

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
October 23, 2013**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Deborah Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:55 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

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 Tracy-Proulx 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**

Westlake Principal Curley reported that solar panel construction began this week at the site. Today was the first day of the “Young Scientists’ Club”: meetings featuring guest speakers take place on Wednesdays @ 7:30 a.m. On Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Westlake offers “Spooky Story Night” in the school library. The Walk to Read program will commence at this site during the second trimester of the year. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon commended the Santa Cruz High School Marching Band for hosting a great Band Review event this

past weekend. Branciforte Middle School Principal Pfothenauer reported that the opening of the Innovation Center on December 5<sup>th</sup> will be combined with the Winter Concert and Book Fair from 6:00-8:00 p.m. SCHS Parent Ed Chun reported that some misinformation about a former employee that was making its way through the district via community email.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Bloom visited Westlake to see the solar project construction. The Superintendent acknowledged Facilities Services Director Victorine for a speedy repair to a large water leak at Santa Cruz High School last week. The Santa Cruz High School Clubhouse repairs are under way. Renowned children's author Paul Fleischman made a presentation at Gault School. The SCCS Leadership Team visited classrooms at both DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High School.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Devine reported that the Santa Cruz High School Marching Band performed very well in the Band Review on October 19. The quarter ends on November 1st at SCHS, and many students are busy with mid-term exams and projects. The Mock Trial Club begins practices next week and the Theater Department will present the fall play on November 8, 9, 14 & 15. The Principal's Coffee is November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 8 a.m. This is Homecoming Week at Santa Cruz High School. The Homecoming Football Game will be on Friday, October 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Vestal/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 3, 2013.
2. MSP (Trujillo/Vestal) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2013. Dr. Coonerty abstained from the vote, as she was not present at the meeting.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hawthorne 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 Board Policy Update – AR 4161; 1.7 CSA-SES-AECP; 1.8 Revised Salary Placement: Instructional Tech. Positive Behavior Support; 1.9 Appoint SCCCE Nomination to the Personnel Commission; 1.10 *Revised Budget Development Calendar dated 10/23/13*; 1.11 Notice(s) of Completion; 1.12 Revised Salary Schedule – Assistant Superintendents. Ms. Vestal 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 voted yes.

#### **Closed Session Actions Report**

1. There were no Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations or Appointments brought before the Board of Education this evening.
2. The Board of Education received an update from, and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2012-13 and 2013-14 with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education received an update and provided direction regarding: Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code Section 54956.8) Property Address: 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA

4. The Board of Education heard from involved parties re:  
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957)

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

#### **3.1 Staff Report: Food Services Update**

Food Services Director Hedrick-Farr presented data on current student participation numbers for breakfast and lunch services and the current free and reduced meal participants across the District. An overview of new food offerings was also provided.

#### **3.2 Staff Report: District Technology Committee Annual Report**

Technology Director Rayas, Lead Technology Specialist Curtis Gomez, and SCCS Retiree/Community Member Laura Hamby reported to the Trustees regarding District Technology. Information included ongoing efforts to increase district-wide bandwidth; Technology Department staffing changes; School Site Office/Library/Counseling Center computer operating systems updates; the newly combined site support positions "Infinite Campus Coach/Technology Coach", as well as the Coach Kits that will be provided for each site; information on the Family Technology Access Survey; Goals for 2013-14.

#### **3.3 Staff Report: Preliminary CBEDS Report**

This report provided the Trustees with the annual data collection information for the California Basic Educational Data Systems (CBEDS). Mr. Shemwell provided 2012-13 CBEDS enrollment numbers, projected 2013-14 CBEDS enrollment numbers, 2013-14 CBEDS actual enrollment numbers, the difference from projected and actual numbers in 2013-14 and the difference from the actual CBEDS enrollments in 2012-13 and 2013-14. Site specific information and grade level numbers were also provided. Comments, questions and discussion among Board Members, District Staff, and Members of the Audience followed.

#### **3.4 Staff Report: Outcomes for Positive Coaching and Athletic Programs**

Ms. Hendricks and Board Member Wagman provided an update on the status and development of the Ad Hoc Committee for Positive Coaching and Athletic Programs. Following comments, questions and discussion, the Board Members provided guidance that approved the **Purpose: Support positive extracurricular athletic programs at SCCS**. Regarding the **Outcomes**: the Trustees provided guidance to approve some basic outcome ideas with the understanding that these "draft" ideas will be refined and revised through outreach to all stakeholders. The Outcomes will come back to the Board of Education at a later date for final approval.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

Board President Tracy-Proulx attended the first Wellness Committee Meeting of 2013-14 and the City of Santa Cruz Public Safety Committee Meeting. The recommendations to the City of Santa Cruz from the Public Safety Committee will include a big investment in our youth and Adult Education programs. The Gault Elementary School 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Dia de los Muertos Parade and Carnival will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Board Members' Reports and Referrals**

Board Member Vestal attended the Wellness Committee Meeting and the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. Ms. Vestal sees enthusiasm building for the Playworks Program. Delta Charter School now has 120 students enrolled and is partnering with the Cabrillo Wellness Center to include Delta students in the fitness facilities for a reasonable monthly fee. The Real World Learning Program at Delta Charter provides students

the opportunity to increase business skills through the Rotary Club and 203 “Job Shadows” have taken place to date. Santa Cruz City Schools now provides lunches for Delta Charter.

Board Member Threet attended the Santa Cruz County Schools Boards Association Meeting and found this group to be a valuable resource for Trustees. Ms. Threet attended the Soquel High School/St. Francis football game; the Harbor High School Homecoming Football game; the Soquel High School Homecoming Parade; the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting; the Volunteer Center Awards Luncheon (where Soquel High School Senior Justine Dice was one of the award recipients); met with Assistant Superintendent Shemwell to discuss some budget questions. Trustee Threet has also been reading lots of emails.

Board Member Hawthorne is pleased to report that the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association is now 5 years old and counts 15 Trustees representing each of the 10 school districts in our county among its members. Superintendent Bloom remarked that this organization has changed communications between Board Members and Superintendents in a positive way. Ms. Hawthorne was honored to “launch” the Santa Cruz High School Marching Band for the Band Review on Saturday, October 19. Trustee Hawthorne reported finding significant security issues on Saturday night at the Santa Cruz High School campus, and the Security Patrols reported several as well. At the meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> with City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz Police Department, Ms. Hawthorne will seek permanent solutions.

Board Member Wagman attended the UCSC Founders Day Dinner and discussed the Santa Cruz High School security problems with Santa Cruz Mayor Hilary Bryant. Mr. Wagman attended the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting and the Santa Cruz High School PTA Meeting. The Green Schools Committee plans to meet in November for the first time in 2013-14.

Board Member Coonerty requests that the Board Member Reports be moved back to the beginning of the meetings. Dr. Coonerty has been working to understand the Budget. Dr. Coonerty reports that the problems in downtown Santa Cruz are the same security issues as those at Santa Cruz High School. Dr. Coonerty inquired as to whether the SCCS HR Department can send out a statement reminding people to carefully proof read and verify facts before publishing comments about others.

Board Member Trujillo thanked Mr. Shemwell for the information provided at the Budget Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Trujillo is pleased to have been asked to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for Outcomes for Positive Coaching and Athletic Programs. Mr. Trujillo has received many emails in recent weeks about “bullying” and reminded community members that Assembly Bill 256 will be in effect on January 1, 2014. This bill increases the ability of school administrators to suspend or expel students who bully others. Board Member Trujillo advocates for adjourning this meeting in honor of the two school teachers (Massachusetts and Nevada) who were killed this week.

### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on December 11, 2013, 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 January 15, 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 February 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on February 26, 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 March 12, 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 March 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.

**Adjournment**

There being no further items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education