

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
March 26, 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 6:33 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, 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. Board President Threet reported that she will use Rosenberg’s Rules, a modified version of Robert’s Rules, to help successfully run the board meetings during her term as President in 2014.

**Agenda Changes**

Item VII.3.3 New Business: 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report will precede Item VII.3.2 New Business: Revised Goals & Metrics.

**Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bloom visited Roseville High School with SCCS Administrators and Faculty to observe a nationally recognized AVID program and it was time well spent. Secondary Administrators experienced a very informative visit this morning at Monarch Alternative Elementary School. Santa Cruz City schools will begin the new Smarter Balanced online assessment practice testing program at Gault Elementary School beginning the week of April 7 – if any Trustees are interested in observing the new online testing procedures, please let the Superintendent know.

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

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Devine reported that Santa Cruz High School will complete the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of classes this week before the start of Spring Break. Some students at Santa Cruz High School are experiencing a less expedient access to campus with the new security measures that are in place.

Student Representative Martinez reported that Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> is the final day to sign up for 2014 Advanced Placement Exams. Harbor High School will host an SAT Boot Camp in April and a Community Unity Meeting on April 25.

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended: the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee meeting in San Jose on March 15; the Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee Neighborhood Outreach Walk; a District Technology Task Force meeting; the Branciforte Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Incoming Student meeting.

Board Member Wagman joined the Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee Neighborhood Outreach Walk and attended the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee meeting in San Jose on March 15. Mr. Wagman is looking forward to the next Natural Bridges Public Input meetings on April 21. Trustee Wagman also attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on March 25.

Board Members Hawthorne, Vestal and Tracy-Proulx visited Bay View Elementary to discuss the Playworks Program with representatives from the City of Santa Cruz. Ms. Hawthorne will attend the City of Santa Cruz Budget meeting on May 25 to suggest a shared partnership between SCCS and SC City to expand the Playworks Program. The Santa Cruz High School Safety Committee Neighborhood Outreach Walk included twelve walking teams. Trustee Hawthorne attended the Technology Task Force meeting and the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. The County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Training is April 11 – this event is jointly sponsored by the COE and the County School Boards Association and is free to every trustee and school staff member.

Board Member Coonerty attended the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee meeting in San Jose on March 15. Dr. Coonerty would like to receive information on district consultant services expenditures.

Board Member Vestal attended the Santa Cruz High School Winter Guard performance in Lost Gatos on March 15 – kudos to district teacher Latham for her support of student performers on different teams. Ms. Vestal attended the Wellness Committee meeting, the observation of Playworks at Bay View Elementary School and the Delta Charter School Board Meeting.

Board Member Trujillo is also interested in receiving details on district consultant services expenditures. Mr. Trujillo attended: the Green Schools Meeting; visited the Small Schools Campus and enjoyed a lunch prepared by students with ingredients from the Life Lab; the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Board Member Trujillo encouraged the Trustees to explore alternative administrative staffing options and curricular partnerships that might enhance revenues and decrease expenditures in the district.

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

Board President Threet has been investigating governance options for the meetings and has decided to use the Rosenberg Rules as the basic guidelines for conducting business at the Santa Cruz City Schools Board Meetings. Ms. Threet attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting and the Soquel High vs. Aptos High Baseball game. The Board President continues to meet with community members to hear input on school issues and is hopeful that the District will attract great candidates for the position of Superintendent. Dialogue with Live Oak and Soquel Union Elementary district Trustees to support increased district alignment continues. Ms. Threet is taking action to schedule a continuing Board Self-Study Session in late April.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Trujillo/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting on March 5, 2014 as submitted.
2. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2014 as submitted.

### **Consent Agenda**

Following some clarifying questions and comments from the Trustees, Mr. Trujillo 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 Budget Transfers; 1.6 Gifts; 1.7 Revised Board Policies; 1.8 2014-15 School Calendars; 1.9 Resolution 15-13-14 Emergency Plumbing Work – Harbor HS; 1.10 Contracts and Consultant Services Agreements – 1.a Robert Asher, SCHS, African Heritage Community Engagement – 2.a Crowe Horwath audit services for fiscal year 2013-14 – 2.b American Fidelity Administrative Services – tracking, monitoring & reporting hours worked by employees for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under the Affordable Care Act. The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gift donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz High School*: Mary Jo May donated \$600 to the Santa Cruz High School Mock Trial Club. Dr. Coonerty 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

Students Devine and Martinez recommended a yes vote on the Consent Agenda.

### **Closed Session Actions Report**

1. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 6-0.
2. The Board of Education did not receive information regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957)
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 15-13-14 with a vote of 6-0.

\*Note – Student Representative Martinez left the meeting at this time.

## ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANACTED and/or DISCUSSED

### **3.1 Staff Report: Linked Learning**

Superintendent Bloom reported that District Goal #1 is to ensure that all SCCS students will be prepared to successfully access post-secondary college and career opportunities. Santa Cruz City Schools started the initiative for the county-wide S4C (Santa Cruz County College Commitment). The Superintendent acknowledged Ray Kaupp, Cabrillo Community College Director of Workforce Development and Executive Director of S4C for stepping forward to share the lead in this program. California Career Pathways Trust Funds are made available to school districts, county superintendents of schools, charter schools, and community college districts in the form of one-time competitive grants for career pathways programs. Currently, Santa Cruz City Schools has two successful Linked Learning Programs at Soquel High School. Through our partnership with the Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C), we are collaborating on a countywide grant application led by S4C to support the implementation of Linked Learning in all of our high schools and to have dedicated state resources for College and Career Preparation. The pathways deliver outcomes that include: increased attendance rates; decreased dropout rates; increased standardized test scores; increased success for Latino and African-American students; real word success for students. Linked Learning Career Pathways promotes success for all students! This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

### **3.3 New Business: 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report**

Mr. Shemwell provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget Report to the Trustees. Information included: 1<sup>st</sup> Interim vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim unrestricted revenues and expenditures; Designated Set-Asides at 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim; Multi-Year Projection; On the Horizon. In conclusion, Mr. Shemwell recommended the Board of Education approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report with a Positive Certification. MSP (Hawthorne/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report with a Positive Certification.

### **3.2 New Business: Revised Goals & Metrics**

Ms. Munro reported that for the past four years, Santa Cruz City Schools has aligned its efforts around the achievement of board-adopted goals. The selected metrics which are used as indicators of progress toward achievement of goals will need to be revised as we move to new local measures, a new state accountability system (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP), implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Ms. Munro presented the new metrics and reported that staff is engaged in analyzing these and other data as we plan for efforts of continuous improvement in Santa Cruz City Schools. Following comments, questions and discussion MSP (Trujillo/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Revised Goals & Metrics. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **3.4 New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Classified Salary Increase**

The Board is required by AB 1200 to make this tentative agreement available to the public, to publicly disclose its costs and to conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comments prior on the agreement prior to being approved. There is a cost increase of \$110,640.87 associated with this Tentative Agreement.

**Open:** Board President Threet opened this Public Hearing at 8:35 p.m.

**Public Comment:** SCCCE President Chacanaca felt that page 92 of the Board Book did not accurately reflect the spirit of the agreement between SCCS and SCCCE regarding Health Insurance contributions of the district and of the Classified Employees.

**Close:** Board President Threet closed this Public Hearing at 8:38 p.m.

**3.5 New Business: Classified Salary Schedules**

Mr. Shemwell recommended approval of the revised Classified Salary Schedules to reflect the approved agreement. MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the revised Classified Salary Schedules. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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**

Prior to the adjournment of this Regular Meeting, Mr. Wagman asked the Board President to consider placing the new meeting guidelines on a future agenda for discussion.

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Threet adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President  
Board of Education