

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
June 25, 2014 REVISED**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:31 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, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Kris Munro, Interim Superintendent  
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
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**

MSP (Hawthorne/Tracy-Proulx) 4-2-1, the Board of Education approved removing Item VIII.3.5 Charter School Ad Hoc Facilities Committee from tonight's agenda. This item will be brought back to the Trustees for review, if necessary, in September 2014.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**

MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board elected Superintendent Munro to serve as Clerk of the Board.

MSP (Vestal/Tracy-Proulx) 4-3, Ms. Threet is removed as Board President. Dr. Coonerty, Ms. Threet and Mr. Trujillo voted no. During discussion, Board President Threet makes this statement: "I believe that if this has been talked about by more than three of the Board Members we would have a violation of the Brown Act." Mr. Wagman replies: "You are absolutely correct. This is why there are only 3 of us. This is why Sheila is absolutely surprised and Cynthia may be pleased or not pleased but she is still absolutely surprised. Because Deb, Claudia and I have been talking about this since the Board Reorganization item went on the agenda and I realized that this was the opportunity...so the three of us had talked." Dr. Coonerty makes the following

statement: "There is just no question in my mind that this is a move that has to do with issues that are, that have to do with power and control of a situation and not with the running of our school board. The best issues of the public, the best for our children is not involved with this issue and I cannot support it in any way. I am sure that Patty will sleep better tonight but it is profoundly disturbing that this should be done in this fashion."

MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 4-3, Ms. Vestal is elected Board President. Dr. Coonerty, Ms. Threet and Mr. Trujillo voted no.

Dr. Coonerty is nominated by Ms. Tracy-Proulx for the position of Board Vice President. Mr. Wagman seconds this motion. Ms. Coonerty makes the following statement: "I am not sure I can accept given the conditions that I think are not appropriate. I would not feel I was doing what is ethically responsible to be stepping into a position that I think should not be open in the first place. So I thank you for considering me but I decline". Dr. Coonerty declines the nomination and no vote is taken.

MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 3-4, Mr. Trujillo is not elected as Board Vice President. Ms. Tracy-Proulx, Ms. Hawthorne, Mr. Wagman and Ms. Vestal voted no

MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 4-3, Ms. Tracy-Proulx is elected Board Vice President. Dr. Coonerty, Ms. Threet and Mr. Trujillo voted no.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Community Educator Jane Weed announced that a private donor has made a contribution to Positive Discipline Training at the Small Schools Campus. One full day of training will be available on August 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and additional trainings will occur throughout the school year. Trustees and Cabinet Members are invited to attend.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Munro reported that Secondary Summer School is taking place from June 17 through July 11: 130 students are enrolled in the summer math bridge program; 130 students are enrolled in credit recovery programs. Through the efforts of Curriculum Director Wildman, Santa Cruz City Schools has received a \$10,000 donation from Seagate this week to support site technology coaches and our online blended learning programs. The Superintendent attended an S4C Meeting this week that included a Linked Learning update. Summer professional development opportunities include: College Preparatory Mathematics (CPM); Middle School Core Coaches; Read 180 Training; CRLP – Unit Writers; High School Social Studies Leads – planning for CCSS professional development in 2014-15; Mini-MERIT Academy – 1<sup>st</sup> week of August – 25 teachers – Krause Center for Innovation at Branciforte Middle School. School site leaders and office teams are wrapping up the year and will go dark for the month of July. The Human Resources Department is very busy recruiting and supporting outstanding new staff. Business Services is working on closing the books for 2013-14. The Facilities teams are hard at work on summer projects and site custodial teams are beginning the summer "deep" cleaning routines. The Educational Services Department will be out of the office in July. Superintendent Munro hopes to meet with individual Board Members and Union Presidents Kirschen and Chacanaca during July. A new proposal from PCS is expected soon, and we are hopeful that a successful resolution for all will be reached. It has been amazing to work with Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Shemwell – we wish them well.

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

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Trujillo thanked Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Shemwell for their service at Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Trujillo congratulated Ms. Munro as the first female Superintendent for SCCS. Due to his constraints as a caregiver at this time, Mr. Trujillo appreciates that Superintendent Munro will be visiting him at home to discuss business. Mr. Trujillo will continue to bring his brand of transparency to the business of the district and anticipates that site administrators will understand his job. Thank you for being patient.

Board Member Threet thanked Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Shemwell for doing an incredible job of serving our students with a smile. Trustee Threet continues to hear from the community regarding coaching stipends and folks continue to ask for the report on Athletics. Ms. Threet is confident that the Cabinet members were looking for funding for this purpose – but the budget from the State was not set. Board Member Threet is pleased to hear that her remarks from June 18 regarding resolving issues with PCS were heard and acted on. It is time to move forward for the whole community.

Board Member Coonerty welcomed Kris to the office of the Superintendent. Dr. Coonerty thanked Ms. Hendricks for her professionalism, courtesy and respect. Dr. Coonerty thanked Mr. Shemwell for his leadership, transparency and honesty. Dr. Coonerty has heard from the community that Superintendent Munro is providing the leadership that may find resolution with PCS. Dr. Coonerty has read the bylaws regarding Committee(s) for Board Members and would like to visit this topic in the early fall.

Board Member Wagman acknowledged Superintendent Munro's commitment to working with the Board as a whole and the individual members as well throughout the summer. Trustee Wagman thanked Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Shemwell for their service to this community. Mr. Wagman acknowledged Ms. Hawthorne for being the driving force behind the new meetings with PCS.

Board Member Hawthorne thanked Ms. Hendricks for her leadership, grace and support during her time in the district and acknowledged Mr. Shemwell for the structure and a workable process for framing our Local Control Funding Formula during his tenure at SCCS. Trustee Hawthorne feels that if SCCS can offer PCS a chance for continued access to playing fields and a gymnasium – they will put Proposition 39 in the shredder. This will save the District hundreds of man-hours and tens of thousands of dollars.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx welcomed Superintendent Munro to her new position and for being willing to take on these formidable responsibilities. Robert – thanks for the clarity. Karen – the grace and support during difficult times was appreciated. Congratulations to Curriculum Director Wildman for securing the \$10,000 from Seagate for our site technology coaches. Ms. Tracy-Proulx is pleased to hear that the Athletic Committee will be bring forward some recommendations in the early fall. Thanks to Dr. Coonerty for sharing her concerns regarding Committee Bylaws – I look forward to working with you on this matter.

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

Board President Vestal thanked Ms. Hendricks and Mr. Shemwell for their service and their integrity. Board President Vestal acknowledged Superintendent Munro for a great start to the new year and looks forward to working together for students.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Closed Session Meeting on June 3, 2014. Mr. Wagman, Dr. Coonerty and Mr. Trujillo abstained from this vote.

## **Consent Agenda**

Following clarifying questions, Ms. Tracy-Proulx 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 Gifts; Item 1.5 Course Approval – AVID Tutor; Item 1.6 Adult Education 2014-15 Calendar; Item 1.7 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements – 1.7.1.a CSA Harbor HS – 1.7.2.a Contract Agreement for Educational Services/Adult Education; Item 1.8 Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following donations made to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Soquel High School* – Antoinette Cook donated \$1,000 to the scholarship fund used to grant awards to graduating seniors. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this 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                      Wagman – Yes

## **Closed Session Actions Report**

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0. The Board is pleased to announce the following 2014-15 appointment: Jason Bainbridge, Assistant Principal, Soquel High School.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 20-13-14 and 21-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education reviewed the Annual Goals & Objectives for Public Employee: Superintendent
4. The Board of Education gave direction to staff to proceed with preparing and entering into a lease of real property at 133 Mission St., Suite 103, Santa Cruz, CA, to Marco Consulting, Inc.

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

#### **3.1 Resolution 30-13-14 in Support of the Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing in Santa Cruz County**

Mr. Wagman introduced AFE teacher Joanne Brown to report to the Trustees. This resolution is the work of the Alternative Family Education Student Environmental Action Club. The resolution was brought to the Green Schools Committee where it was unanimously approved for Board consideration. The club has organized screenings of movies for the community followed by student-led discussion groups and other school events. This resolution is the culmination of the year's work for the club. Mr. Trujillo 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 – Yes                      Vestal – Yes                      Wagman – Yes

#### **3.2 Resolution 26-13-14 Ordering November 2014 Election**

This resolution is required for the Board of Trustees election on November 4, 2014. This resolution defines the specification of the election order listing the number of seats being vacated, length of term, responsibility for the Candidate's Statement of Qualification and the length of the statement. It also requests that the County Elections Department conduct the election and consolidate it with the General Election on November 4, 2014. Dr. Coonerty moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded this 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                      Wagman – Yes

#### **3.3 Approve Local Control Accountability Plan 2014-15**

The LCAP developed by the District was presented to the Trustees on June 18, 2014. There have been no changes since that date. The recommendation is now made to adopt the District Local Control and

Accountability Plan. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the District Local Control and Accountability Plan 2014-15.

**3.4 2014-15 Budget and Certifications**

Mr. Shemwell reported that the Budget for 2014-15 was presented at the Board Meeting on June 18, 2014. The budget presented tonight reflects changes due to the Board's decision on June 18 to postpone the opening of Natural Bridges School until the 2016-17 school year. Following discussion and questions, Ms. Threet moved approval of the 2014-15 Budget and Certifications with the following amendment – instead of the proposed \$450,000.00 fund for the Food Services Department, fund \$350,000.00 to Food Services and use the remaining \$100,000.00 to provide secondary site coaching stipends - \$25,000 to Harbor, Santa Cruz and Soquel High Schools and \$12,500 to Branciforte and Mission Hill Middle Schools. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion. The motion was not approved by a vote of 3-4. Mr. Wagman, Ms. Hawthorne, Ms. Tracy-Proulx and Ms. Vestal voted no.

MSP (Hawthorne/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2014-15 Budget and Certifications.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Board of Education is not scheduled at this time to meet in July 2014.
2. The Regular Meeting on August 20, 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 Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education