

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 10, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 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

Absent: John Collins

Student Representatives: Sasha Helms – Costanoa Continuation High School
 Graham Denevan – Soquel 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 Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Bloom reported that the Certificated Personnel Action Items were revised to reflect appointments that were not completed in time for the original submission of board book items. The Superintendent also advised that Consent Agenda Item 1.7 Revised Board Policies – CSBA July 2012 Updates should be pulled for a separate discussion so the Trustees could review a revision to one of the policies. The Board approved both of these actions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SCCS Board Candidate Sheila Coonerty asked the Board and Members of the Audience to take a moment of silence to remember former Loma Prieta/Costanoa teacher June Reuben who recently passed away. Special Education teachers from Soquel High School, Branciforte Middle School, Santa Cruz High School, Harbor High School and Westlake Elementary School asked the Trustees to offer more options for the required Autism Certification training this year. Former teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Board of Education to remove wireless technology in the district in the interest of student and staff safety and health. Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells is seeking improved parent communication regarding the PSAT, CAHSEE, CST, AP and other student test options. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon extended his appreciation for the useful Personnel Commission training provided last week by the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom commended Cabinet Members for the excellent facilitation of the Classified Professional Development offered today at the District Office. The Superintendent acknowledged Mr. Meza for his communication with the City of Santa Cruz regarding providing Crossing Guards for school sites. Superintendent Bloom expressed appreciation for the outstanding service provided by CDF, Santa Cruz Fire and Police Departments, District and Bay View Personnel, and members of the Bay View school community in response to the fire last week at Bay View Elementary School. SCCS has three National Merit 2013 Semifinalists and 18 students who received the distinction of Commended Students – among the Commended Students is Student Board Representative Graham Denevan. Mr. Bloom attended the COE Countywide Board Dinner yesterday. The Superintendent acknowledged Ms. Howell's concerns regarding the parent/student communications about the PSAT and other tests; clarifying information from the district will be distributed in the future. Santa Cruz City Schools will be honored with a visit from UC Dignitaries.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman attended the Santa Cruz HS PTA meeting on Monday, October 8. Santa Cruz City Schools has been awarded the District Green Schools Award for the State of California – Mr. Wagman and Mr. Meza traveled to Pasadena, CA to accept this prestigious award. SCCS may apply for the Federal Green Schools District Award. Board President Wagman thanked the generous school community for their support of the Santa Cruz HS tennis court resurfacing.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo attended to COE Countywide Board Dinner. Mr. Trujillo encouraged community members to vote on November 6th and to support candidates who support education.

Board Member Vestal attended Assemblymember Monning's Garden Party, the County Nutrition Action Meeting, Soquel High School Back-to-School Night, Delta Charter School Back-to-School Night, last week's Wellness Meeting and the Countywide Board Dinner at the COE.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Middle School 'Tamalada' and the Wellness Committee Meeting. The Wellness Committee recently welcomed a district Health Teacher and would like to invite high school students to join the group also.

Board Member Hawthorne attended the 'Food What' Dinner on October 6 and noted the impressive growth of this organization since it began in 2007. A portion of the \$30,000 proceeds will provide jobs for youth in the community.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Denevan had the pleasure of attending the Soquel High School 50th Anniversary homecoming event, including the ceremony which renamed the gymnasium for former Soquel student Randy Peck. Student Denevan acknowledged Ms. Vestal as his very first professional educator – she was his preschool teacher.

Student Helms reported a new Leadership Class at Costanoa High School and an ROP Cooking Class each Wednesday. Students are also participating in the 180^o Educational Program, which provides the opportunity and educational framework for students to fully develop healthy goals based upon a foundation of strong personal values, reflective and critical thinking skills, and social awareness and responsibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2012.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda Item 1.7, Revised Board Policies, was pulled for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda items, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; Board Meeting Schedule January through June 2013; Quarterly Williams Complaint Report; NPA Contract(s) – Special Education; Con App(s) for Elementary and Secondary Categorical Programs; Notice(s) of Completion. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Gault Elementary School* - Joyce and Otto Lund donated 100 reams of copy paper to this school. *Santa Cruz High School* - Joyce and Otto Lund donated 100 reams of copy paper to this school; Ms. Cathy Stefanki donated \$300 to the Boys' Soccer Team; The Santa Cruz High School Scholarship Fund received \$172 in the memory of Gerard Peregrin from his Book Club friends. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion and the motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Hawthorne – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Denevan – recommend approval

Student Helms – recommend approval

Revised Board Policies – CSBA July 2012 Updates

Superintendent Bloom and GSCFT President Kirschen agreed that Board Policy 4119.21 Professional Standards was lacking a description of when the district might monitor the use of technological resources. Ms. Vestal moved that in Board Policy 4119.21, page (c), number 12, paragraph 2 – the words “with cause” be inserted after “Superintendent or designee may” and before the words “monitor employee”. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion, which was approved with a vote of 5-0. Students Denevan and Helms 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 4-0.
2. The Board of Education heard an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2012-13.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsion(s) 01-12-13 and 02-12-13 with a vote of 5-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: California Standardized Testing Program – 2012 Results

Ms. Munro presented an overview of the Spring 2012 student test results for the CST, including: Elementary English Language Arts, Math and Science; Middle School English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Science; High School English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Science; the existing Achievement Gap and the continued efforts to address this situation. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Resolution 07 -12-13 in Support of the formation of a Standing Technology Committee

Trustee Tracy-Proulx has proposed the creation of a board committee on technology. Upon approval, staff will work with Board President Wagman and Trustee Tracy-Proulx to recruit members for the committee and to plan for its first meeting. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Hawthorne – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes
Wagman – Yes

Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval of the resolution.

Staff Report: Migrant Summer Programs

Mr. Gross reported on the services provided to migrant students during the summer of 2012 including the criteria for eligibility for services, Kindergarten Readiness Academy, Elementary Summer School, Secondary Math Academies, Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS), available health services and out-of-school youth services. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: 2013-14 Budget Development Calendar

Mr. Meza reported that the Budget Development Calendar establishes a timeline for the development, review and acceptance of the 2013-14 Budget. The development of the annual budget is an important process that ensures fiscal solvency and the achievement of the District’s educational goals. It is best to begin this process early so that timely adjustments can be made to existing programs. MSP (Trujillo/Hawthorne) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the 2013-14 Budget Development Calendar. Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 24, 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 November 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. 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.

Adjournment

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education