

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
December 11, 2013**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Deborah Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:31 p.m. in the 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 Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:46 p.m. in the 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	

Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz High School

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 Tracy-Proulx welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Due to the presence of students in the audience this evening to speak to the 4-Year Planning Process, the Trustees approved the presentation of Item 3.3 immediately following the Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session. Also, Item 3.4 Update on Local Control Funding Formula will follow Item 3.1 First Interim Report.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

1. MSP 7-0 (Coonerty/Trujillo), the Board of Education elected Ms. Threet as the Board President. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.
2. MSP 7-0 (Coonerty/Trujillo), the Board of Education elected Ms. Vestal as Vice President. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

3. MSP 7-0 (Wagman/Hawthorne), the Board of Education approved Superintendent Bloom as Board Clerk. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.
4. Board President Threet asked the Trustees to send her correspondence indicating their interests for committee membership, and indicated that she will report out on assignments at a future meeting.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO OUTGOING BOARD PRESIDENT

Superintendent Bloom presented Board Member Tracy-Proulx with a plaque commemorating her past year as President of the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education. The Superintendent thanked Ms. Tracy-Proulx for doing an exceptional job amid complex and charged situations with dedication, patience, intelligence and grace, always keeping the best interests of our students at the forefront.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz City Councilman and City of Santa Cruz Public Safety Citizen Task Force Member David Terazas, City of Santa Cruz Public Safety Citizen Task Force Chair Kris Reyes, and Santa Cruz City Schools Teacher and City of Santa Cruz Public Safety Citizen Task Force Member Rene Golder reported on their work on behalf of the community regarding public safety, and thanked Superintendent Bloom for his letter offering support on behalf of himself, the Board of Education and Santa Cruz City Schools regarding collaboration on safety issues in the community. Small Schools Community Coordinator Robles read a letter to the Trustees expressing the concerns of the District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC) regarding an incident that took place last month. Several ELAC and DELAC Parents also addressed the Trustees to express concerns and acknowledged support of AECF Director Gross and for the support and concern shown them by Santa Cruz City Schools and the Board of Education. Branciforte Middle School Principal Pfothenauer thanked: District Grant Writer Kenny for her formidable effort to apply for a large grant on behalf of district schools; Math instructor George Martinez for his support and flexibility while searching for solutions to 6th grade math instruction challenges; teachers and staff members at Branciforte Middle School for the wonderful celebration at the grand opening of the Innovation Center on December 5th. Santa Cruz Education Foundation Members Howells, Swann and Maxfield reported on some of the most recent activities and fundraisers on behalf of our students and schools, and invited the community to attend middle and high school concerts on December 12th and 14th. Gault Principal Parks thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for providing the wonderful El Sistema Music Program. Gault Elementary School students performed this evening utilizing cellos, violins, recorders, and song and dance. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon issued a challenge to Board Members: Dr. Logsdon will match any donation made by one of the Trustees to Bookshop Santa Cruz through December 31st on behalf of Santa Cruz City Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom thanked Board Members Tracy-Proulx and Hawthorne for their support during a challenging year. Mr. Bloom is proud to work for such a great Board. The Superintendent reported that the level of enthusiasm from everyone concerned at the grand opening of the Innovation Center was great. Superintendent Bloom had the pleasure of seeing a very professional performance by the Centeotl, Grupo de Danza y Baile. Thanks to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for the continued support of our community schools. The Santa Cruz High School Safety Task Force enjoyed great school, city and community participation at its 2nd meeting. The new fiber optic broadband is operational at Soquel High School, the District Office, Mission Hill Middle School, and Bay View Elementary School – and should be online soon at other district sites. Compliance with the Williams Act requires every California school site to provide all students with sufficient instructional materials, safe schools, and quality teachers. This year, the County Office of Education inspected Gault Elementary School for compliance and found our school to have adequate supplies and fully qualified teachers. The report is available for interested parties at the District Office.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Devine reported that Santa Cruz High School enjoyed a "Club Day" on December 6, the Band would perform at 6:30 p.m. on December 12 and the school would host a blood drive on December 17. Student Devine attended the Santa Cruz High School Safety Task Force meeting yesterday. Thank you to Board Members Tracy-Proulx and Hawthorne for their service as Board President and Vice President – and congratulations to Board President Threet and Board Vice President Vestal.

Student Representative Martinez offered thanks to Board Members Tracy-Proulx and Hawthorne for their service the past year and congratulations to Board President Threet and Vice President Vestal. Harbor High School will hold the Winter Formal on January 11, 2014 and first semester final exams will take place the week of January 20. The second semester begins on January 28, 2014. The "Fall Showcase" takes place in the Little Theater on Friday, December 13.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2013. Students Devine and Martinez recommended approval.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Before proceeding with the Consent Agenda, Dr. Coonerty asked some clarifying questions on Item 1.3 Purchase Orders. Board President Threet pulled the following items for separate discussions and votes: Item 1.7.3 Agreement for Professional Services – Business Services; Item 1.8 Common Core State Standards Implementation Budget; Item 1.10 CSBA Delegate Assembly Member Nomination. Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of: 1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; 1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; 1.3 Purchase Orders; 1.4 Warrant Register; 1.5 Budget Transfers; 1.6 Board Policy Updates; 1.7 Contracts and Consultant Agreements (1. Agreement for Professional Services – Special Education; 2. CSA – Curriculum; 4. Agreement for Professional Services – Business Services); 1.9 Single School Plans; 1.11 Change Order(s); 1.12 Disposal of Surplus Item(s); 1.13 Management, Professionals and Licensed Professional Groups Revised Salary Schedules. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion, which 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

Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Consent Agenda Item VIII.1.7.3 Agreement for Professional Services – Business Services

Following questions, discussion and comments, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Dr. Coonerty 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

Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Consent Agenda Item VIII.1.8 Common Core State Standards Implementation Budget

Following questions, discussion and comments, Mr. Trujillo moved approval and Dr. Coonerty seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Consent Agenda Item VIII.1.10 CSBA Delegate Assembly Member Nomination

Following questions, discussion and comments, Ms. Vestal moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education discussed and provided direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding the Superintendent’s Performance Review and annual goals and objectives (Govt. Code 54957).
2. The Board of Education approved the submitted Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations or Appointments as follows: Item 1: with a vote of 7-0; Item 2: with a vote of 6-1.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 04-13-14, 05-13-14 and 06-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board of Education took action 7-0 to approve a facilities agreement leasing property at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.3 Staff Report: Four-Year Planning Process

Student Services Director Brown reported that beginning in the 2011-12 school year, the 4-Year Planning Workshop used for many years with great success at Santa Cruz High School was expanded to both Harbor and Soquel High Schools. At these Counseling Department meetings, students and their parents are introduced to graduation requirements, A-G requirements and Career Technical Education opportunities. Additional information included attendance data and the impact on the completion of both A-G and Career Technical Education courses for graduates. Harbor High School Counselor Irene Medina-Bailey brought two students to share their personal experiences with Trustees regarding the planning process. This report was informational only and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.1 New Business: First Interim Report

Mr. Shemwell delivered the first of this fiscal year’s three statutorily mandated reports on the financial status of the District to the Board of Education. The First Interim report is based on financial activity from July 1, 2012 through October 31, 2013. The report is based on the assumptions of the State Enacted Budget, which includes the new Local Control Funding Formula “LCFF”. On or before January 10, 2014, the Governor will release his Budget Proposal for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Staff will attend the School Services Budget Workshop and report on its components to the Trustees at the February 12, 2014 Board Meeting. Following questions, discussion and comments, the following motion was

made by Mr. Wagman: Move approval of the 1st Interim Report, with the following additional expenditures made one-time only in January 2014 or as soon as possible: \$10,000 for Elementary Schools Yard Duty; \$100,000 for Clerical support at all school sites; \$44,000 for classroom supplies for all school sites; an additional \$44,000 for classroom supplies for Elementary schools. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0-1. Board President Threet abstained from this vote. Students Devine and Martinez abstained from this vote.

Recess: Board President Threet called for a short recess at 9:40 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Threet reconvened this meeting at 9:53 p.m.

3.4 Staff Report: Update on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

AECF Director Gross reported that in July 2013 the State began a new and significantly different approach to funding schools in California. The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) changes the way school districts develop their budgets in many ways. One important alteration is that districts must consult with stakeholder groups in order to consider their input in the development of a budget plan called the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). While the State has yet to release regulatory guidance or an LCAP template, Santa Cruz City Schools has already begun the process of reaching out to stakeholders in order to move forward in the development of the LCAP in a timely fashion. Several ELAC and DELAC parents, as well as Small Schools Coordinator Robles shared their experiences regarding providing input as stakeholders in the school community. Next steps include continuing stakeholder meetings, receiving State guidance in terms of regulations (January 2014) and the LCFF template (due March 2014), draft and finalize LCAP, receive Board approval, and receive COE approval. This report was informational only, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.2 Staff Report: Systematic English Language Development

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs (AECF) Director Gross reported that the Elementary District has made notable changes in how it approaches instruction for English language learners. New English Language Development (ELD) curriculum has been purchased, teachers have received training, and implementation of the 2012 CA ELD Standards and Assessment tools will lead to significant changes in state accountability, curriculum and local assessments. DeLaveaga ELD Teacher Dora Gonzalez shared some of her classroom experience as well. This report was informational only, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.5 New Business: Timeline and Process for Re-Opening Natural Bridges School

The Superintendent reported that On March 27, 2013, the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education voted 7-0 to approve recommendations from a district ad-hoc facilities committee re-open the Natural Bridges campus as a fifth elementary site in the 2015-16 year. On 11/21/13, staff and trustees began gathering input from staff and parent community members regarding which programs to be housed there, possible attendance areas served, and other ideas and concerns pertaining to re-opening the site. Following discussion, questions and comments, MSP 7-0 (Hawthorne/Trujillo), the Board of Education approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee comprised of elementary teachers, principals, parents, administration, and in-city trustees to evaluate community feedback and create the formal plan for re-opening Natural Bridges Elementary School. Board President Threet will bring her recommendations for committee members back to the January 15, 2014 Regular Meeting for discussion and approval. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

3.6 New Business: Zoning Exemption Request: Pacific Collegiate Charter School

Superintendent Bloom reported that on November 20, 2013, representatives of Santa Cruz City Schools met with representatives of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Pacific Collegiate Charter School to discuss PCS's request that SCCS seek a zoning exemption on behalf of PCS for a property currently in escrow. The Superintendent recommended that the Board authorize Mr. Bloom, Mr. Wagman and Ms. Hawthorne to continue to negotiate with PCS to come to an agreement and submit a letter to the City of Santa Cruz indicating that applying for the zoning waiver for PCS is a possibility. Following questions, comments and discussion, MSP 7-0 (Wagman/Hawthorne), the Board of Education approved Mr. Bloom, Mr. Wagman and Ms. Hawthorne to continue to negotiate with PCS to come to an agreement and submit a letter to the City of Santa Cruz indicating that applying for the zoning waiver for PCS is a possibility. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

3.7 PUBLIC HEARING: Annual Developer Fee Report

Mr. Shemwell reported that the Board is required by Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995 to make the District's annual Developer Fees Report available to the public at least 15 days prior to adoption by the Governing Board and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the report prior to its being approved.

Open: Board President Threet opened this Public Hearing at 11:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Threet closed this Public Hearing at 11:30 p.m.

3.8 New Business: Annual Developer Fee Report

Following the Public Hearing, MSP 7-0 (Hawthorne/Tracy-Proulx), the Board of Education adopted the 2012-13 Developer Fee Annual Report. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote.

3.9 New Business: 2012-13 Audit Report

Mr. Shemwell reported the District is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with audit standards established for K-12 schools by the State Controller. There were three (3) audit findings in the 2012-13 Audit. There are no findings that will impact the District's apportionment. MSP 7-0 (Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx), the Board of Education accepted the 2012-13 Audit Report.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board President's Report

Due to the late hour, Board President Threet did not provide a report this evening.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Due to the late hour, the Board Members did not provide reports this evening.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 Threet adjourned this Regular Meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education