

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 21, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:33 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 6:34 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	

Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz High School

Absent: 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.

Agenda Changes

Following a brief discussion and comments from Staff and Public, MSP (Threet/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board of Education pulled Item VII.3.6 Resolution 22-13-14 Classified Layoffs from the agenda and asked to have the item included in the agenda for the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2014.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bay View Teacher/GSCFT Secretary Landry expressed concerns regarding the 2014-15 reduction of Classroom Aide hours for K/1 classrooms and asked the Trustees to consider sites with hardworking but less economically privileged parents when making budget decisions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom welcomed all staff and community members in attendance this evening. The Superintendent provided a copies to the Trustees and the public of a May 20th District Press Release announcing the list of 161 universities and colleges that have currently accepted graduating seniors from Harbor, Santa Cruz, Soquel, Delta and Costanoa High Schools and the Alternative Family Education program. The list is expected to grow through the end of the school year as more students receive admission notices. The Superintendent is very proud of the work done at Santa Cruz City Schools.

Presentation of Student Board Representative Certificate

Board President Threet presented Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine with an Outstanding Service certificate honoring his service and dedication to the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education during the 2014-15 school year.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Devine reported that as the Santa Cruz High School academic year winds down students have finished Smarter Balanced testing and are gearing up for final exams. Everyone is excited to have two new Assistance Principals for 2014-15.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Harbor High School ROP Portfolio judging event and found the student work exceptional. Ms. Tracy-Proulx congratulated the Branciforte Middle School 7th Graders for a great Byzantine Bazaar. Many thanks to the Branciforte Middle School parents who provided the lovely staff luncheon today.

Board Member Hawthorne is one of the CSBA Region 9A Delegate Representative and attended the Delegate Assembly in Sacramento this past weekend. The conference celebrated the 60th anniversary of Brown vs. the Board of Education and welcomed Melba Pattillo Beals – one of the nine students who integrated Arkansas's Little Rock Central High School in the fall of 1957. Ms. Hawthorne will keep Ms. Beals' moving speech in mind as she makes budget decisions.

Board Member Wagman ended his May 8 Bike to Work Day at the Gault Elementary School Open House and enjoyed it very much. Mr. Wagman attended the joint City of Santa Cruz/SCCS Meeting yesterday. The Natural Bridges Advisory Committee Facilitator Michael Kaufman did an exemplary job of training SCCS folks how to facilitate – not run – a meeting.

Board Member Coonerty has been greatly focused on the Natural Bridges Reopening project over the past weeks and is proud to be a part of the committee and a part of this community. Dr. Coonerty is also increasing her knowledge about the Local Control Funding Formula. Folks who are here to speak to the Natural Bridges reopening report might consider staying for the fiscal reports that will be presented later in the agenda, as these items will also affect the reopening of the school.

Board Member Vestal recently attended the Delta Charter School Open House event, the District Wellness Committee meeting and observed the Monarch Elementary School 5th Grade Exit Presentations. All of these events were a great way to realize her job and responsibilities in the district. The Santa Cruz Education Foundation EDDY Awards were inspiring. Ms. Vestal the Santa Cruz Art League to view the annual student art exhibition – all of our high schools were represented – including Delta Charter School.

Board Member Trujillo reported that he will run for reelection later this year. Mr. Trujillo has experienced a family medical emergency and will spend the next several months serving as the primary caretaker for his partner. Board Member Trujillo acknowledged both Certificated and Classified Appreciation Week s. Mr. Trujillo attended Lobby Day and spent time with Senator Monning and Assemblymember Stone. Board Member Trujillo attended the Guelaguetza on May 18 at Harbor High School and the ROP Portfolio event at Harbor as well. Mr. Trujillo had the opportunity to help a student navigate a difficult situation with help from a Cabinet member.

Board President’s Report

Board President Threet had the opportunity to speak in Ms. Ferejohn’s Government Class at Soquel High School regarding her experience as an elected official. Ms. Threet attended the ROP Portfolio event at Harbor High School and enjoyed the important work brought forward by students. Board President Threet extended thanks to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their substantial support of our school programs. Ms. Threet attended the El Sistema performance at Gault Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Coonerty) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2014. Board President Threet abstained from this vote. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Consent Agenda

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 Budget Transfers; 1.6 Gifts; 1.7 Board Policy Updates; 1.8 Approval of Classified Job Description – Central Kitchen Coordinator; 1.10 Contracts and CSAs: 1.10.1.a CSA Educational Services – CPM Educational; 1.10.2.a NPA Contract Educational Services; 1.10.3.a Contract Agreement Bus. Services – Axiom Engineers; 1.10.3.b Contract Agreement Bus. Services – Skyline Engineering; 1.10.3.c Contract Agreement Bus. Services – Schoolhouse Services; 1.10.3.d Contract Agreement Bus. Services – Belli Architectural; 1.11 Monterey COE Contract for use of Cooperative Procurement. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary School* – Omega Nu of Santa Cruz donated eight classroom grants in the of \$200 each for a total of \$1,600 to this site; The Whole Kids Foundation donated \$2,000 for Life Lab school gardens. Dr. Coonerty 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 Wagman – Yes

Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education conferred with Agency Representative Shemwell regarding Labor Negotiations (Govt. Code 54957.6).

2. The Board of Education approved Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Karen Hendricks, who has served four years in the district.
3. The Board of Education conferred regarding the Public Employment Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Natural Bridges Reopening Advisory Committee

Superintendent Bloom introduced this item to the Trustees. He acknowledged the difficult task of the committee for working towards a resolution for a complex situation with no easy solution. Committee Members DeLaveaga Principal Meeker, SCCCE member Della Mora and parent Tim Madsen reported to the Board of Education. Information included: Overview of Assignment; Committee Guiding Principles; Committee Process; Community Participation; Ideas Considered/Ruled Out; Final Options; Context for Options and Additional Considerations. Public comments and board member comments/discussion followed the presentation. This item was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Recess: Board President Threet announced a short recess at 8:15 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Threet reconvened this meeting at 8:28 p.m.

3.2 Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross presented information regarding Santa Cruz City Schools' use of the prescribed CDE process to engage all stakeholders in the LCAP. Information included: 11 different stakeholder meetings; attendance at the Budget Advisory Committee on 3 separate occasions; 782 community survey responses; many informal conversations and emails; the gathering and analyzing of data; meetings with COE advisors; a Public Hearing. The Accountability Plan is a living document with a 3-year plan that will be constantly reassessed and revised and will be a work-in-progress for as long as the program exists. A summary of proposed actions will be reported to the Trustees in June, 2014. Clarifying questions were asked by Board Members and Members of the Audience. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.3 New Business: 3rd Interim Report

Mr. Shemwell reported to the Trustees. The filing of a Third Interim Report is optional, but the District Finance team uses this opportunity to refine the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal year, confirm the District will have sufficient cash at hand to meet its financial obligations, and expand the multi-year horizon to include a draft of fiscal year 2016-17. Clarifying questions were asked by Board Members and Members of the Audience. As this report is optional, the Board of Education accepted the 3rd Interim Report without a formal vote.

3.4 Staff Report: May Revise Update and Budget Planning Process

Mr. Shemwell presented highlights of the Governor's May Revision to the State Budget and the SCCS Budget Calendar. Mr. Shemwell received clarifying questions and comments from the Trustees and Members of the Audience. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.5 New Business: Appointment of District Superintendent and Approval of Employment Agreement

MSP (Vestal/Wagman) 6-0-1, the Board of Education appointed Kris Munro as the Interim Superintendent of Santa Cruz City Schools and approved the Employment Contract beginning July 1, 2014. Board President Threet abstained from the vote. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education