

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
January 15, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

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

Absent: Ken Wagman

Student Representative Damaris Garcia Martinez – Harbor High School

Absent: Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz 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

Superintendent Bloom reported that Trustee Wagman (absent this evening for a family emergency) had asked that Item 3.3 Graduation Requirements be pulled from the agenda and presented at the meeting on February 12, 2014. Mr. Wagman would like to be a part of the conversation regarding this item. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education approved removing Item 3.3 Graduation Requirements from the agenda tonight. Student Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz High School parent Mike Duffy asked for some information on the progress of the District Ad Hoc Athletics Committee and additional information, if available, regarding the surveying of the high school athletic fields. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon reported a recent lunch with former Student Board Representative Nick Morris.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Threet reported that during Closed Session this evening the Board had accepted a letter announcing Superintendent Bloom's retirement from the District on July 1, 2014. The Board President stated that Superintendent Bloom has honored his commitment to stay five years in the district and the Board is very thankful for his hard work on behalf of students. The position of superintendent demands 24/7 availability and is not for the feint-hearted. During his tenure, Superintendent Bloom worked ceaselessly to bring progress. In addition to the critical role he played in the effort to stabilize the budget, we are thankful for his work to eliminate the achievement gap, modernize information technology and support "green" policy making. On behalf of the district, the Trustees wish him the very best. Board President Threet attended the following events since the December Regular Meeting: the United Way Go for Health Luncheon where Food Service Director Amy Hedrick-Far & Wellness committee chair and Board Vice President Claudia Vestal were recognized for their leadership roles in promoting healthy habits for the children of the SCCS community; the Bay View Teachers breakfast provided by the Bay View parent club; the WL, Bay View and Gault Parent Listening Tour meetings regarding the re-opening of the Natural Bridges campus; a meeting with members of the Positive Coaching subcommittee; the Santa Cruz High "Dads Club" Basketball tournament; The Santa Cruz Warriors Read to Achieve kick-off at Gault Elementary. Ms. Threet gives a special thank you to Warriors players Kiwi Gardner & Hilton Armstrong for their commitment and time to help better the reading skills of the children in our community. Board President Threet looks forward to attending the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women (CPVAW) "Coaching Boys to Men" presentation Jan 22, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom reported that his retirement announcement is bittersweet. Mr. Bloom started his career in education as a student teacher at Gault School some forty years ago. The decision to retire was made about a year ago, and the Superintendent is looking forward to having more flexibility to pursue both personal and professional interests. Thanks to a supportive and visionary governing board, an outstanding staff, and a vibrant community, Santa Cruz City Schools is doing well and is on a path towards meeting our goals of eliminating achievement gaps between demographic groups, ensuring that all students are prepared to successfully access post-secondary college and career opportunities, and are motivated learners with a broad spectrum of interests and abilities. It has been an honor and privilege to work with all of you. I am committed to giving 100% to the district over the coming months, to doing all that I can to assist in the leadership transition, and to staying engaged with the Santa Cruz community even as I explore new opportunities for myself.

Superintendent Bloom informed Mr. Duffy that a report to the Board of Education regarding the assessment of the sports fields will be forthcoming at a meeting next month. Mr. Shemwell is currently scheduling meetings with Staff and Parents to discuss results at each site and to determine next steps. The Superintendent reported that the supply funds recently approved by the Trustees for sites to use during the remainder of this school year are being dispersed and will be available soon. The State Budget news is good and may improve, although the impact of increased revenues and the new Local Control Funding Formula is not yet known for Santa Cruz City Schools. The joint Board/Budget Advisory Committee Meeting is January 21, 2014, Room 312, District Office, 4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Board Member Trujillo thanked Superintendent Bloom for his service to the District. Mr. Trujillo recently recovered from the Swine Flu and he encouraged everyone to take recommended health precautions to prevent illness. Trustee Trujillo encouraged all students, parents and staff members to action to provide effective partnership as we prepare for the changes that the Common Core State Standards and the Local Control Funding Formula will bring to our school community.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx extended her appreciation to Superintendent Bloom for his steady focus on students and District Goals. Trustee Tracy-Proulx echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Trujillo regarding participation in education and invited everyone to attend both the District Technology Task Force Meeting (4pm @ Branciforte Middle School) and the Joint Board/Budget Advisory Committee Meeting (4:30pm at the District Office) on January 21, 2014.

Board Member Vestal attended the following events through Delta Charter School: LCFF/Budget Study Session; Educator of the Year Award to teacher Thompson; teachers Jones and Cutler presented "Assessing the Integration of Google Docs into the School Knowledge Management System" at the California League of Schools Conference – this video will be added to the Delta Charter School website. Ms. Vestal also attended a Go for Health event that included inspiring keynote speakers. Santa Cruz City Schools continues its leadership role in the area of Wellness, and the first Wellness Committee meeting of 2014 took place last week.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that Gary Bloom was asked to lead the District for 5 years, and during his tenure brought the necessary structure to implement new processes. The Superintendent has trained teachers to be teacher-leaders, gather data to make informed decisions, open their doors to colleagues, and use data to see how students are faring – instead of how the data looks. The final Listening Tour Meeting was held yesterday and the Trustees and Administrators have learned a lot from gathering this input. Ideas and information will soon be posted on the website. It was especially nice to learn that folks recognize that each of our elementary schools makes a huge contribution to the community.

Board Member Coonerty wished the Superintendent well in his retirement and thanked him for his service. Dr. Coonerty visited several of the Listening Tour Meetings and was impressed by how different each school was and how many parents and teachers would like to see Natural Bridges re-opened. The re-opening process is bound to bring disagreements – but the community will work through them and that will be a great accomplishment. Dr. Coonerty submitted a written proposal to the Trustees regarding including a discussion of the Agenda-Setting Committee on a future board meeting agenda. Dr. Coonerty included ideas on potential changes for this committee in her proposal.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Martinez reported that Harbor High School will have first semester final exams on January 21, 22, and 23. A final exam study group will be held on Monday, January 20, from 4-8 pm at the school. The Dance Troup Escapades will perform on February 7, 8, and 9.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2013 as submitted.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Prior to taking a motion regarding the Consent Agenda, Mr. Trujillo and Dr. Coonerty asked questions about two of the items. After these inquiries were resolved, Ms. Vestal moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 1.1 Personnel – *Certificated Actions*; Item 1.2 Personnel – *Classified Actions*; Item 1.3 Purchase Orders; Item 1.4 Warrant Register; Item 1.5 Budget Transfers; Item 1.6 Gifts; Item 1.7 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements; Item 1.8 Notice(s) of Completion; Item 1.9 Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School* - Linda Snook donated \$300 for the purchase of library books; Mary Cunningham donated two Acer Chromebooks to the school and \$100 for the purchase of library books. *Soquel High School* - The Big Creek Lumber Company donated redwood siding to the SHS Future Farmers of America Program. Mr. Trujillo 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

Student Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted 6-0.
2. Expulsion 08-13-14 was approved by the Board of Education 6-0.
3. The Board of Education received an update on the 2014-15 County-wide Calendar.
4. The Board of Education reviewed the Superintendent’s Goals & Objectives.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Walk-to-Read

Curriculum Director Wildman introduced the Response-to-Intervention Elementary School Coordinators (Bay View – Charlene Oatey; DeLaveaga – Sarah Balla; Gault – Lauren Stashak; Westlake – Shannon DeLaney) to update the Trustees on this program. Progress reported included the status of implementation at all four comprehensive elementary schools; ongoing data showing effectiveness of the program; an update on the development and implementation of the program at Westlake Elementary School. Following the presentation, Board Members, Staff and Members of the Audience asked questions, provided comments and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action regarding this matter.

New Business: Resolution 09-13-14 Employee Recognition

Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of this resolution acknowledging March 3-9, 2014 as Week of the School Administrator, May 14, 2014 as Day of the Teacher, and May 18-24 as Week of the Classified Employee. Following discussion, Dr. Coonerty moved approval of this amended resolution language: Approve Resolution 09-13-14 Employee Recognition acknowledging March 3-9, 2014 as Week of the School Administrator, May 11-17, 2014 as Week of the Teacher, and May 18-24, 2014 as Week of the Classified Employee. Mr. Trujillo seconded this 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

Student Martinez recommended a yes vote.

Staff Report: Fundraising for Large Scale Facility Projects

Mr. Shemwell reported that a process outlining the procedures for moving forward on projects which are partially funded through fundraising is being developed for a Santa Cruz City Schools Administrative Regulation and staff seeks feedback from the Board of Education on this process. Following discussion, Mr. Shemwell thanked everyone for the input. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action regarding this matter.

Recess: Board President Threet called for a short recess at 8:40 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Threet reconvened this meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Staff Report: Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Using 2013-14 preliminary CBEDS information, Mr. Shemwell updated the Board of Education regarding enrollment projections for the 2014-15 school year. Adjustments to these projections will be on-going as information is collected. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take action regarding this matter.

New Business: Advisory Committee – Natural Bridges School

Superintendent Bloom asked the Board Members to approve the composition of the Advisory Committee as submitted. On December 13th the board approved the formation of an ad-hoc committee to advise the board on the reopening of the Natural Bridges Elementary School. Current plans are for the committee to begin meeting in late January or early February. Michael Kaufman, a community member and professional facilitator, has agreed to facilitate the committee on a *pro bono* basis. The Superintendent recommended the first meeting date as Monday, February 3, 2014, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at a mid-district location. This introductory meeting will establish meeting norms, future meeting dates, sub-committee rosters and future meeting dates with the community. Following discussion, Ms. Hawthorne made the following motion: Approval of the composition of the Advisory Committee as submitted by the Superintendent, including two additional members – one Spanish speaking parent from each side of the river. Dr. Coonerty seconded this motion. This motion was approved with a vote of 6-0 by the Board of Education. Student Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

New Business: Resolution 07-13-14 Determination of K-12 District Needs

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44955(d), the Board of Education determines the District needs in order to retain services of certificated employees in the 2014-15 school year, regardless of seniority, who possess qualifications needed for certain programs. Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of the resolution. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of Resolution 07-13-14 and Mr. Trujillo 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 – Yes Vestal – Yes

Student Martinez recommended a yes vote.

New Business: Resolution 08-13-14 Tie Breaking Criteria for Seniority Order for Certificated Employees with the Same First Date of Paid Service

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44955(d), the Board of Education is required to determine the District needs should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same date. The criteria identified in this resolution will be used to break ties for employees with the same first paid date of service. Ms. Hendricks recommended approval of

this resolution. Following a clarifying question from GSCFT President Kirschen, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of Resolution 08-13-14 and Mr. Trujillo 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 – Yes Vestal – Yes

Student Martinez recommended a yes vote.

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 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education