

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
November 12, 2014**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Carla Diaz: Student Representative, Soquel High School  
Adriana Rebolgar: Student Representative, Costanoa High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Russell Miller, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Members of the Audience

**Welcome and Format**

Board President Vestal welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Agenda Changes**

Dr. Coonerty and Board Member Trujillo requested that Board Member's Reports take place immediately following the Student Representative's Comments so that members of the public do not have to wait until the end of the meeting to hear from the Trustees. This suggestion was approved by the Board Members.

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

None

### **CUSTODIAN CELEBRATION**

Ms. Parks provided some background information on the amazing group of custodians who keep our sites clean and safe, and whose attention to detail benefits staff and students as well. Ms. Parks, Classified Personnel Director Summers and Principals Robb and Quevedo provided certificates to custodians. Principal Pfothenhauer read a poem of thanks as well.

### **FAREWELL COMMENTS**

Board President Vestal and Superintendent Munro presented a recognition plaque and a District Leadership T-shirt to Board Members Wagman and Trujillo.

#### **Board Comments**

Board President Vestal thanked Mr. Trujillo for his earnest commitment to his values and ideas as he served this community. Ms. Vestal thanked Mr. Wagman for his significant years of service to this school community and his ability to offer guidance and assistance by simply being an excellent listener.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx thanked Mr. Wagman for his many years of service and remarked that his departure from the board would be a profound loss. Ms. Tracy-Proulx remarked that Mr. Trujillo's partner Ed is very lucky to have his support and wished him a speedy recovery.

Board Member Hawthorne told Mr. Trujillo that she had learned a lot from his presence over the last four years and gave her best wishes to his partner Ed. Ms. Hawthorne acknowledged Mr. Wagman for his astute leadership in matters of budget and thanked him for his years of service.

Board Member Wagman acknowledged Mr. Trujillo for passion and commitment and pointed out that his clear priority to care for his partner Ed is a demonstration of his commitment to his values. Thank you.

Board Member Trujillo remarked that these four years of service on the Board of Education had been a very interesting time for him. Working with Mr. Wagman has been a gratifying experience and Mr. Trujillo wished him well in future endeavors and expressed hope they might cross paths in the community.

Board Member Threet thanked Mr. Wagman for a decade of service as a parent, a community member and a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Wagman provided opportunities for the district through Green Schools and his knowledge of budget issues. Ms. Threet thanked Mr. Trujillo for his ability to insist that the Trustees expand their field of vision to include students not previously familiar to them.

Board Member Coonerty reminded Mr. Wagman that his ideas were not favored by the majority of members when he first joined the Board of Education. Mr. Wagman's continued advocacy for ideas he felt benefitted district students was one of the reasons Dr. Coonerty campaigned for a position on this board. Dr. Coonerty reported that the one thing she admired most about Mr. Trujillo is that he stands up for what he believes in and says what he thinks is true.

#### **Superintendent's Comments**

Superintendent Munro shared with Mr. Wagman that her journey in leadership has benefitted from his support – from understanding needs to garnering resources to rallying community members for parcel taxes and other worthy events, etc. You have left a tremendous legacy of policies and practices that will continue to support children in the future. Thank you. The Superintendent acknowledged Mr. Trujillo and remarked that his advocacy has made a difference in our community. There is great appreciation for your service on behalf

of our school families and your commitment to being the voice for those who might not otherwise be heard. I wish you well as you support the continued healing of your partner and in your future endeavors in public service.

Public Comments

Board Members Trujillo and Wagman were thanked by: parent and SC Education Foundation Board Member Isabelle Tuncer; Santa Cruz City Schools LMT Barbara Lawrence; Westlake Life Lab Instructor and Parcel Tax Oversight Committee member Jane Forbes; Bay View Principal Mary Anne Robb.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Small Schools Custodian Barbara Poynter thanked the Board and Cabinet for the recognition of custodians this evening and noted that many of her co-workers were not able to attend the celebration. When you see these folks, please acknowledge them. SCCS Plumber Forrest Sladwick acknowledged the Maintenance and Grounds workers for their excellent service to the district. On behalf of Athletic Director Redding and all of Santa Cruz High School, Principal Edmonds thanked the Trustees, City of Santa Cruz, Superintendent Munro and the District Facilities Department for bringing the football field back to life for one game on Friday, November 7. Santa Cruz High School also offers a warm thank you to Soquel High School for their tremendous support of the school during this time. Chief SCCCE Negotiator Brown asked the Trustees to advise the district to honor the signed January 2014 contract of the Classified Employees. SCCCE Negotiating Team member Poynter asked on behalf of all classified staff to have the contract honored. SCCCE President Chacanaca asked all classified staff members who were present this evening to stand. Mr. Chacanaca asked the Trustees to return to Closed Session at the conclusion of this Open Session and direct the Superintendent to do the right thing.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Munro reported that she has completed her initial meetings at all school parent groups. The Superintendent is pleased to report that the Santa Cruz High School Senior Night football game was held on the Santa Cruz High School football field last Friday. Thank you to Principal Edmonds, the Santa Cruz HS staff, students and community, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation Director Miller and his team, and Trustees Tracy-Proulx and Hawthorne. Your continued vigilance to working with the City of Santa Cruz made this possible. Ms. Munro attended the California League of High Schools Educator of the Year Dinner for Region 5 where Harbor HS World Languages Teacher Anne Capiello, Soquel HS Counselor Branna Banks and Delta Charter High School English Teacher Anita Natale were honored. Superintendent Munro attended the Annual Workability Luncheon to honor our business partners who provide work based learning opportunities for students with disabilities and where the Harbor HS Cafeteria was recognized as an employer who embraces workers with diverse capabilities and skills. Ms. Munro and Ms. Meeker had an articulation meeting with our feeder districts. The Superintendent acknowledged our custodians for their value and importance who take ownership of both our buildings and the well-being of our students. Thank you for all that you do.

**Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Diaz invited everyone to the Soquel High School Talent Show that will take place on November 20. Proceeds from this event will benefit the AVID Program at Soquel High School.

Student Representative Rebollar reported that Costanoa High School will participate in the Second Harvest Food Bank Food Drive and are anticipating robust participation. Costanoa will have an awards assembly on Thursday, November 13. Thank you Mr. Wagman and Mr. Trujillo for your service.

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

### **Other Trustees**

Board Member Threet congratulated Santa Cruz High School on their football victory on November 7. The game was a wonderful community event and a good time was had by all.

Board Member Coonerty had the opportunity to hear speaker Enid Lee at the Small Schools campus on Wednesday, November 6. Ms. Lee presented "The Role of Families in Building an Inclusive School Community" and Dr. Coonerty would be interested in having her present at other district sites. Dr. Coonerty attended the Mission Hill Middle School Parent Information meeting and was impressed by the number of parents who attended. Dr. Coonerty addressed the classified staff members at the meeting tonight: "You are heard. There is no one up here who does not understand that the classified staff does not complain until things get to the point where the situation seems unbearable."

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Mission Hill Middle School Parent Information meeting and encourages further communication with parents and continued inclusion of police officers. Ms. Tracy-Proulx has been in contact with a Santa Cruz Wharf Outreach Coordinator regarding student educational opportunities at the Wharf and is encouraged to learn of the possibility of free transportation for students to education programs. The District Technology Task Force meets tomorrow.

Board Member Trujillo stated his report would be longer than usual tonight, as this is his last meeting and he wanted to share some of his thoughts. Mr. Trujillo has worked in the school system in several districts since 1977 – as a custodian, teacher and Board Member. Classified staff members are very often the face of our school district and the first folks to be seen and heard by the public; classified staff members rarely take sick time because funding does not often allow for subs for their duties; they often work alone and are subject to the greatest risks. In order for there to be adequate funding for student programs and fair compensation for both certificated and classified employees the State of California will need to consider alternative funding solutions that have been successful in other states. Trustee Trujillo extended his thanks to Superintendent Munro and said these past 5 months of working with such a kind and gracious person has been the best experience he has ever had with a superintendent. Ms. Munro is very worthy of her position and Ms. Parks and Ms. Meeker are also good and decent individuals who, under the guidance of Superintendent Munro, work hard and want to do what is best for children. Best wishes to Mr. Miller in his future endeavors. Mr. Trujillo thanked Ms. Threet for her excellent job as Board President and is very proud that she lives in his neighborhood and is his friend. Dr. Coonerty is passionate and works hard on behalf of students – you are an invaluable asset to this body and a great listener. Thank you to all members of the board, staff and public – democracy is messy – it is not always harmony and love – passionate disagreements are also allowed. I will be watching very carefully what goes on in this district because it matters very much to me. Congratulations to our new Board Members.

Board Member Wagman reported attending the Mission Hill Middle School Parent Information meeting and the Santa Cruz High School PTA meeting. Mr. Wagman has been attending PTA meetings since 1993 and it is wonderful to see the increased level of present parent participation. An active PTA makes a tremendous difference in the success of a school. Trustee Wagman will chair his final Green Schools Committee meeting at Harbor HS on November 18. The student meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting convenes at 6:45 p.m. This year, four UCSC students are devoting their senior project to the Drops Grant and Santa Cruz City Schools may apply. Community members are needed to help prepare the application. The District Committees in Santa Cruz City Schools have been the most transparent activities in the district and have accomplished great things. These committees provide the opportunity for parents, staff and students to take

their passion and run with it. Mr. Wagman is very proud of: his co-chair of the parcel tax campaigns; the services that parcel taxes supply. Small class sizes, Library Media Teachers, Arts programs, hands-on science curriculums; Life Lab, Watershed Education – these are fabulous student opportunities. Ms. Munro, Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks all politely educated me when they were Principals – and it is appreciated. The thing I am most grateful for are the teachers in our district. My children received a wonderful education at Santa Cruz City Schools. Thank you very much for the opportunity to serve.

**Board President**

Since the last meeting, Board President Vestal has spent some time getting to know our new Board Members. Ms. Vestal attended the Region 5 California Educator of the Year Dinner. Board President Vestal thanked Superintendent Munro for the very positive tone and notes in her Weekly Update.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Trujillo/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014 as submitted. Students Diaz and Rebollar recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items: 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 Board Policy Revisions; 1.9 Local Assignment Option; 1.10 New Job Description – Theater Technician; 1.11 First Quarter Investment Report 2014-15; 1.12 Contracts and Consultant Services Agreements-1.12.1.a Contract Food Services-Susan Brooks-1.12.2.a Contract Special Education-NPA Master Contract Rebekah Children’s Services; 1.13 Disposal of Surplus Item(s); 1.14 Change Notice(s); 1.15 Revised Budget Development Calendar. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Coonerty – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes	Threet – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Trujillo –Yes	Vestal – Yes
		Wagman – Yes

Students Diaz and Rebollar recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**Closed Session Actions Report**

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 04-14-15 and 05-14-15 with a vote of 7-0 for each item.
3. The Board of Education heard about the Final Settlement Agreement fora Special Education matter.
4. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
6. The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)
7. The Board of Education reviewed the Superintendent’s annual goals and objectives.

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

**New Business: Art Endowment Update**

The Artemis Drulias Art Endowment at Gault Elementary School has provided art opportunities for students since it was established by Madge Drulias in 1997. Due to the recent passing of Madge, son Bill Drulias presented recently collected donations for the endowment and asked to have the name changed to The

Madge and Artemis Art Endowment. MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the new name of the endowment and thanked Mr. Drulias and his family for this wonderful community gift. Students Diaz and Rebollar abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

**Staff Report: School Safety**

Student Services Director Brown and Mission Hill Middle School Principal Hodges reported to the Trustees on this matter. Principal Hodges provided an update on the response to the gun incident at Mission Hill Middle School. Director Brown and Principal Hodges shared what was learned from the experience at Mission Hill Middle School and plans for refining staff training and improving methods of communication. Staff will report back at a later date on the outcomes of the scheduled small parent meetings.

**\*Note – Student Representatives Diaz and Rebollar left the meeting at this time.**

**New Business: Bond Reporting & Approval of Board Policy 3410 Bond Financing and Post Issuance Responsibilities – Facilities Bonds Needs Assessment**

Dave Olson from our team of financial advisors at Public Financial Managers (PFM) reported on bond financing, existing obligations, and District responsibilities for record reporting and retention. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved Board Policy 3410.

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation Director Trevor Miller presented an updated Facilities Assessment Report, including all costs as we understand them today and additional needs not identified in the original report. Mr. Miller presented a list of identified items that are candidates for future consideration.

**New Business: LEA Plan Approval**

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross reported to the Trustees on this matter. Mr. Gross presented the updated Local Educational Agency Plans (LEAPs) required by the CDE as a condition of receiving federal funding. Goals and activities are designed to improve student performance in reading and mathematics; improve programs for English learners; improve professional development and ensure the provision of highly qualified teachers; ensure that school environments are safe, drug-free and conducive to learning; promote efforts regarding graduation rates, dropout prevention and advanced placement. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of two plans – one for the elementary and one for the secondary schools. Ms. Threet seconded this motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0.

**\*Note: Mr. Trujillo left the meeting during this presentation and was not present for the vote on this matter.**

**New Business: Resolution 15-14-15 Elementary District and Resolution 16-14-15 Secondary District Continuing Disclosure Cooperative Initiative**

The adoption of these resolutions confirms the actions taken earlier this evening approving new Board Policy 3410 Bond Financing and Post Issuance Responsibilities and affirms district intent to accept the recommendations with respect to the Municipal Continuing Disclosure Cooperative (MCDC) Initiative. Mr. Wagman moved approval of Resolution 15-14-15 for the Elementary District and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Mr. Wagman moved approval of Resolution 16-14-15 for the Secondary District and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**New Business: SCCS Proposals to GSCFT-K12 Unit for “Sunshining”**

Ms. Parks recommended approving the following articles for “sunshining”: Article VII Hours of Employment; Article XIII Class Size. MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved SCCS Proposals to GSCFT-K12 Unit for “sunshining”.

**New Business: GSCFT K-12 Unit Proposals to SCCS for “Sunshining”**

Ms. Parks recommended approving the following articles for “sunshining”: Article XVII Salary and Benefits; Article XVI Safety and Health; Article XXIII Completion. The GSCFT also wishes to open for negotiation the Salary and Benefits article of the Adult School and Guest Teacher contracts for 2013-14. In addition, the GSCFT wishes to open negotiations for new three year contracts for all three bargaining units. MSP (Wagman/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved GSCFT-K12 Unit Proposals to SCCS for “sunshining”.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Special Study Session on December 3, 2014, 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 December 10, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Special Joint Study Session of the Board of Education/Budget Advisory Committee will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 4:30 p.m., January 7, 2015.
4. The Regular Meeting on January 14, 2015, 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 11, 2015, 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 February 25, 2015, 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 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Special Joint Study Session of the Board of Education/Budget Advisory Committee will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 4:30 p.m., March 24, 2014.
9. The Regular Meeting on March 25, 2015, 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 April 15, 2015, 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 6, 2015, 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 May 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting on June 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
14. The Regular Meeting on June 24, 2015, 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 Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**Reconvene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal reconvened Closed Session at 9:46 p.m.

Board President Vestal adjourned Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.

**Report on Actions in Closed Session**

The Board gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks for negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2013-14 and for negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education