

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
June 19, 2013**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Absent: Ken Wagman

Student Representative Graham Denevan, Soquel High School  
Student Representative Winter Miller, Costanoa High School

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
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.

**Agenda Changes**

The following revisions were noted and approved by the Board of Education: a) revised meeting agenda – Expulsion 16-12-13 was added to Closed Session Item II.2; Closed Session Item II.8 Conference: Real Property Negotiations for 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA, was added to the agenda. b) the Certificated Personnel actions were revised; c) the Classified Personnel actions were revised.

**Student Board Member Recognition**

Board President Tracy-Proulx presented Winter Miller and Graham Denevan with Certificates of Recognition for their valuable service to Santa Cruz City Schools as Student Board Representatives.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Santa Cruz resident and SCCS Grandparent George Bettinger detailed his concerns at the Santa Cruz High School campus and asked the Trustees to provide strong guidance to administrators for dealing with these issues and proper training for staff members to address his specific concerns. Parent Linda Snook requested that aide positions in the SDC classes remain fully funded for the 2013-14 school year. Several people, including Soquel HS Athletic Director Stu Walters, Harbor HS Athletic Director Steve Kopald, Booster Club President Melissa Morris, Santa Cruz High Schools Accounting Technician II Jeanie Brown, and former Mountain School Board Member/current JV Softball Coach Mark Szychowski asked the Trustees to consider funding the Athletic Director and Coaches stipends in 2013-14 and beyond. Santa Cruz High School

Accounting Technician II Jeanie Brown wanted to publicly acknowledge that Santa Cruz High School is a fine school with a well-run campus. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon reported attending a wonderful celebration with a record number of graduates for Delta Charter School on June 5. Former Student Board Representative and proud Santa Cruz High School alumni Nick Morris reported that he is working on a documentary film about the Natural Bridges school history – anyone wishing to contact Nick with pertinent information may obtain his email address from Administrative Assistant Nancy Lentz at the District Office ([nlentz@sccs.net](mailto:nlentz@sccs.net)). Women’s Community Day Education Center Coordinator Samantha Abley urged SCCS to continue Health Education classes separate from Physical Education curriculum. SCCCE President Chacanaca reported that the Union has not settled the 2013-14 contract with District Administration and that the District will file for impasse. Mr. Chacanaca may file an Unfair Labor Practice report against the District.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Bloom thanked and acknowledged the Athletic Directors and Sports Programs supporters who spoke this evening and noted that these programs are valued and appreciated on many levels. The Superintendent introduced Daniel Denton, newly appointed Co-Principal of SCCS Adult School and Small Schools. Superintendent Bloom announced the resignation of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Alvaro Meza. Two crossing guards will be added at DeLaveaga Elementary, with 40% of the cost paid by SCCS and 60% of the cost covered by the City of Santa Cruz. The City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation Department has offered to send staff members to Mission Hill Middle School to provide lunch time activities at no charge to SCCS – we are thankful for this wonderful outreach opportunity. More than 800 students graduated from Santa Cruz City Schools last week – that is quite an accomplishment.

### **Student Representative’s Report**

Student Representative Denevan reported that Senior Awards Night was especially gratifying as he felt the awards and scholarships to a great degree matched the diversity of the student population at Soquel High School. Student Denevan thanked the Board of Education for the wonderful opportunity to serve this year and noted that this experience inspired him to take an Education Policy course at Berkeley next year.

Student Representative Miller reported she is glad to graduate but sad to be leaving the Small Schools campus. Student Miller was proud to speak at the graduation ceremony and she has learned that the youth in this city have tremendous skills. Ms. Miller thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to be heard at these meetings.

- Note: Student Denevan left the meeting at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2013. Student Representative Miller recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts; Contract for Legal Services – Dannis, Woliver, Kelley; Contract for Legal Services – Fagen, Friedman, Fulfroost; Revised/Updated Board Policies; Classified Job Description – Lead Technology Specialist; Resolution 29-12-13 Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent BS/Finance Director to Accept Bids; Resolution 30-12-13 Authorized District Signatures; Resolution 31-12-13 Education Protection Act Spending Plan 2013-14; Resolution 32-12-13

Authorizing Summer Personnel Actions; School-wide Title I Plans; Soquel HS Science Course Proposal; Soquel HS 2013-14 Agricultural Vocational Educational Incentives Grant; Soquel HS Out-of-State Field Trip; Science Text Book Adoption; District Service Agreement for Migrant Services 2013-14; Consolidated Application 2012-13/2013-14 Elementary and Secondary; NPA/NPS Contracts – Special Education; Bid Award for Science Labs; Bid Award for Mission Hill MS Classroom Conversions; Language Clarification-Classified Management Salary Schedule; Adult School Calendar 2013-14; Disposal of Surplus Items. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following items donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz City Schools District* - The District Nutrition Program received 1,600 biodegradable BPA-free water bottles with the CalFresh logo for students in coordination with the district’s hydration station program currently operating at four schools. *Westlake Elementary School* - Ian Chambers donated a computer and monitor to this school. *Santa Cruz High School* - Tom Chaffin and Gail Pellerin donated \$1,050 for classroom supplies; the California WIC Nutrition Program donated 18 used computers to Santa Cruz HS. *Soquel High School* - Teacher Margaret M. Kline donated \$681.51 to Soquel HS Ms. Threet 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

Student Representative Miller recommended a yes vote.

**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 6-0. The Trustees welcomed new Administrator Daniel Denton, Co-Principal of Small Schools and the Adult School. The Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Alvaro Meza.
2. The Trustees received an update on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 15-12-13 and 16-12-13 with a vote of 6-0.
4. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2013-14.
6. The Board of Education approved Special Education Settlement Agreement OAH Case No. 2013040952 with a vote of 6-0.
7. The board spoke briefly regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Govt. Code 54957), Title: Superintendent.
8. The Board of Education approved Real Property Negotiations (Govt. Code 54956.8), Address: 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA with a vote of 6-0.

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

**Informational Report: Supervisor John Leopold Annual Update to the Board of Education**

Mr. Leopold reported on county projects that have been completed, those in-progress, and some that are still “on the drawing board”. The County will be working diligently on outreach and enrollment for the new health care options that will be available to folks in 2014, and on developing a plan for future economic development in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County. Supervisor Leopold thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide a report.

- Note: Student Miller left the meeting at this time.

**Staff Report: District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross reported to the Board of Education on this matter. Mr. Gross reported that each school with 21 or more English Learners forms an English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). DELAC is composed of parents and staff representatives from the ELAC committees at each school site. DELAC advises the District on the revision of the master plan for English Learners (ELs); assists with the District's needs assessment on a school-by-school basis and assists the District with the plan to ensure that all teachers and instructional assistants are compliant with all legal requirements; advises on procedures used to reclassify students; advises on written notifications sent to parents/guardians; provides training opportunities to assist DELAC members in carrying out their responsibilities. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**New Business: School Safety Zones**

Superintendent Bloom reported that a Safe School Zone is, according to the California Penal Code 626, any of the following places during regular school hours or within 60 minutes before and after any school sponsored activity on the campus:

- Any area within 1,000 feet of a school; and
- Any area within 100 feet of a designated bus stop

Any person who commits a crime near the school or within the Safe School Zone is subject to increased penalties. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education directed Administration to work with the City and County of Santa Cruz to post signage around Santa Cruz City Schools sites alerting the public to safe school zone regulations.

**Staff Report: Annual Wellness Committee Report**

Student Services Director Brown presented the annual report to the Trustees. Topics included Food and Nutrition, Parent Education and Physical Activity. The committee is ensuring that the District Wellness Policy is being implemented at all sites, and hopes to have broader outreach and more parent participation in the coming year. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Santa Cruz City Schools 2013-14 Budget**

Per the AB 1200 requirement, this Public Hearing allows for public comment prior to Board approval of the 2013-14 Budget.

**OPEN:** Board President Tracy-Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 8:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CLOSE:** Board President Tracy-Proulx closed this Public Hearing at 8:04 p.m.

**New Business: Santa Cruz City Schools 2013-14 Budget**

Mr. Meza reported that Santa Cruz City Schools is on a single budget adoption cycle and adopts a budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is fully anticipated that the Governor will reach a compromise with the Legislature on the proposed State Budget, yielding additional revenues to the District. Once the details of the State Budget are released, the District will revise its budget and provide the Governing Board with its fiscal impact at the Regular Meeting on August 21, 2013. Mr. Meza recommended adoption of the Preliminary Budget as presented. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Preliminary Budget as presented, along with a "Rider Bill" including the following "Stage 2" items: Athletic Director stipends for the comprehensive secondary sites, Work Station Equipment Upgrades at ten sites, and Tech Coach Kits (mobile smart classroom) at ten sites. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

**New Business: Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Teachers**

Ms. Hendricks reported this Declaration comes on an annual basis as a CCTC requirement for the Elementary and Secondary districts. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 5-0-1 the Board of Education adopted the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Teachers. Ms. Coonerty was not present in the room at the time of the vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Solar Purchase Power Agreement (PPA)**

The Board is required to conduct a Public Hearing to allow for public comment prior to adopting a resolution setting forth findings required by Government Code section 4217.12 regarding anticipated energy cost savings and other benefits from entering into energy service contracts. The Public Notice was posted at sites.

**OPEN:** Board President Tracy-Proulx opened this Public Hearing at 8:26 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CLOSE:** 8:26 p.m.

**New Business: Resolution 33-12-13 SolarCity Solar PPA**

The District proposes to enter into five power purchase agreements with SolarCity – solar carports at Harbor High School, Soquel High School, Westlake Elementary, DeLaveaga Elementary, and a rooftop system at Branciforte Middle School. The estimated savings in the first year is \$41,172 but can be much higher over the life of the 20 year agreement. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Resolution, and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**Old Business: Adult Education Revenue Enhancement**

On May 22, 2013, the Governing Board discussed the possibility of rate increases for the ESL and the High School Adult Ed classes. These increases are offered as part of an array of budget solutions to bring the Adult Ed budget into balance for 2013-14. Mr. Meza and Adult School Principal Tabachnick support the revenue enhancements. MSP (Hawthorne/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Adult Education revenue enhancements.

**New Business: Superintendent’s Contract Renewal**

Board President Tracy-Proulx reported that the Trustees have received lots of thoughtful feedback on this matter and that Trustee Wagman, absent tonight, asked her to convey his support for the contract extension. Ms. Hawthorne reported that she had discussed some of the feedback with Superintendent Bloom and he had recommended some training opportunities for site administrators in 2013-14. Following discussion among Board Members and comments from the SCCCE and GSCFT Presidents, MSP (Hawthorne/Threet) 4-2, the Board of Education extended the contract for Superintendent Bloom for one year – the new contract end date is June 30, 2016. Ms. Coonerty and Mr. Trujillo voted no.

**BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

**Board President’s Report**

Board President Tracy-Proulx thanked everyone for a great school year, especially the Branciforte Middle School teachers and office staff. Ms. Tracy-Proulx wished Mr. Meza the best of luck in his new endeavor.

### **Board Members' Reports and Referrals**

Board Member Vestal attended the promotion/graduation ceremonies for Delta Charter School, DeLaveaga Elementary, Mission Hill Middle School and Adult Education – and they were all great! Ms. Vestal thanked Mr. Meza for his patience, leadership and help.

Board Member Threet attended promotion/graduation ceremonies at: Soquel High School; Delta Charter School; DeLaveaga Elementary School; the Gault Biliteracy Ceremony. Ms. Threet wished Mr. Meza well.

Board Member Hawthorne thanked Mr. Meza for his valuable service to the District. Ms. Hawthorne attended a meeting with the City of Santa Cruz to work on a partnership between organizations. The committee will meet quarterly and both agencies are eager to improve this relationship.

Board Member Coonerty attended the following promotion/graduation ceremonies: Westlake Elementary School; Monarch Elementary School; Alternative Family Education; Costanoa Continuation High School; Ark Independent Studies. Ms. Coonerty has been learning more about Career and Technical Education and the ROP classes. Regarding the Walk-to-Read program data: in 2013-14 please include data that includes both the lowest and the highest 20% of students. Trustee Coonerty thanked Mr. Meza for his skill at teaching the budget process and Board President Tracy-Proulx for her style, clarity and leadership as the President of the Governing Board.

Board Member Trujillo thanked Board President Tracy-Proulx for her skill as both a colleague and a friend and Mr. Meza for “demystifying” the budget and bringing a sense of humor and engaging manner to a normally dry subject matter. Mr. Trujillo spent some time with Assemblyman Mark Stone discussing funding for the homeless, foster children, and youth matters. Board Member Trujillo visited both middle schools and spoke at length with both administrators and staff members. Mr. Trujillo attended the following promotion/graduation ceremonies: Mission Hill Middle School; Harbor High School; Santa Cruz High School; Adult Education. Board Member Trujillo has concerns about district English Learner Math Programs.

### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on August 21, 2013, 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 September 11, 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 September 25, 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 9, 2013, 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 October 23, 2013, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education