

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
August 21, 2013**

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Tracy-Proulx welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Board President Tracy-Proulx clarified that due to the large number of people present tonight to speak about former Santa Cruz High School baseball coach George Arnott, the normal limit of 15 minutes per subject allowed during public comments would be extended to 30 minutes.

Agenda Changes

Mr. Wagman reported that revised Certificated Personnel Actions have been submitted for approval this evening that includes additional personnel hired after the board book was printed. Mr. Wagman also requested that Item 3.4 Harbor High School Baseball Field Improvements be presented immediately following the Closed Session Action Report so that the students in attendance this evening might be dismissed at an earlier time. Both of these changes were approved by the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paula LeRoy, consultant for "Project Include", shared information about the anti-bullying program with the Trustees and encouraged contact from anyone who wished to have further details. Students, parents, and community members who wished to address the Trustees regarding the dismissal of Santa Cruz High School Baseball Coach George Arnott spoke for one half hour. Mr. Arnott's supporters included: Nolan Burr, Bill Burr, Ed Chun, Max Chun, Michael Duffy, Vincente Duffy, Lori Quick, Stephanie Mendoza, Celia Brezner, Nathaniel Brezner-Mendoza, Brian Moise, Jeffrey Moise, Sheri Moise, Jeff Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, Cathy Erwin, Joe Gillette, Doug Gillette, Richard Silva, Tyler Silva, Candi Jackson, Charlie Marini, Mike Marini, Laurie Zeszut, Greg Keenis, Amy Smith, Nick Gonzales, Jake Bagnall, Jeff Barilati, Doug Barilati, Jeff Leonard, Tim Catteva, Robert Rodoni, Peter Babwaw, and Abby Arnott. Santa Cruz resident and SCCS Grandparent George Bettinger detailed his continued concerns regarding a lack of dress code and a lack of staff training at Santa Cruz High School. Mr. Bettinger asked the Trustees to provide the necessary leadership to ensure that these matters are addressed at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Bettinger submitted a letter to the Trustees that is available in the District Office for review by interested parties.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom thanked all of the speakers who shared their thoughts tonight – your time and efforts are appreciated. Santa Cruz High School Principal Edmonds will be meeting with the baseball crowd to explain the recruitment process for the vacant position. The District does not take community input lightly and is committed to examining how coaches are trained and supported so that improvements can be made to these processes. The District greatly appreciates and supports athletic programs. The restoration of athletic stipends was one of the first priorities for the 2013-14 Budget. School starts next week and enrollment appears to be very close to projections – final numbers will not be determined until CBEDS day in early October. Transitional Kindergarten will be offered at all five elementary schools. The New Teacher Orientation will take place on Thursday, August 22nd at the District Office. Management, faculty and coaches will receive a “bullying” training – prompted in part by survey feedback from last year. Continued progress is being made in retrofitting classrooms for science classes – most projects should be completed about two weeks into the school year. The conversion of shop classes into Innovation Centers at the middle schools is nearing completion. The flood damage at Westlake Elementary has been cleaned up, as well as the fire damage at Bay View Elementary. Installation of district broad band is under way. Solar projects are moving forward, although revised plans for Harbor High School and DeLaveaga Elementary will need to be created and submitted to the DSA for approval. The Superintendent acknowledged the great work of the Classified Staff Members – these folks have been working hard to keep departments and projects running smoothly in the absence of an Assistant Superintendent for Business Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Hawthorne) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2013. Mr. Wagman abstained from this vote as he was not present at the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated (revised)*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; District Grant Writer Contract Renewal; Board Policy Updates; CSA(s) – Youth Services; CSA(s) – Vision & Hearing Testing; CSA9s) – Academic Equity and Categorical Programs; CSA – Harbor HS; NPA/NPS Agreements – Special Education; Williams Quarterly Report; Lease Agreement(s) for Head Start Programs 2013-14; Lease Agreement(s) for 133 Mission Street; Commission on Teacher Credentialing – Variable Term Waiver; 3PENS – MOU. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary School* - Kyle DePriest donated one Apple 17” PowerBook G4 computer. *Westlake Elementary School* - Lisa Miller donated a printer to a classroom. *Branciforte Middle School* - Joyce and Otto Lund donated \$1,500 to the Truella Lund Theater Fund. *Santa Cruz High School* - Alexander Gaguine donated \$5,000 to be used for renovation projects. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

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 7-0.
2. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

3. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Education discussed the Meet and Confer Agreement: Confidential Group.
5. The Board of Education denied the following Liability Claims against Santa Cruz City Schools (Govt. Code Section 54956.95) with a vote of 7-0: Claimant: Knapp; Claimant: Smith; Claimant: Freel; Claimant: Wood.
6. The Board of Education approved Special Education Settlement Agreement Case No. 12CV-00850-LHK with a vote of 7-0.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Harbor High School Baseball Field Improvements

Harbor High School Baseball Coach Joe Allegri and Derek McKee from Verde Designs provided information on the need for improvement, the improvement concept, projected costs and scope of project, timeline, and anticipated funding sources. Following clarification and discussion, Board Member Hawthorne approved the following motion: approve continued work with Verde Designs on this project, combining improvements to the baseball and softball fields as often as possible so that both teams are playing on improved fields as close to concurrently as possible. Mr. Wagman seconded this motion and the Board of Education approved the motion with a vote of 7-0.

Staff Report: Summer Programs

Mr. Gross, Director of Academic Equity and Categorical Programs, reported on the academic programs offered in Santa Cruz City Schools Summer School 2013. Migrant Education, Elementary, Middle School, and High School programs were available to students either by invitation or Counselor referral. Neediest students at each grade level were served through either remediation or acceleration and focusing on: school readiness, English Language Development; Reading, Math and Credit Recovery. Superintendent Bloom commended Ms. Munro for her continued diligent efforts to secure funding for these important summer offerings. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Goals and Metrics

Curriculum Director Wildman provided data from the 2012-13 school year that was used to revise the adopted District Goals and Metrics. Information included Districtwide celebrations, Elementary celebrations and challenges, Secondary celebrations and challenges, the CST overview, and next steps to address District challenge areas. The Trustees received a more updated version of the results than the one that was included when the Board Book was printed for this meeting, and will continue to receive updated results as they are available. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Budget Update

Superintendent Bloom introduced Finance Director Lacey to provide an update on the current status of the District Budget and State funding. Information included: Key Elements of the 2013-14 Enacted Budget; Multi-Year Budgeting Challenges; Local Control Funding Formula; Implications for SCCS in 2013-14. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Federal Program Monitoring

Ms. Munro reported that each year, the California Department of Education (CDE) selects about 25% of the state's Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to undergo Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) for an audit of categorical programs. Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross summarized the scope and

results of an on-line FPM review of seven state and federal programs for the elementary district and Gault Elementary School including: parameters of monitoring; audit of State and Federal programs; Findings; Specific Findings; and Santa Cruz City Schools Federal Program Monitoring status. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Meet and Confer Agreement – Confidential Group

MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Meet and Confer Agreement of the Confidential Employees as discussed in Closed Session.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx spent one month on the East Coast and expressed her thanks to District Staff Members for keeping things running smoothly in her absence and for getting our schools ready for the fall.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal attended the Go for Health meetings and the Delta Charter School board meeting. Delta Charter Schools reported a record number of graduates in June 2013. Delta received a \$5,000 grant for student internships and implementation of a "real world" learning program. Ms. Vestal visited with high school teachers who attended AVID training. Trustee Vestal is looking forward to the New Teacher Training.

Board Member Threet has had a restful and relaxing summer. Trustee Threet enjoyed meeting with high school Summer School Administrator Roxana Jimenez.

Board Member Hawthorne thanked Bay View Custodian for his quick response to the graffiti incident during the summer break.

Board Member Wagman missed the June 19th meeting due to a family emergency. Trustee Wagman was pleased with the caliber of the candidates who were interviewed for the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services position today at the District Office. Mr. Wagman looks forward to the New Teacher Orientation tomorrow.

Board Member Coonerty has seen a need for teaching students how to complete the necessary online paperwork after one has been accepted to a college or university. Dr. Coonerty has been learning about the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS) through webinars. Dr. Coonerty noticed that the community members who spoke tonight regarding Coach Arnott were respectful, well-spoken, and concise.

Board Member Trujillo has been busy this summer writing his autobiography. Mr. Trujillo also spent some time with legislators, sent correspondence to Governor Brown, kept in touch with Superintendent Bloom via email and attended a LCFF workshop through the Tri-County Association of Latino/Latina Elected Officials. Board Member Trujillo will be out of town August 29 through September 5.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 11, 2013, 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 September 25, 2013, 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 October 9, 2013, 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 October 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on November 13, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on December 11, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on January 15, 2014, 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 February 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on February 26, 2014, 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 March 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on March 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 16, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.

Adjournment

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education