

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 19, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 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 John Collins Claudia Vestal

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 both the Certificated and Classified Personnel Action Items were revised to reflect appointments that were not completed in time for the original submission of board book items. The Board accepted the revised Certificated and Classified Personnel Action Items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz City Schools Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon reported visiting school sites with Ms. Hendricks. SCCCE President Chacanaca addressed the Trustees regarding restoration of previously reduced classified positions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom thanked Dr. Logsdon for his thorough performance of duties as Personnel Commissioner during his site visits. The Superintendent has visited all sites since the opening of the 2012-13 school year, including accompanying newly appointed SCCS Director of Curriculum and Assessment Jennifer Wildman to several schools. Mr. Bloom is pleased to report visitors from both Chile and Japan at SCCS schools.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman attended both the Santa Cruz High School and the Gault Elementary School PTA meetings, and also met with the new Student Board Representatives. Santa Cruz City Schools has been chosen as the California Green School District of 2012. President Wagman and Mr. Meza will travel to Pasadena, California next week to accept this honor on behalf of the District.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo is proud to be a member of the Green Schools Committee and looks forward to the day that his employer, the Santa Clara COE, has a counterpart. Mr. Trujillo urged community members to contact Governor Brown to support adoption of Bill 1908 – Mandatory 60 Day Layoff Notice for Classified Employees.

Board Member Vestal attended the County School Boards Association Meeting and enjoyed hearing guest speaker Assemblymember Bill Monning. The Branciforte Middle School Back-to-School Night was well attended. Ms. Vestal attended the Go For Health Steering Committee Meeting and visited both Bay View and Gault Elementary schools.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the County School Boards Association Meeting, the Branciforte Middle School Back-to-School Night and the Arts Academy student luncheon. Ms. Tracy-Proulx thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their continued support of student programs. Board Member Tracy-Proulx invited any interested parties to contact her regarding the anticipated District Advisory Technology Committee.

Board Member Hawthorne announced that since the Pajaro Valley Unified School District has joined the County School Boards Association, all Santa Cruz County school districts are represented and participating in this association. Ms. Hawthorne has been meeting with Santa Cruz City Council candidates Don Lane and Cynthia Mathews to discuss enhancing the city/school district relationship. Ms. Hawthorne is pleased to see the service contract for the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women in the Consent Agenda this evening. The collaboration with this organization is extremely worthwhile.

Board Member Collins requested that the State requirement for reporting our District Technology Plan be included in the formation of the new District Technology Committee. Mr. Collins will be unable to attend the Board Meeting on October 10.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Denevan reported the Soquel High School community is enjoying the success of collaborative efforts to welcome new students to the 2012-13 school year.

Student Representative Helms is the captain of the Volleyball team this season, and students are also enjoying participation on the soccer and basketball teams. Costanoa Continuation High School focuses on helping students with credit recovery towards graduation. The Small Schools campus is excited to have Principal Gaukel Forster on site this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Tracy-Proulx) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2012. Ms. Vestal abstained from this vote as she was not present at the

meeting. Student Helms recommended approval, and Student Denevan abstained from a recommendation.

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; Budget Transfers; Gifts; CSA(s) – Special Education; CSA(s) – Curriculum; Student Services Contract – CPVAW; Website Maintenance Contract Renewal; Out-of-State Travel – Training provided by Infinite Campus; Little League MOU; Out-of-State Field Trip – Soquel High School. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Soquel High School* - Ms. Natasha Schaal donated a Singer Portable sewing machine for the Theater Arts and MEC Academy; Ms. Caryn Spencer donated an HP Laser Jet printer 1000 series and cartridges. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. 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 – recommend approval
Student Helms – recommend approval

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education discussed preparation for GSCFT and SCCCE Employee Negotiations.
2. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations and Appointments as submitted with a vote of 6-0.
3. The Board of Education did not discuss the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957).

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Montessori Alternative School Preliminary Plan

Superintendent Bloom reported that early in the 2011-12 school year, a group in our community was preparing a petition to establish a charter school with a Montessori curriculum in SCCS. The District initiated contact with this group and began a series of conversations intent upon hearing ideas and concerns and mitigating the potential impacts that would come with the opening of a new charter school in the district. After a series of meetings and staff visitation to a district Montessori school in San Francisco, the parent group agreed to suspend their charter petition and work with district staff to propose a district alternative program. Meetings to date have been productive. Administration seeks authorization to proceed with planning for a program that would utilize no more than two available classrooms at the B40SS site in the 2013-14 school year. Admissions criteria would be developed to assure that the program serves a demographically representative student body, include only students who reside in our district and incorporates a lottery system for admissions that provides no special admissions for founding members. Interested parents have agreed to raise all start-up costs including teacher training. The Superintendent requests the authorization of the Board of Education to continue the planning process for this program. Following discussion, questions and comments among the Trustees, District Staff, and Members of the Audience, Ms. Hawthorne made the following motion: The Board of Education directs the Superintendent and Board President to convene a task force to address the questions heard tonight by the Trustees and invite the community to an open meeting after the November 6, 2012 State Election that encourages public discussion among teachers, staff, parents, Friends of Montessori and other interested parties and provides an opportunity to come to accord on this matter before proceeding with continued planning for this program. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The

motion was passed with a vote of 6-0. Students Denevan abstained from a recommendation and Student Helm recommended approval.

New Business: Transition of County Office of Education Special Day Classes to SCCS Administration

Ms. Munro, Mr. Meza and Special Education Falls asked the Board of Education to approve district plans to assume administrative responsibilities in 2013-14 for three special education classes currently run by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education at SCCS school sites. Following questions, comments and discussion Ms. Hawthorne made the following motion: Santa Cruz City Schools will assume administrative oversight of three classes for students with Emotional Disturbance: Two Special Day Classes at Harbor High School; One Special Day Class at Branciforte Middle School. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-1-0. Mr. Trujillo voted no. Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval.

Recess: Board President Wagman called for a recess at 8:29 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Wagman reconvened this meeting at 8:40 p.m.

New Business: 2011-12 Unaudited Actuals

Mr. Meza presented the 2011-12 Unaudited Actuals and asked the Board to certify these figures and approve the revised 2012-13 Budget. Unrestricted budget variances from estimated figures were provided, as well as projected vs. actual funding per ADA. For the multi-year projections, the percent of unrestricted reserve was provided based on passage or failure of Proposition 30 in the November 2012 election, and key budget milestones and critical factors were also presented. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the 2011-12 Unaudited Actuals and the revised 2012-13 Budget. Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval.

New Business: Resolution 04-12-13 GANN Limits

Mr. Meza recommended approval of Resolution 04-12-13 adopting the recalculated Gann Limit for fiscal year 2011-12 and the Gann Limit calculation for 2012-13. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education adopted the recalculated Gann Limit for fiscal year 2011-12 and the Gann Limit calculation for 2012-13. Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval.

New Business: Preliminary Fiscal Solvency Plan to COE

Mr. Meza reported that the SCCOE conditionally approved the 2012-13 District budget and expects the District to develop a preliminary plan that addresses the potential shortfall in 2013-14 should Proposition 30 fail in November 2012. The Budget Advisory Committee met on September 11, 2012 and the recommendation of the committee is to provide a "place holder" plan to satisfy the SCCOE Conditional Approval requirement. The reductions identified in the Fiscal Solvency Plan 2013-14 will be revisited should Proposition 30 fail in November 2012. MSP (Collins/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Preliminary Fiscal Solvency Plan to the SCCOE. Students Denevan and Helms recommended approval.

PUBLIC HEARING: Textbooks/Instructional Materials

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 8:56 p.m.

Ms. Munro reported that this Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirement relating to state program laws and regulations for the fiscal year 2012-13. The purpose of the hearing is to make a determination, through a resolution, as to whether each pupil in the district has or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:57 p.m.

** Note: Mr. Collins exited the meeting at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

New Business: Resolution 05-12-13 Sufficiency Textbooks/Instructional Materials for the Elementary District

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution 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
Student Denevan – recommend approval Student Helms – recommend approval

New Business: Resolution 06-12-13 Sufficiency Textbooks/Instructional Materials for the High School District

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution 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
Student Denevan – recommend approval Student Helms – recommend approval

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 10, 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 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education