

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 9, 2013**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Deborah Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:35 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

GSCFT President Kirschen spoke to the Board Members regarding the District Negotiations communication that was released on Friday, October 4. Mr. Kirschen asked the Trustees to direct the Administration to fulfill the agreement that was made with the GSCFT in April, 2012.

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:44 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Cynthia Hawthorne	Patricia Threet	Deborah Tracy-Proulx	Steve Trujillo
Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman		

Absent: Sheila Coonerty

Student Representative Damaris Garcia Martinez – Harbor High School
Student Representative Ryley Lawrence Devine – Santa Cruz 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

Board President's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

Board President Tracy-Proulx introduced two audience members: former Santa Cruz High School Baseball Coach Bill Dodge and former Major League Player, Coach, and Santa Cruz High School Athlete Glenallen Hill. The President welcomed Mr. Dodge and Mr. Hill to the meeting, and invited them to be the first speakers for the Public Comments period.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glenallen Hill asked the Board of Education to create a committee to provide support for players, families and coaches. Mr. Hill stated he believes that teachers need to be fairly compensated for their service and their passion for our children. Harbor High School LMT Joyce Smith asked the Trustees to restore a full-time library clerk and textbook clerk at the high schools. GSCFT Representatives, including President Kirschen, Mission Hill Middle School LMT Martha Dyer, Soquel High School Teacher Michael Emery, Santa Cruz High School Teacher Stacy Newsom Kerr and Soquel High School Teacher Mark McConnell spoke to the Board Members regarding the GSCFT/SCCS contract negotiations. Community Member Peter Kline spoke to the Trustees regarding meeting location, annual unaudited actuals and the teachers' contract dispute. Soquel High School Parent Jenni Langenberg Strecker provided Trustees with a petition signed by 650 parents and community members showing support for teachers. Santa Cruz High School Parent Mike Duffy and Santa Cruz High School Baseball Players Vincente Duffy and Jett Gallagher asked the Trustees to resolve the coaching situation soon. Soquel High School Parent Michelle Bradley addressed concerns regarding the Algebra II classes. Soquel High School Math Teacher Mark McConnell supported Ms. Bradley's statement 100%. SCCCE President Robert Chacanaca asked the Board Members to give direction regarding negotiations to everyone in the spirit of our new open policy. Artist Kevin Devaney, representing The Art Bar Café, reported that he and a number of other artists, poets and musicians are seeking to create the world's first Arts Education Philanthro-Pub to fund public schools arts programs. Anyone interested in discussing and/or supporting this endeavor is invited to visit: www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-art-bar-cafe.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom stated the Board Members and Administrators recognize that their job is to work to support teachers educate students. The Superintendent thanked Ms. Bradley for bringing her math program concerns forward this evening. In regards to the expressed concerns about security and safety issues at Santa Cruz High School – the District is in communication with the school and the City of Santa Cruz to investigate additional security in the form of fencing, law enforcement, etc. Superintendent Bloom reported visiting Transitional Kindergarten classes with Trustee Vestal and Julie Edwards. Mr. Bloom visited classrooms at both Westlake Elementary and Santa Cruz High School. Eddie Ferguson visited our sites and met with staff to discuss the meaning of data use for equity and learning and review SCCS issues with disproportionality in Special Education. The Superintendent thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for collecting playable band instruments during October to provide students with the opportunity to participate in band and orchestra programs. The Education Foundation is also providing funding for training and support for our district playground coaches.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Martinez reported the following events on Friday, October 11th: the end of the first grading period at Harbor High School; Homecoming Game and Dance; Pep Rally; AVID Bake Sale. This is Spirit Week at Harbor High School. The Fall Play is *Almost Maine* – October 18, 19, 25, & 26 @ 7:30 pm in the Little Theater. LPGA Tour Player and Harbor High School graduate Julie Inkster will speak at a fundraising dinner on October 10th in the MPR. The Girls Volleyball Teams will donate gate proceeds to support Breast Cancer Awareness.

Student Representative Devine reported that October 10th is Bike to School Day. Santa Cruz High School will have a yard sale on October 13th @ 8 am. There will be a Club Rush Day on October 18. The contract dispute with the teachers is affecting students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Threet) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2013.

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 Gifts; 1.6 Out-of-State Travel – Gainesville, Florida; 1.7 CSA(s) – Supplemental Educational Services; 1.8 CSA(s) – Dientes; 1.9 Quarterly Williams Report; 1.10 NPA/NPS Contract Revisions; 1.11 Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Soquel High School* – Mr. Greg Steinhafel and the Target Corporation donated \$412.44 to Soquel High School through the Take Charge of Education program. Superintendent Bloom noted the following change to Item 1.6 Out-of-State Travel – Mr. Bloom will not be attending this event. Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes
Trujillo – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Students Martinez and Devine voted yes.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations and Appointments with a vote of 6-0.
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.
3. The Board of Education heard information regarding:
Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957)

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 New Business: Overview of SCCS Student Athletic Programs and Future Goals

Ms. Hendricks, as well as former athlete and longtime wrestling coach and Director and Commissioner of Santa Cruz County Middle School tournaments Ed Ferrell, SCCS Human Resources Manager Dominguez, and Soquel High Principal and SCCAL President Lawrence-Emanuel reported to the Board of Education regarding this matter. Information included Middle and High School Athletics Programs, Recruiting, Hiring, Intake/Expectations and Supervision for Coaches, and Recommendations/Next Steps. Following comments, questions and discussion among Board Members, District Staff and Members of the Audience, Mr. Wagman moved to form an Ad Hoc Athletic Programs Committee that will accept applications from: Board Members; Parents; Coaches; Students; Principals; Administrators; Referees; Umpires; Interested Parties/Community Members. Mr. Wagman and Ms. Munro will not serve on the committee, but will process the applications for selection. Board President Tracy-Proulx will appoint the Trustees who serve on the committee and Superintendent Bloom will appoint the Administrators who serve on the committee. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion. This motion was approved by the Board of Education with a vote of 6-0. Students Devine and Martinez voted yes.

Santa Cruz High School Parent and College Coach Stephanie Mendoza volunteered to contact Ms. Hendricks with a proposal for filling the vacant coaching position for the Santa Cruz High School Varsity Baseball Program.

Recess: Board President Tracy-Proulx called for a recess at 8:40 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Tracy-Proulx reconvened this meeting at 8:54 p.m.

3.2 Staff Report: Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) Update

Mr. Shemwell reported that the State school finance system is going through the most dramatic change since 1972. Mr. Shemwell provided Trustees with some of the financial aspects of the new State Local Control Funding Formula, including targets and transitions, base grants, average daily attendance, reporting eligible pupils, proportionate share, transitional funding protections, and the economic recovery target and calculations. Information about State Regulations and the LCFF were also reported. This report was informational in nature, and no actions regarding this matter were taken by the Board of Education.

3.3 Staff Report: Assessments Update

Curriculum Director Wildman reported to the Board of Education regarding the proposed changes to state standardized assessments for 2013-14 and beyond. This report was informational in nature, and no actions regarding this matter were taken by the Board of Education.

3.4 New Business: 2014-15 Budget Development Calendar

Mr. Shemwell provided a proposed 2014-15 Budget Development Calendar. Following comments, questions and discussion, Mr. Wagman made a motion to approve only the BAC Meeting scheduled for October 22, 2013. At that meeting, Mr. Shemwell will provide an updated 2014-15 Budget Development Calendar that will regularly schedule BAC Meetings on the Tuesday preceding the scheduled Regular Board Meetings for 2013-14. The revised Budget Development Calendar will be included for approval by the Trustees on the agenda for the October 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Trujillo seconded this motion. The Board of Education approved the motion 6-0. Students Devine and Martinez voted yes.

3.5 Staff Report: Update on Employee Complaint Investigation

Ms. Hendricks reported that investigator Rita Sierra Byers has completed 20 interviews for the investigation and needs to speak with 2 more people. Ms. Byers will have her completed report submitted to the Board of Education no later than November 1st. Following review of the report, the Trustees will determine next steps. This report was informational in nature, and no actions regarding this matter were taken by the Board of Education.

Board Member Trujillo included his own update for the record this evening: during the Closed Session Meeting, Mr. Trujillo made a motion for Superintendent Bloom to be placed on Administrative Leave during the course of this investigation. The motion did not receive a "second" and did not move forward.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx thanked everyone who came to the Branciforte Middle School Tamalada on September 27th. It was a wonderful and successful event.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Vestal attended Delta Charter School Parent Night and visited Transitional Kindergarten classrooms with Superintendent Bloom and Ms. Edwards. Ms. Vestal thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for contributing to the Play Works Program.

Board Member Threet attended the "Stump Game" at Soquel High School and felt each team won because no athletes were injured. Ms. Threet met with Mark Hodges, COE Senior Director of Regional Occupational Program, for a brief overview of the Santa Cruz County ROP.

Board Member Hawthorne announced the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting Thursday, October 10th at Soquel High School, 6:00 p.m. The COE will provide the Technology Room for an LCFF presentation on November 14th. This training is available for all county Board Members and other interested staff, and is provided through CSBA and the COE. Ms. Hawthorne would like to form a committee to begin to take a look at the security issues at Santa Cruz High School in the next few weeks. SCCS and the City of Santa Cruz can work together to solve this problem.

Board Member Wagman reported that the Green Schools Committee meetings are postponed until the SCCS Teachers can participate. September 27th was a Green Apple Day of Service in which many parents and 10 employees from Block Construction Company participated in a clean-up event. Mr. Wagman met with Jo Kenny to discuss the SCCS application

for the Green Ribbon state award – it is a large application and a big process. Even though meetings are currently postponed, there are lots of folks still working hard for Green Schools.

Board Member Trujillo supports Ms. Hawthorne’s suggestion for a committee to address safety concerns at Santa Cruz High School. Mr. Trujillo enjoyed the Soquel High School Back-to-School Night and the brand new science classroom is state-of-the-art for our students. Board Member Trujillo met with Miriam Kaplan to discuss the excellent new Environmental Science textbook. Mr. Trujillo will continue to use his 36 years of teaching experience in 5 districts and the 2.5 years he spent teaching in the State Prison System to provide perspective on the issues brought before this Board.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 23, 2013, 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 November 13, 2013, 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 December 11, 2013, 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 January 15, 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 February 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education