

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
April 16, 2014**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:42 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty	Cynthia Hawthorne	Patricia Threet	Deborah Tracy-Proulx
Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman	

Absent: Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz High School

Absent: Student Representative Damaris Garcia Martinez – Harbor High School

Gary Bloom, Superintendent

Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Robert Shemwell, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Members of the Audience

**Welcome and Format**

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

**Agenda Changes**

None.

**Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Costanoa teacher Sharon Mallowney, Santa Cruz/Watsonville Youth City Council Executive Director Reyna Ruiz, and Costanoa and Soquel High School students/Santa Cruz Youth City Council Members Joaquin Nelson, Connor Williams, and Jasmin Castelan reported to the Trustees on the activities of the Santa Cruz City Youth Council and the personal benefits of participating in this type of community service. GSCFT President Kirschen and Bay View Kindergarten Teacher Landry expressed concerns regarding the reopening of the Natural Bridges

Elementary School campus in 2015. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon commented on the tremendous impact that he has witnessed SCCS alternative education programs provide the youth of this community and urged the Trustees to continue to work together to affect positive change.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The initial round of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) online testing has been completed at Gault Elementary School. District Office Staff, Gault School Staff, and especially the students are responsible for a successful start to this new assessment system. The Superintendent attended the Harbor High School Career Faire yesterday and enjoyed this Media Arts Student event. The District is making progress in developing a budget using the new Local Control Funding Formula. Superintendent Bloom reminded the Board Members that all Trustees are invited to participate in the Natural Bridges Community Meetings on Monday, April 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bay View and Gault Elementary Schools. The Advisory Committee has made great efforts to distribute information as widely as possible using district emails, robocalls, website postings, document hard copies, etc. The point of the survey is to determine the path for reopening Natural Bridges – it is not to debate the issue. The issue was decided some time ago when the Board of Education took action to reopen the site. The City of Santa Cruz Parks Commission is considering a proposal to have a leash-free doggie park at Derby Park next door to the Natural Bridges campus. The Parks Commission will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss this item at length.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS**

#### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Trujillo visited the Harbor High School Media Arts Event and witnessed Playworks in action at Bay View Elementary with Trustee Vestal. Mr. Trujillo has noticed several sites in need of care over the summer break. Board Member Trujillo supports Resolution 17-13-14 in support of Senate Bill 1000 and Senate Constitutional Amendment 5. Mr. Trujillo continues to advocate for creative solutions for fiscal needs.

Board Member Vestal visited Bay View Elementary to observe Playworks and the Walk to Read Intervention program. Ms. Vestal also attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting yesterday and will attend the Wellness Committee meeting tomorrow at the Santa Cruz High School Library at 6:30 p.m. Board Member Vestal appreciates the school newsletters she receives.

Board Member Coonerty is very impressed with the work of the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee and has great faith in the process and the community regarding the reopening of this site. Dr. Coonerty is learning more about the RTI program and its crossover with Special Education – and has visited staff at several schools to discuss RTI experiences for teachers and students. Dr. Coonerty congratulated Ms. Hendricks on her daughter's acceptance of a full academic scholarship to Pepperdine University. Dr. Coonerty was touched by her observations at Costanoa Continuation High School and the high degree of success students were achieving with the guidance of their teachers.

Board Member Wagman noted that Michael Kaufman, who is facilitating the committee for the reopening of Natural Bridges School, also facilitated the committee to form our Small Schools campus. Mr. Wagman attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting and acknowledged the excellent job Mr. Shemwell does of explaining a complex new budget process. Trustee Wagman attended the Positive Discipline brunch on Sunday and supports this program that empowers rather than punishes children.

Board Member Hawthorne attended the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) training at the County Office of Education on April 9<sup>th</sup> and noted that Santa Cruz City Schools is already engaged in the practice of aligning

goals and values with budget. Ms. Hawthorne attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting, and will try to attend one of the public meetings for the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee. Trustee Hawthorne honors the work of this committee, but has concerns about a Transitional Kinder/Kinder site.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx would like to acknowledge Curriculum Department staff members Wildman, Partida and Bartle, and the Information Technology Department for outstanding work on the new SBAC Testing process. Ms. Tracy-Proulx also greatly appreciates the work of the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee.

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Threet attended a constituent meeting during the week of Spring Break and a "meet and greet" for the Live Oak East Cliff Drive Health Center. Live Oak Board President Ray and Board President Threet want to keep the districts connected as students make the transition from Live Oak schools to Santa Cruz City High Schools. Soquel School District will elect a new Board Member soon and Ms. Threet feels that Amanda Jackson's goals are aligned with SCCS. Board President Threet attended the LCFF training at the COE; the Budget Advisory Committee meeting; visited Bay View Elementary to observe Playworks; visited classrooms – including a Kinder/1<sup>st</sup> Bilingual class.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2014 as submitted.

### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Vestal moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: 1.1 Personnel – *Certificated Actions*; 1.2 Personnel – *Classified Actions*; 1.3 Purchase Orders; 1.4 Warrant Register; 1.5 Budget Transfers; 1.6 Gifts; 1.7 Resolution 18-13-14 Annual Resolution for Interfund Transfer; 1.8 Quarterly Williams Complaint Report; 1.9 Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) Assurance of Compliance; 1.10 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements; 1.11 Change Order(s); 1.12 Notice(s) of Completion; 1.13 Out-of-State Travel Request – Special Education. The Board acknowledged the following gift received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School* – Thomas Langedyk and Ann Tracy donated \$500 to purchase one violin and one viola for the school. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Coonerty – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes	Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Trujillo – Yes	Vestal – Yes
		Wagman – Yes

### **Closed Session Actions Report**

1. The Board of Education conferred with Agency Representative Shemwell regarding Labor Negotiations (Govt. Code 54957.6).
2. The Board of Education conferred with Leadership Associates Representative Larry Aceves regarding Public Employment Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent.
3. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 16-13-14 and 17-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.

### **ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED**

- 3.1 **Staff Report: Mission Hill Middle School Special Education Team Intervention Pilot Program**  
Special Education Director O'Farrell, Mission Hill Middle School Principal Quandt and Teacher Naima Leal reported to the Board on this matter. This year, the MHMS Special Education Department piloted

a skills-based academic intervention program for students receiving support through the Resource Specialist Program (RSP). Based on their individualized goals, students were placed in a math, reading, writing, or study skills intervention class. As a result of these interventions, over 90% of all students are now meeting their individual goals and demonstrating significant growth in these academic areas. This report was informational only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.2 Staff Report: AVID Update**

Curriculum Director Wildman, Mission Hill Middle School Assistant Principal Hodges and Teacher Amy Spiers reported to the Trustees on this matter. Data was presented on increasing and improving programs for middle and high school students. New strategies being utilized in the AVID program were highlighted – including the centralization of recruiting, hiring and managing AVID tutors. Information was shared on the first annual AVID fundraiser sponsored by the Santa Cruz Rotary. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.3 Staff Report: Facilities Summer Projects**

Mr. Shemwell reported that the Facilities Master Plan continues to drive much of our work as we address our aging facilities. This summer the majority of our plans will focus on repairing long-neglected capital items which are reaching critical points of repair and remediation. All of the items outlined, with the exception of sports playing fields, are described in the Facilities Master Plan as Priority II fixes. The projects will be funded by a combination of routine and deferred maintenance funds and developer fees. These funds are restricted to capital type projects and cannot be used for operational purposes. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.4 New Business: Resolution 16-13-14 Classified Reductions/Layoffs**

Ms. Hendricks reported that Santa Cruz City Schools will adhere to procedures outlined in the SCCCE Contract and the current Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations concerning layoffs and reduction of hours. With the passing of this Resolution, layoff and reduction notices will be sent, employees bumping rights will be exercised and negotiating the effects of these decisions will take place. Following clarifying questions, Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Resolution and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes                      Hawthorne – Yes                      Threet – Yes  
Tracy-Proulx – Yes      Trujillo – No                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

**3.5 New Business: Resolution 17-13-14 in Support of Senate Bill (SB) 1000**

Superintendent Bloom reported that Senate Bill 1000, the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act/Warning Label on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, was authored by Senator Bill Monning. Improved nutrition education and a reduction in the consumption of sweetened drinks are consistent with the district’s wellness goals and programs. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Resolution, and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on May 7, 2014, 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 May 21, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on June 18, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on June 25, 2014, 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 Threet adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President  
Board of Education