

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 7, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Threet called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 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 6:40 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

MSP (Trujillo/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education removed Item VII.3.2 *Staff Report: District Safety Committee Annual Report* from this evening's agenda. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter. This information will be presented at a later date. Board President Threet announced that the Trustees will adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m. for a Closed Session Conference Call.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

Superintendent Bloom addressed folks who might be here this evening to speak about the reopening of the Natural Bridges campus: Everyone is most welcome to speak, but since this item is not on the agenda for this evening, the Trustees will not be able to respond to your comments. The first date that the advisory committee might provide a report and/or recommendation to the Governing Board is May 21 and the soonest

date of Board action on this matter would be June 18. There is still ample time and opportunity for public input on this matter. For those who are here to inquire about or advocate for the restoration of Coaching Stipends: after the Governor's May Budget Revise, the Governing Board will consider the Local Control Accountability Plan and will consider restoring funds in June if revenue sources are confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several speakers addressed the Trustees with their concerns regarding the reopening of the Natural Bridges campus. Speakers included: Sheena Logothetti; Susan and Bayo Agbelekale; Jaime and Peter Young; Monique Kremer; Jodi Mulder; Tinina Parker. Several speakers expressed their advocacy for the restoration of coaching stipends for the athletics programs. Speakers included: Maria Gaura, Brad Brereton; Shari Scruton; Colin Brown. Santa Cruz Education Foundation Representative Lacey Gray reminded everyone to attend the upcoming Eddy Awards on May 14, and noted the following awards will be presented: **Outstanding Teacher** - Grades 9-12: Christy Latham, Santa Cruz High School; Grades 6-8: Sherri Kilkenny, Mission Hill Middle School; Grades 4-5: Denise Blair, Monarch Community School; Grades K-3: Carmen Zúñiga, Delaveaga Elementary School; **Roseann Coonerty Layne Inspiring Teacher Award** - Julie Rogers, Harbor High School; **Unsung Hero** - Staff: Anna Gonzalez, Gault Elementary School & Volunteer: Connie Maschan, Harbor High School; **Green Award** - Westlake Elementary School; **Wellness Award** - Amy Hedrick-Farr, Food Services Director, Santa Cruz City Schools; **Special Foundation Award(s)** - Santa Cruz City Schools Crossing Guards & Sara DiCarlo-Dunn, Santa Cruz High School & Blue and Gold Cafe, Soquel High School; **School of the Year** - Bay View Elementary School; **Community Supporter of the Year** - Dr. Jim Logsdon; **Innovation Award** - Sara Goldfarb and Wendy Thompson for the Bee-Inn at Branciforte Middle School. Bay View Parent Jill Susskind commented that some parents cannot be at the Local Control Funding Formula Meeting this Friday evening at the Small Schools campus. Ms. Susskind is hoping that there will be another meeting scheduled to provide an additional opportunity for public input.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the Governing Board and all Santa Cruz City Schools staff members, Superintendent Bloom thanked all the public speakers for their important comments this evening. The Superintendent reported that the El Sistema orchestral musical performance at Gault Elementary school yesterday evening was a wonderful experience.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Devine reported: Advanced Placement tests are currently being administered at Santa Cruz High School; the Prom is May 17; Grade 11 students are getting ready for SBAC testing; the spring production from the Theater Department is "Midsummer Night's Dream" and it is recommended highly.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Coonerty reported that the Natural Bridges Advisory Committee will continue to meet before making a recommendation/report to the Trustees and this process is far from over. Dr. Coonerty appreciates the concerns expressed this evening. Dr. Coonerty communicated that the district facility imbalances are as problematic as the cultural and geographical divisions to solving the campus reopening issues. Dr. Coonerty asked parents and community members to take the time to speak with at least 5 other folks who do not share their point of view to gain a better understanding of the challenges of this task. Dr. Coonerty did not answer emails this week as she was sick.

Board Member Trujillo reported that he believes in diversity and his presence on this board increases the diversity here. Trustee Trujillo has been in touch with many parents in recent weeks and is glad to see so many folks here this evening to participate in the future of Santa Cruz City Schools.

Board President’s Report

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 16, 2014. Student Devine abstained from this vote as he was not present at the meeting.
2. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 22, 2014. Ms. Hawthorne, Mr. Wagman and Ms. Tracy-Proulx abstained from this vote as they were not present at the meeting.
3. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 5-0-2, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 23, 2014. Ms. Hawthorne and Ms. Tracy-Proulx abstained from this vote as they were not present at the meeting.
4. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Closed Session Meeting on April 27, 2014.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: 1.1 Personnel – *Certificated Actions*; 1.2 Personnel – *Classified Actions*; 1.3 Purchase Orders; 1.4 Warrant Register; 1.5 Gifts; 1.6 Board Meeting Calendar July 2014 through June 20215; 1.7 Resolution 19-13-14 Designating Representative for OPSC; 1.8 Designation of CIF League Representatives 14-15; 1.9 Resolution 21-13-14 NSCC Spec Ed Local Plan Adoption; 1.10 Third Quarter Investment Report; 1.11 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements – 1.a CSA-Ed Services; 2.a NPS – Special Education; 3.a Mike Brogan – District Website Consultant; 3.b Ifland Engineers – HHS Baseball Field Renovation; 3.c Jo Kenny – District Grant Writer; 3.d Belli Architectural Group – SCHS gates and fencing. The Board acknowledged the following gift received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Bay View Elementary School* – Westside Hardware raised \$395 for this site at the School Donation Event held March 15 & 16. *DeLaveaga Elementary School* – Dan Kerwin donated \$400 through the PG&E Payroll Matching Gifts Program. *Gault Elementary School* – Santa Cruz Hardware raised \$180 for this site at the School Donation Event held March 15 & 16. *Branciforte Middle School* – Santa Cruz Hardware raised \$205 for this site at the School Donation Event held March 15 & 16. *Mission Hill Middle School* – Westside Hardware raised \$355 for this site at the School Donation Event held March 15 & 16. *Santa Cruz High School* – Lynn Renshaw and Neal Langholz donated \$500 for classroom supplies; Michelle Chacon/CA Certified Organic Farm Foundation donated binders to be used for students in need and Art Department supplies; The SCHS PTA donated \$4,000 to be used towards a Hydration Station. Dr. Coonerty 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

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 is pleased to announce the following appointments: Santa Cruz HS Assistant Principal – Steve Kopald; Santa Cruz HS Assistant Principal – Michelle Poirier.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 18-13-14 with a vote of 7-0.
4. The Board approved a 5-2 vote for Anticipated Litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9(b)) – Number of Cases: 1
5. The Board of Education will discuss the Public Employment Appointment (Govt. Code 54957) Title: Superintendent. The Governing Board will have this discussion at the close of business for the Regular Meeting. The Trustees will return to Closed Session at that time for a conference call regarding this matter.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Green Schools Committee Annual Report

Trustee Wagman introduced this item to the Board of Education. Mission Hill Parent Sue Lisin and Bay View Elementary Custodian Bill Philipps reported to the Trustees. Information included: the list of Committee Members; Executive Summary; District Operations Report; District Conservation Projects; Student Subcommittee Report; Transportation; Watershed Education and Conservation Report. This item was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.3 New Business: Academic Recognition: Superintendent's Award

Superintendent Bloom recommended the establishment of the Superintendent's Award for Academic Achievement at each high school for the individual with the highest weighted grade point average. Following clarifying questions and discussion, MSP (Trujillo/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the establishment of the Superintendent's Award for Academic Achievement at each high school. Student Devine recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Reconvene Closed Session

Board President Threet reconvened Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

Report On Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board of Education conferred with Leadership Associates Representative Larry Aceves regarding Public Employment Appointment Title: Superintendent.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Patricia Threet, President
Board of Education