

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
February 12, 2014**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:34 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	

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**

Ms. Hawthorne requested the removal of Item VII.3.1 Graduation Requirements from the agenda this evening and scheduling a Board Study Session in the near future for this matter. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved this change to the Agenda.

Additionally, Item VII.3.3, *Staff Report: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Plan* was brought forward in the Agenda to immediately follow the Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session; and Item VII.3.7 PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent, Initial Study for Harbor High Baseball Field Renovation was brought forward to immediately follow Item VII.3.2, *Staff Report: Personnel Commission Annual Report*.

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

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Weed from the Positive Discipline Association presented information regarding the Positive Discipline School. Retired Harbor High School Teacher and current Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Biotechnology Teacher Glenn Read expressed concern regarding the future funding of important student elective as the Local Control Funding Formula moves into effect in the county. Mr. Reed asked the Trustees to consider integrating ROP courses with regular course offerings to provide a wider range of choices for students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bloom reported that the District is currently seeking funds to support ROP courses for students. Progress is ongoing in improvements to the Harbor High School baseball field. The Natural Bridges Advisory Committee met for the first time on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the meeting was very positive. Outcomes from the meeting included eight initial guiding principles for this re-opening process: Equitable access to solid base educational programs in schools that reflect our community; Practical/Feasible/Affordable & Sustainable; Respect existing communities; Remain transparent; Value and consider diversity; Make sure vision is long-term; Keep the needs of ALL students in mind (balance impact); Remember ALL parents/families want what is best for our kids. Based in input from Dr. Coonerty and Trustee Wagman, we have tentatively included a WPENS teacher on the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee and will ask the Trustees to approve this committee addition at a later date. SCCS is hosting three locations for public input on the re-opening of Natural Bridges School on March 3: Mission Hill and Branciforte Middle Schools and the Beach Flats Community Center. Committee members are also working on implementing an online opportunity for the public to participate in the re-opening process.

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

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

Board President Threet reported that activities since the last Board Meeting included: a meeting with Soquel Union Elementary District Board Member Tori Delfavero; a meeting with Live Oak School District Board Chair Jeremy Ray; the SCCS Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) on January 21<sup>st</sup>; the Coaching Boys to Men presentation by the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women; a CSBA Budget Workshop regarding the Governor's 2014-15 Education Funding; the CSBA New Board President's Workshop in Sacramento on January 25<sup>th</sup>; the "Code Red" emergency training for District staff; a meeting with Mr. Shemwell regarding District finances; visits to both DeLaveaga and Westlake Elementary Schools; the Special Board Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>; a meeting with Facilities Director Victorine to tour the Maintenance & Operations yard and become more acquainted with site operation requirements; the Positive Coaching & Athletics Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting; the Santa Cruz High School Safety Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting.

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended: the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee; the Coaching Boys to Men dinner event; a strategic planning meeting at UCSC (Trustee Tracy-Proulx would like to extend an invitation to invite this group to SCCS for a meeting); the Technology Task Force Meeting for which Curtis Gomez, Interim Information Technology Director, was an excellent facilitator. Ms. Tracy-Proulx welcomes a Board Study Session for Graduation Requirements.

Board Member Wagman attended: the Coaching Boys to Men dinner event; the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee; the Gault Elementary School PTA Meeting; the Santa Cruz High School PTA Meeting. The Green Schools Committee will meet on February 18 in the Harbor High School Library – Student Sub-committee will meet from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and the regular meeting will take place from 6:45-8:15

p.m. Trustee Wagman would like to have the District create a new “recognition” to acknowledge the graduate with the highest weighted GPA each year.

Board Member Coonerty acknowledged community member Suz Howells, who retired from her position as CEO of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation on January 31, 2014, for her tireless service to this school community. Dr. Coonerty attended the Coaching Boys to Men dinner event and the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee meeting. District teachers have been sharing plans for future projects and district parents have been asking for more information regarding the Natural Bridges School re-opening. Dr. Coonerty welcomes a Board Study Session regarding Graduation Requirements.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association (SCZCSBA) will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m., in the Branciforte Middle School Library. Santa Cruz County Clerk Gail Pellerin will be the featured guest and will provide information on the upcoming Soquel Union Elementary School District Special Election. The Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee and Community Task Force will go door to door on the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> to distribute a flyer to neighbors detailing steps to take to ensure the high school campus is free of illegal activities. If this door to door campaign is successful, the District will take it to other school neighborhoods as well. Trustee Hawthorne would like to include a broad range of stakeholders, including parents and ROP Instructors, in the Graduation Requirements discussion. Ms. Hawthorne would like to have a conversation that considers District reclamation of the Natural Bridges High School program (this program is currently run by the COE and operates on the Pacific Collegiate/Natural Bridges Elementary school site).

Board Member Vestal attended: the CSBA New Board President’s Workshop in Sacramento on January 25<sup>th</sup>; the Delta Charter School Board meeting and learned that many Delta students are enjoying community internships; the Wellness Committee meeting; the Go For Health strategic planning meeting. The next Wellness Committee meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Board Member Trujillo attended: the Coaching Boys to Men dinner event and was very impressed with the curriculum; the open house event at the County Government Building for Assemblymember Mark Stone, Senator Bill Monning and Congressman Sam Farr; the Positive Coaching and Athletics Ad-Hoc Committee meeting. Board Member Trujillo is optimistic about setting standards for both students and adults at school sporting events. Mr. Trujillo agrees that the Graduation Requirements need a more thorough discussion and welcomes a future Board Study Session.

### **Student Representative’s Reports**

Student Representative Devine reported that Santa Cruz High School students have begun the second semester of classes. A school-wide schedule planning workshop is currently under way. Spring Sports tryouts and practices have begun, and the 2014 Mock Trial Team has started meeting. Santa Cruz High School will host a Club Day on February 28<sup>th</sup> and a Golf Team Fundraiser on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the DeLaveaga Golf Course.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2014 as submitted with one suggested correction. Mr. Wagman abstained from this vote as he did not attend the meeting. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.
2. MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 2, 2014 as submitted. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

## GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Consent Agenda

Dr. Coonerty 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 Gifts; 1.6 Board Meeting Calendar – Addition of Regular June Meeting; 1.7 Quarterly Williams Complaint Report; 1.8 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Approval; 1.9 Approval of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Sub-Grant Agreements; 1.10 Approval of Job Description – Curriculum Coach; 1.11 Program Specialist – Assignment Change; 1.12 Approval of Community Advisory Committee Representative; 1.13 Out-of-State Field Trip – Ashland Shakespeare Festival – AFE; 1.14 Out-of-State Field Trip – Ashland Shakespeare Festival – HHS; 1.15 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report; 1.16 Contracts and Consultant Services Agreements; 1.17 Disposal of Surplus Items. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz City Schools District Office* - Drs. Prem and Venkamma Reddy of Ontario, California, through Atman Press, donated four copies of the book *India Unveiled*. Per the donation instructions, one copy was sent to the library at each comprehensive high school, and one copy to the Delta Charter School library; *DeLaveaga Elementary School* - Paul Fleischman donated \$200 to the Life Lab Program at this site; *Branciforte Middle School* - Maria Gardner and Dean Austin each donated \$100 to be used as determined by the site; *Santa Cruz High School* - Tom Chaffin and Gail Pellerin donated \$1,000 - \$500 for class supplies and \$500 to the general fund of the site; *Branciforte Small Schools* - Steve Dodds donated a media kit consisting of an LCD projector and accessories for the campus. Ms. Hawthorne 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  
Student Devine recommended a yes vote.

### Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote Of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 09-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education heard an update from and gave direction to designated representative Gary Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Education discussed Public Employment/Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent.

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

#### **3.3 Staff Report: Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Plan**

Curriculum Director Wildman reported that in spring, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in Santa Cruz City Schools will take the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) Field Test. The purpose of the test is two-fold: for students and staff to learn about administration of the test, and to inform Smarter Balanced regarding the future adaptability of the test using a very large sample of student responses. This report included information on scheduling and logistics, technology, assessment coordination, troubleshooting and support and current preparations. Following the presentation, questions, comments and discussion took place. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.2 Staff Report: Personnel Commission Annual Report 2013**

Personnel Director Beth Summers provided the Trustees with the annual Personnel Commission Report for 2013, as well as an additional handout and explanation of how the Merit System works in Santa Cruz City Schools. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.7 PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent, Initial Study for Harbor HS Baseball Field**

Mr. Shemwell reported the District is planning a facility improvement project to renovate the existing Harbor High baseball field to address drainage problems during the rainy season and improve playability of the field. The Governing Board must provide opportunity for public comments concerning the project. After all related comments have been received, each comment will be addressed in the final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Open:** Board President Threet opened this Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Close:** Board President Threet closed this Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

**3.4 New Business: Recruitment and Selection of Superintendent**

With Superintendent Bloom's retirement effective July 1, 2014 it is essential that the board begin the process of recruiting and selecting the next SCCS superintendent. It is recommended that the board take action on one of two options: 1. Issue a request for proposals and interview potential search consultants at the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting or; 2. Authorize the Superintendent and Board president to negotiate a contract for services with Leadership Associates searching statewide as opposed to nationally and using a tiered search process that will minimize expenses if an internal candidate emerges after soliciting community input and assessing the external candidate pool. Following questions, comments and discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of having the Superintendent and Board President negotiate a contract as soon as possible with Leadership Associates using the tiered process described by Superintendent Bloom. Dr. Coonerty seconded this motion. The motion was approved by the Trustees with a vote of 7-0. Student Devine recommended a yes vote.

**Recess:** Board President Threet called for a short recess at 8:29 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Board President Threet reconvened this Regular meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**3.5 New Business: Board Bylaws – Agenda Preparation**

Trustee Coonerty has proposed revised Board Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials. Dr. Coonerty explained her proposed revisions and the reasoning for her actions. Following questions, comments and discussion among Board Members, Staff and Members of the Audience, the Board of Education did not take action on the matter at this time. The Board provided direction to the Superintendent to provide the Trustees with: the CSBA Sample version of this Bylaw; the current SCCS Bylaw; and the Superintendent's proposed revision based on the discussion tonight.

**3.6 New Business: Election of CSBA Assembly Delegate for Sub-Region 9A**

The California School Boards Association asks school boards statewide to elect board members to the CSBA Delegate Assembly. The board as a whole may vote for up to the number of vacancies in the region or subregion as indicated on the ballot. MSP (Wagman/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education voted to approve both of the candidates who appeared on the ballot (Cynthia Hawthorne-SCCS and Phil Rodriguez-SUESD). Student Devine recommended a yes vote.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President  
Board of Education