

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 5, 2012**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: 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 the Certificated Personnel Action Items were revised to include one additional appointment. This action was not completed in time for the original submission of board book items. The Board accepted the revised Certificated Personnel Action Items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom credited certificated, classified and management employees for the smooth opening of the 2012-13 school year. Staff members are making minor adjustments as necessary. The Superintendent has visited a number of classrooms already and it is great to see the enthusiasm of both students and staff. The Back-to-School nights are starting early this year, with Bay View and Gault hosting events tomorrow night. For easy access to view district events, go to www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us - under the search bar on the top right of each page is a banner with blue writing - click on the words “District Events Calendar” and you will see upcoming SCCS events.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman attended the Labor Day Barbeque/Picnic at DeLaveaga Park. President Wagman reminded everyone to register to vote, and encouraged a "Yes" vote on Proposition 30 and a "No" vote on Proposition 32. Soquel High School received the Green School Award today and is now officially recognized as a Green Business member of the Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program. It should be noted that this important achievement stems from the work started by Cynthia Hawthorne in 2007 and President Wagman acknowledged Ms. Hawthorne's commitment to "going green". Bay View Elementary is the next SCCS school slated for the Green Business membership, and President Wagman is hopeful that all our sites will eventually earn this recognition.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo also attended the Labor Day Barbeque/Picnic at DeLaveaga Park. Trustee Trujillo also endorses Proposition 30 and opposes Proposition 32. Mr. Trujillo is pleased by the Green Business membership of Soquel High School because many schools normally use lots of paper and resources to conduct their business – so it is especially nice to see a school cut back so effectively. Board Member Trujillo will attend as many Back-to-School events as his schedule allows. Mr. Trujillo acknowledged the new Student Representatives to the Board of Education and thanked them for their time and effort on behalf of the district.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx reported her students had wonderful back-to-school experiences at both Gault Elementary and Branciforte Middle Schools. Trustee Tracy-Proulx acknowledged the great WEB program at the middle school for ensuring that 6th grade students feel welcomed and included.

Board Member Hawthorne attended the Labor Day Barbeque/Picnic. Ms. Hawthorne had a great time visiting both Bay View Elementary and Santa Cruz High School on the first day of school. Trustee Hawthorne attended the RDA Successor Meeting as an audience member and feels SCCS needs to maintain a watchful presence as this agency dismantles. To that end, Ms. Hawthorne is very grateful for Mr. Meza's membership and leadership on this committee.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. Munro introduced the 2012-13 Student Board Representatives. Graham Denevan is a grade 12 student from Soquel High School and Sasha Helms is a grade 12 student from Costanoa Continuation High School.

Student Helms reported that students at the Small Schools campus are very excited to have Principal Gaukel Forster at the site to support students in alternative programs.

Student Denevan reported that the new school year has brought lots of enthusiasm from both new teachers and the first year students to the Soquel High School campus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 4-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2012. Mr. Collins was not present for this action. Students Denevan and Helms abstained from this vote, as they were not present at the meeting on August 22.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Gifts; CSA(s) – Nutrition Program (CAFF); Youth Services Master Agreement – Special Education; CSA – Vision Testing; Extension of Superintendent’s Contract through 2014-15; Resolution 03-12-13 Signature Authorizations; Approval of the 2008 JPA Bylaws and Agreement for membership to Southern Peninsula Region Insurance Group; Disposition of Surplus Property; CSA – Curriculum. The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz City Schools District Office* - Whole Foods of Capitola donated bagels, cream cheese and orange juice for 300 people for the Employee Breakfast Reception on August 27; Keenan and Associates donated \$250 plus highlighter pens, band aid packs and large binder clips for the Employee Breakfast Reception on August 27; Employee Benefits Services Group donated \$300 plus three (3) Dry Erase Kits for the Employee Breakfast Reception and door prize drawings on August 27. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion and this motion was approved by roll call vote. Students Denevan and Helms abstained from this vote. Mr. Collins was not present for this action.

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

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments as submitted with a vote of 4-0, including the following appointment:
Title: Director of Curriculum and Assessment – Jennifer Wildman.
2. The Board of Education gave input on the Superintendent’s Goals & Evaluation for 2012-13.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Summer Bridge Programs – Secondary

Superintendent Bloom acknowledged Ms. Munro for her resourcefulness to allow SCCS to present summer offerings with almost no budget. Ms. Munro reported that Middle School Math Academies served incoming grade 6 through grade 8 students for four hours per day over four weeks. The High School Math and Science Bridge Programs provided support classes to prepare students for Algebra and Biology. Students incoming to grades 9 and 10 attended 4 hours a day for four weeks. The Harbor High School Algebra Bridge Pilot Program served incoming 9th and 10th graders for 6.5 hours per day over four weeks – and these students earned 10 credits for Algebra I. Ms. Munro reported that the Santa Cruz Education Foundation provided the extra funds needed to support the Harbor High program, and SCCS is currently seeking sponsors for next summer so that this program can be expanded to other campuses. Harbor High School Principal Dick Davis and Assistant Principal Keith Hodges reported that the MPR was transformed into a classroom for 63 students. Student Teams formed learning communities supported by teachers. This community-based learning and accountable instruction resulted in 78% of students passing final exams. The students reported an amazing experience that included improved communication with each other and incredible support from teachers and staff. The end result was a tremendous boost in learning and credit recovery. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Panama Canal Project

Superintendent Bloom was able to secure funding through the National Science Foundation to allow SCCS teachers Gail Alaimo, Stacey Falls, Michael Lynch and Miriam Kaplan to spend part of the summer break working on the Panama Canal Project (PCP). Teachers Alaimo and Falls reported to the Trustees that the Panama Canal is currently being expanded on a scale not seen since the original excavations one hundred years ago. During this current expansion, important new fossiliferous deposits are being uncovered. The

mission of the PCP PIRE (Partnerships in International Research and Education) is to advance knowledge of the extinct faunas and floras of the ancient Neotropics based on the new fossil discoveries along the Canal. University students (undergraduate and graduate), postdocs, and faculty are engaging in PCP paleontological, geological, and biological research and Broader Impacts outreach. The ultimate outcome of the PCP PIRE will be to promote discovery and advance knowledge while training the next generation of scientists better able to engage in international experiences. Superintendent Bloom reported that teachers will continue to work with staff from the University of Florida in December and funding has been secured to continue teacher participation in the summer of 2013. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: 2012-13 Opening Enrollments

Mr. Meza provided the numbers of students enrolled by site and reported that while these numbers reflect the students who were enrolled as of September 4th, they are not the numbers that will be officially included in the October CBEDS report. The overall number of students is very close to projections, but is not exact by site. The elementary district continues to grow, but there is a decline in grades 7 through 12. As compared to 2011-12, district-wide enrollment has increased slightly. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Instructional Focus Areas in 2012-13

Ms. Munro reported that collective goals include rigor, relevance, relationship and results. Collective priorities in 2012-13 include sharp focus on teaching and learning, RtI² (Response to Instruction and Intervention), creating a college going culture and enhancing our culture of service. Following questions and discussion, Ms. Hawthorne requested a future report on the implementation of the elementary “second step” curriculum. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Spending Plan for COE Grant

Superintendent Bloom reported that the County Office of Education has provided Santa Cruz City Schools with a \$40,000 discretionary grant. Our 2012 elementary, middle school and high school summer programs were funded from a variety of one-time sources. It is recommended that these flexible grant dollars be set aside to support 2013 summer programs. Details as to how these dollars will be spent will be determined as other potential funding sources become clearer. MSP (Collins/Trujillo) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the designation of the \$40,000 COE grant to support 2013 Summer Programs.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 19, 2012, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the COE Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education