

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

Convene Closed Session

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 6:01 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 6:36 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	

Absent – Student Representatives Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz High School

Absent – 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

None

Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that the Board of Education will return to Closed Session at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting Open Session business. Superintendent Bloom reported a productive meeting between SCCS and the City of Santa Cruz – discussion items included School Crossing Guards, School Resource Officer and

increased collaboration between SCCS and Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation. The Latino Role Models Conference took place at Harbor High School on Saturday, March 8th and it was a wonderful event. There are excellent opportunities for parent education at this annual event. The District Natural Bridges Advisory Committee will meet all day in San Jose on Saturday, March 15. If Board Members have suggested edits for the posted job description for the SCCS Superintendent's position, please send them to Leadership Associates. The district has purchased 200 Chromebooks for the online assessments that replace the California Standardized Tests.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Student Representatives' Reports

None

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Trujillo had a wonderful opportunity to plant trees at Harbor High School last weekend and attended the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting on Monday, March 10. Mr. Trujillo extended his thanks to fellow Trustees for responding so expediently to his emails and feels that communication between the Trustees is flowing better than ever. Board President Threet is doing a great job.

Board Member Vestal attended the Delta Charter School Open House and the 5th Annual Together for Kindergarten event at the County Office of Education. It is important to work closely with families towards closing the achievement gap.

Board Member Coonerty made several elementary campus visits since the Trustees met last. Dr. Coonerty is giving lots of thought to the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee. Dr. Coonerty is seeking data regarding the effectiveness of the Dos Alas program to date, as well as information about parent participation in the Local Control Funding Formula process – and has suggested both of these items for inclusion in a future meeting agenda. Dr. Coonerty seeks a better understanding of the RTI/SST data and the effects on Special Education students.

Board Member Wagman attended the SCCS/City of Santa Cruz Meeting and it was great. Mr. Wagman also received lots of great public feedback regarding the reopening of the Natural Bridges campus at the public meeting at Mission Hill Middle School on March 3rd. The Green Schools Committee will meet on March 18 at the Harbor High School Library and this group is seeking the participation of secondary students. The next committee meeting will include results from the Green School Ribbon application submitted by SCCS.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association will partner with the County Office of Education to offer Local Control Funding Formula training on Thursday, April 10 at the COE. Trustee Hawthorne looks forward to the City of Santa Cruz performing outreach to students through the city schools as different options are explored over the next few months. The Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee will be visiting with neighbors door-to-door beginning March 20 to discuss partnering for safety at and around the campus.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx is extremely gratified that the work of the City Safety Task Force Committee has been so well received and acted upon by the City of Santa Cruz. Ms. Tracy-Proulx is aware of the great enthusiasm of the Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee and hopes that the neighborhood partnerships are very successful and will serve as a model for other SCCS school sites. The District Technology Task Force will meet on March 20 at Harbor High School. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Natural Bridges Public Meeting

at the Beach Flats Community Center on March 3rd and found it very interesting. Trustee Tracy-Proulx would like to have a report from Ecology Action regarding their programs and services.

Board President's Report

Board President Threet thanked Personnel Commissioner Logsdon for his continued support of Santa Cruz City Schools through Bookshop Santa Cruz fundraising activities. Ms. Threet attended the Delta Charter School Open House and the Personnel Commission Meeting. Board President Threet is appreciative of the Santa Cruz County School Board Association for hosting the upcoming LCFF Meeting at the COE on April 10. Thank you to those folks who provided input regarding the search for a new superintendent. Board President Threet has asked the Superintendent and Cabinet to bring forward meeting norms for both the Board and the public to use at the Board Meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2014 as submitted.

Consent Agenda

Following some Board Comments regarding Item 1.5 Revised Board Policies, Ms. Vestal moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: 1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; 1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; 1.3 Purchase Orders; 1.4 Warrant Register; 1.5 Revised Board Policies – 2nd reading; 1.6 Contracts and Consultant Services Agreements – 1.a Leadership Associates, Superintendent Search Firm – 2.a School Innovations & Achievement Contract Revision for Mandated Cost Claims – 3.a Non Public Agency/ Non Public Agreement for Special Education. Ms. Tracy-Proulx 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 Wagman – Yes

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 heard information regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957)
3. The Board of Education approved a Final Settlement Agreement for a Special Education Matter with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 10-13-14, 11-13-14, 12-13-14, 13-13-14 and 14-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.
5. The Board of Education reviewed information regarding Public Employment/Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Instructional Leadership Focus – Realizing our Goals & Metrics

Harbor High School Principal Davis and Branciforte Middle School Principal Pfothenauer reported on the two days of collaboration among principals to develop action plans focused on aligned, continuous improvement efforts on behalf of students and families. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.2 New Business: LEAP Portfolio Revision/Change to Graduation Requirement

Curriculum Director Wildman reported that the Trustees are asked to approve the elimination of the LEAP (Literary Exhibition and Assessment) portfolio as a graduation requirement. The requirement will be replaced with a new assessment called the Common Core Assessment Profile (CCAP) and will include writing in the three Common Core genres: Expository, Argument and Narrative. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the elimination of the LEAP portfolio as a graduation requirement.

3.3 New Business: Resolution 12-13-14 Reduce Particular Kinds of Services for Adult Education

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955, the Board of Education is advised to reduce or eliminate Adult Education particular kinds of services for the 2014-15 school year. With uncertain funding as of this date, the District is recommending a reduction of 35 hours of services. 82% of Adult Education program hours are intact at this time, and the District hopes to rescind layoff notices to staff as soon as the budget picture is confirmed. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Wagman 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 – No Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

3.4 New Business: Resolution 13-13-14 Release/Reassignment of Administrative Employees

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44951, employees must be notified of the Board’s decision to release/reassign the employees for the 2014-15 school year on or before March 15. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval 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 Wagman – Yes

3.5 New Business: Resolution 14-13-14 Non-Reelection of Certain Probationary Certificated Employees

Ms. Hendricks reported that on or before March 15th of a probationary certificated employee’s second complete consecutive school year of service, the Superintendent or designee must notify the employee of the Board’s decision to not reelect the employee for the following year. Mr. Trujillo moved approval and 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

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education