligation. Mr. Wade encouraged a review of the report to ensure that all is in order for inspection next year.

Staff Report: Elementary Response to Intervention

Ms. Munro introduced Curriculum and Assessment Director Wildman, as well as RtI leaders Oatey, Balla and Stashak to report to the Trustees. Information presented included a description of what the program looks like at each elementary site with Title I funds; the intention to address student needs individually, immediately and intentionally through universal screening and early intervention, multi-tiered service, progress monitoring, and data driven decision-making. Next steps include continued data collection, closer collaboration between general and special education teams, increased communication with school communities, and investigation of possible models for intervention at middle/high schools. This report was informational and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Post-Election Budget Update

Mr. Meza reported to the Board of Education on the highlights of the election, anticipated multi-year projections, items that could have potential impact to public school funding, and the need to proceed cautiously until more information is finalized regarding public school funding. This report was informational and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Goals and Metrics – New Targets and Revised Goals

Ms. Munro and Ms. Wildman reported to the Trustees on this matter. Goals were revised to provide clarity at the elementary, middle school, high school and district wide levels. Some changes were made to provide ease of assessment for English Learners and revised targets for 2012-13 were included. Following discussion and questions, MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the New Targets and Revised Goals and Metrics. Student Denevan recommended approval.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on December 12, 2012, 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 January 16, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education