

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
February 26, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 6:00 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 6:35 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	

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

Agenda Changes

Mr. Trujillo requested the removal of Item VII.1.7 Revised Board Policies from the agenda this evening to allow for time for discussion with the Superintendent regarding some of the policy changes. Item VII.1.7 Revised Board Policies was pulled from the agenda and Superintendent Bloom reported that this item would come back to the Trustees on a future agenda for second reading and proposed adoption.

Additionally, Item VII.3.6 Fencing Proposal for Santa Cruz High School Inner Quad was moved to follow Item VII.3.2 Athletics Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations, and Item VII.3.4 Resolution 11-13-14 Release of Temporary K-12 Certificated Employees was moved to immediately follow Item VII.3.6 Fencing Proposal for Santa Cruz High School Inner Quad. The changes in the order of the presentation of these Items were made to accommodate an earlier departure time for either visitors or Staff Members who were scheduled to speak to the Trustees regarding these items.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Small Schools Co-Principal Denton provided the Board with an update on the alternative programs at the campus, Alumni activities, and invited interested Trustees and Staff Members to the Small Schools "Wednesday Meal" – a vegetarian meal that students prepare using products grown in the Life Lab garden.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the Board Members with one each of the three new color brochures marketing SCCS core programs and providing students with a sense of what it takes to become college and career ready upon graduating from high school. These brochures provided are printed in English and the Spanish language brochures will be available soon. The idea for these resources arose from a board conversation some months ago and District Staff is pleased to be able to present the finished product to Trustees. The February 24th Natural Bridges Advisory Committee meeting went very well and the Santa Cruz City Schools community is fortunate to have facilitator Michael Kaufman donate his services for this important work. Public Meetings to gather input on the reopening of Natural Bridges School will take place simultaneously on Monday, March 3, 2014, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the following three locations: Branciforte Middle School Multi-use Room; Mission Hill Middle School Multi-Use Room; Beach Flats Center Community Room. Last week the Principals adopted some clear instructional goals in support of Board Goals. The District is privileged to have a team of administrators who work well together at both operational and instructional levels. Superintendent Bloom and Trustees Hawthorne and Wagman met today with representatives from the Pacific Collegiate School; stakeholders continue to seek a facility resolution that benefits all parties. Educational Services arranged a field trip today for teachers and principals to visit schools in Sanger, California to observe excellent teaching practices.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Threet sent a letter to the Santa Cruz Schools Community detailing available options for providing input on the search for a new superintendent. The Board President met with County Superintendent Watkins to discuss Career and Technical Education and attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 25.

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Trujillo expressed his pleasure with the three informative and intelligent marketing brochures detailing district programs. Mr. Trujillo complemented Ms. Hawthorne and the Santa Cruz High School Safety Task Force regarding the excellent flyer promoting neighborhood partnership for safety. Board Member Trujillo attended the Green Schools meeting and the Budget Advisory Committee.

Board Member Vestal attended the Wellness Committee Meeting and the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. With water restrictions in place, student groups will need to become more creative regarding fundraising – car washes are not an option this year. The Delta Charter School Open House is Thursday, February 27 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that at the recent Santa Cruz County School Boards Association Meeting County Clerk Gail Pellerin spoke to representatives from all 10 county school districts about the recent challenge to the Soquel Union Elementary School District Board Appointment that has resulted in an upcoming

Special Election. Board Member Hawthorne will serve as the 2014 President of the County School Boards Association and Board Member Wylie from San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District will serve as the Vice President. Trustee Hawthorne reported that SCCS is working diligently to craft a legacy agreement with Pacific Collegiate School that recognizes shared items of interest and supports each program.

Board Member Coonerty asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the one year anniversary of the passing of Santa Cruz Police Officers Elizabeth Butler and Butch Baker. Dr. Coonerty is very proud of the three brochures detailing district programs. Dr. Coonerty is interested in updates on the Pacific Charter School negotiations. Dr. Coonerty has had communications asking how parents should give input on the Local Control Funding Formula to the District and would appreciate a report on this matter as well. Dr. Coonerty attended the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee and had a great experience.

Board Member Wagman reported that regarding the PCS negotiations, most information will be presented in board reports and comments. Mr. Wagman felt the meeting this morning cleared up some misunderstandings and that SCCS reiterated the goal to take care of all students, as well as reach long-term agreements to avoid these negotiations in the future. The Green Schools meeting was February 18 and this committee needs more student representation. The Green Schools Committee has been given a free pass to the State Meeting in March 2014. SCCS Purchasing Policies have been recognized as some of the best models in the State regarding meeting “Green Standards”. Board Member Wagman feels there cannot be too much information disseminated to the public regarding the Natural Bridges School reopening – SCCS is seeking as much information from the public as possible at the March 3rd evening meetings. Mr. Wagman visited several sites on February 14.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx reported a great conversation with Harbor High School Principal Dick Davis regarding Regional Occupation Program Career and Technical Education. Gault Teacher Dennis has been offering a Science Fair Tutorial twice a week for several weeks and as result, Gault Elementary School has eight students taking projects to the County Science Fair – thank you Mr. Dennis!

Student Representatives’ Reports

Student Representative Martinez reported the Latino Role Models Conference will take place at Harbor High School on March 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Harbor Rocks will take place on March 13 in the MPR from 10:20 – 11:50 a.m. Students who have completed open enrollment and are attending Harbor High School during the 2014-2015 school year are invited to join all incoming 9th grade students for a Harbor High School experience. Completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms are due on March 21 and the SAT Boot Camp is April 12. Student Martinez has been accepted to Sacramento State University.

Student Devine reported the Santa Cruz High School Boys Basketball Team is the League Champion and the Santa Cruz High School Mock Trial Team is the County Champion and will continue to the State level competition. The school will host a Club Day on March 7th and have a guest speaker at a school wide assembly. The Santa Cruz High School Golf Team Fundraiser will take place on March 7 at DeLaveaga Golf Course.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2014 as submitted. Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Following clarifying questions regarding some of the items, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, less Item VII. 1.7 Revised Board Policies which was pulled for distribution at a future meeting. The remaining Consent Agenda items were: 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; 1.8 School Safety Plans; 1.9 Out-of-State Field Trip – Santa Cruz High School Band/Color Guard; 1.10 Resolution 10-13-14 Mitigated Harbor High School Baseball Field Renovation Project Negative Declaration; 1.11 Lease Agreement – Bridges to Kinder – Westlake Elementary School; 1.12 Contracts and Consultant Services Agreements – 1.a (Business Services) Total Compensation Systems; GASB 45 actuarial valuation services – 2.a (Food Services) Susan Brooks staff training – 3.a (Special Education) Certified Nursing Assistant for preschool student and 3.b (Special Education) Speech/Language Pathologies for up to 19 students; 1.13 Disposal of Surplus Items. This motion was seconded by Ms. Tracy-Proulx. 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.

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 a Final Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Matter with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education reviewed Public Employment/Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Budget Update

Mr. Shemwell reported on the highlights of the Governor’s proposed budget for 2014-15, including: Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Information from the February 25, 2014 meeting; 2014-15 LCFF Simulator Estimates; Revisions of the SCCS Budget from 1st Interim to 2nd Interim; LCFF/LCAP Budget Adoption Timelines. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.2 Staff Report: Athletics Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations

Ms. Hendricks reported on the work of this committee which was established at the direction of the Governing Board on October 23, 2013. Information included: purpose and focus of the group; membership; goals charged to the committee; Committee Mission Statement; recommendations to staff; recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

*Note – Student Representative Martinez left following the discussion of this item.

Recess: Board President Threet called for a short recess at 8:27 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Threet reconvened this meeting at 8:36 p.m.

3.6 New Business: Fencing Proposal for Santa Cruz High School Inner Quad

Mr. Shemwell reported that safety and security for this campus have been a concern at our most urban high school campus and due to an increase in evening hour loitering and vandalism, increased measures to monitor and secure the campus during evenings and weekends have included: patrols by a Security Company and the Santa Cruz PD; establishment of a school site and community Safety Task Force; additional lighting at dark areas of campus; clearing of overgrown vegetation in areas of significant loitering. A neighborhood flyer detailing safety procedures has been designed and will be distributed door-to-door. Plans for gating the central campus have been vetted by the Safety Task Force and it is the recommendation of the Task Force to have the Governing Board authorize staff to proceed with plans to install gates and fencing at designated locations. An overview of the plans was provided. Following discussion among board members, staff, members of the audience and Safety Task Force Members who were present at the meeting, MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the fencing proposal for the Santa Cruz High School inner quad. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

*Note – Student Devine left the meeting following the vote on this item.

3.4 New Business: Resolution 11-13-14 Release of Temporary K-12 Certificated for 2014-15

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44954, the Board is advised to release temporary K-12 certificated employees at the conclusion of the 2013-14 school year. This provides the District with the flexibility to build appropriate staff for the following year. Following discussion among Board Members, Staff, and Members of the Audience, Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This 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

3.3 Old Business: Revised Board Bylaw 9322: Agenda Development

Superintendent Bloom reported that the submitted proposed revised Board Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials has been prepared reflecting discussion at the February 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Following clarifying questions and discussion, MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved revised Board Bylaw 9322: Agenda Development.

3.5 New Business: Revised Representation for the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee

Superintendent Bloom reported that Board Members and Natural Bridges Advisory Committee Members Coonerty and Wagman have suggested that a pre-school representative should be added to the committee. Mr. Wagman moved approval with the following amendment included: In addition to the pre-school representative, the committee will include one DeLaveaga mainstream program parent (a Non Dos Alas Program parent). Dr. Coonerty seconded this motion. Following discussion, the Board of Education approved the two new members of the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee with a vote of 7-0.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Special Meeting on March 5, 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 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.
8. 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 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education