

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
October 22, 2014**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

SCCCE Chief Negotiator Brown, SCCCE President Chacanaca and SCCCE Negotiating Team Member Poynter asked the Board to honor the current contract and avoid payroll deductions for Classified Employees on October 31, 2014.

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:36 p.m. in the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Carla Diaz: Student Representative, Soquel High School  
Adriana Rebollar: 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**

Mr. Miller noted that Item VII.3.3 Preliminary CBEDS Report is a Staff Report and does not require action by the Board. Dr. Coonerty made a motion to move the Board Members' Comments and Reports to immediately follow Public Comments. This motion was seconded by Mr. Trujillo. The vote on this matter was 3-4 and the motion was not approved. Mr. Wagman, Ms. Hawthorne, Ms. Tracy-Proulx and Ms. Vestal voted no. Dr. Coonerty, Mr. Trujillo and Ms. Threet voted yes. Student Representatives did not vote on this matter.

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

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Parent Shari Laroche discussed the recent gun incident at Mission Hill Middle School. Ms. Laroche asked for "tip boxes" at school sites for confidential information disclosure, as well as more discussion of guns and gun safety for students and school families. Another Mission Hill Middle School parent asked the Board to make gun safety a top priority, acknowledge the gang problems in the community and fund more than one SRO to serve the schools located in the city of Santa Cruz. SCCCE President Chacanaca commented that since not all Trustees were present when Closed Session comments were heard, he wanted to repeat the request to honor the current contract and avoid payroll deductions from members on October 31, 2014. SCCS employee Jeanie Brown advocated for "anonymous tip boxes" at schools for student information disclosure, as well as a private place for confidential interviews of students.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Munro addressed the gun incident on the Mission Hill Middle School campus on October 9, 2014: commending site administration and staff for their leadership and calm response; commending the Santa Cruz PD for their collaboration and support; acknowledging District Staff for their professional training and handling of this matter; acknowledging the technical problems with the parent message system and explaining the evaluations to build a feedback loop and make improvements in the system. District celebrations: new Watershed Education Grant of \$40,000 received; Wells Fargo Bank granted \$1,000 to each high school for athletics; GMEC Grant for SHS Academy of \$67,000; Plaza Comunitaria celebrated two adults earning citizenship; High School Social Studies teachers had their first Common Core Training; the Panama Canal Project teachers met at Watsonville HS to plan on applications for NSF grants to introduce integrated science and technology and bring 3D printers to high school and middle school science classrooms. Updates: Santa Cruz HS Safety Fences contract was awarded and work should begin on site by November 4; the Santa Cruz High School football field will be ready for Senior Night on November 7<sup>th</sup> – not for general use, but ready for the one night of use. The Superintendent is continuing her parent meetings visits and staff meeting visits with GSCFT President Kirschen. Superintendent Munro has been exploring local revenue to support athletics and ROP programs, as well as facilities bonds. District staff will present a report on current bonds and bond needs at the Board Meeting on November 12.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Rebollar reported that the Smalls Schools students wanted to thank all the folks who came to the Green Apple Service Day and worked on beautifying the campus.

Student Representative Diaz reported on an assembly about marijuana at Soquel High School today that many of the students felt was information they already knew well and might have better served the middle school student community. Student Representative Diaz suggested a topic such as sugar addictions would serve the high school community well.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 24, 2014 as submitted, including one word changed by the Recording Secretary. Dr. Coonerty was not present at this meeting, so she abstained from the vote on this matter. Student Representatives did not vote on this matter.

## **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Item 1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Item 1.3 Purchase Orders; Item 1.4 Warrant Register; Item 1.5 Budget Transfers; Item 1.6 Gifts; Item 1.7 Designation of CIF League Representatives; Item 1.8 Credential Waiver; Item 1.9 Williams Quarterly Report; Item 1.10 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements-1.10.1. CSA-Ed Services/Curriculum-1a- Julia Davenport-Watershed Education; 1b-Maya Friedman-Watershed Education; 1.10.2 Contracts-Bus Services-2a-Golden Bay Fence & Iron-SCHS; 2b-Belli Architects-Master Planning; Item 1.11 Notice(s) of Completion; Item 1.12 Disposal of Surplus Item(s); Item 1.13 Change Notice(s). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City School District: *Branciforte Middle School* - Margaret Quinn donated \$1,025 to provide bus transportation services for a TWI field trip to Branciforte Middle School. Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. The 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

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 6-0.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 03-14-15 and 06-14-15 with a vote of 7-0 for each item.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
5. The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)
6. The Board of Education reviewed the Superintendent’s annual goals and objectives.

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

#### **3.1 Staff Report: Schools Plus**

Ms. Meeker introduced Schools Plus President Nicole Bricmont to report to the Trustees. Since its inception in 1984, Schools Plus, the public schools foundation of Santa Cruz County, has raised more than one and a half million dollars to fund teacher-directed projects that benefit Santa Cruz County students. In the 2013-14 School Year Schools Plus issued nearly \$14,000 in support to more than 50 teachers in over 15 different Santa Cruz County Public Schools. Ms. Bricmont encouraged district staff to spread the word about the organization and direct folks to their website: [www.schoolsplus.us](http://www.schoolsplus.us) The forms for applications are easy to navigate and download. This report was informational in nature, and the Board of Education did not take any action on this matter.

#### **3.2 Staff Report: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Second Step**

Student Services Director Brown reported to the Trustees on the PBIS program supported by the CDE and the COE and the Second Step Program, which assists in teaching students the social and emotional skills needed for academic success. Information included a description of the teaching matrix for the programs and student benefits and outcomes. GSCFT President Kirschen stated that some teachers assert that very disruptive students affect instructional time in this program. Ms. Meeker acknowledged a wide breadth of discussion among staff and greatly appreciated hearing about the extreme behaviors that will be discussed with Special Education Director O’Farrell to determine next

steps. Some of these lesser engaged students are not available for assessment as they are new to schools and non-English speakers. A certain amount of time is needed to ascertain if the behavior will improve with language acquisition. This report was informational in nature, and the Board of Education did not take any action on this matter.

**3.3 Staff Report: Preliminary CBEDS Report**

Mr. Miller reported to the Board of Education on this matter. The California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) is an annual data collection administered the first Wednesday in October. This year CBEDS day was October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of CBEDS is to collect demographic information. Some of the basic highlights for 2014-15 are: district wide increase of 67 students, just 9 students less than projected enrollments. Following questions and discussion, the Board thanked Mr. Miller for the information. This report was informational in nature, and the Board of Education did not take any action on this matter.

**3.4 New Business: Resolution 13-14-15 in Support of Amending Proposition 13**

Superintendent Munro reported that since Proposition 13 passed the tax burden has shifted to homeowners and families. In California, residential property owners pay 72% of the property taxes and commercial property owners only pay 28%. Families in California are paying more every year to fund our schools and public services. Since commercial properties rarely change hands they are rarely reassessed. For example, Disneyland is still paying property taxes based on a 1975 assessment. Under Proposition 13, two identical businesses can pay very different property taxes. This puts new businesses at a competitive disadvantage. Regularly reassessing non-residential property would, according to an analysis of data provided by the California Board of Equalization, generate at least \$6 billion in additional revenue for public schools and other public services. Dr. Coonerty moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

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

**3.5 New Business: Resolution 14-14-15 in Support of Repealing Local Reserves Cap**

Superintendent Munro reported that on June 20, 2014, Governor Brown signed the 2014-15 state budget and a handful of budget trailer bills. One of those trailer bills was SB 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014), which contained numerous provisions relating to public education. Section 27 of that bill added Education Code Section 42127.01, stating that in the fiscal year following a year in which the state transfers money into the Public School Stabilization Account, known as the Proposition 98 Reserve, school districts will be required to spend their assigned and unassigned ending balances down to no more than twice the level of their minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties. Following questions and discussion, Mr. Trujillo moved approval and Ms. Threet seconded the motion. The motion was *not passed* by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Students Diaz and Rebollar abstained from the vote on this matter.

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

### **Other Trustees**

Board Member Threet asked for a moment to recognize the passing of Santa Cruz District Attorney Mr. Bob Lee, a Soquel High School graduate, who served not only as a Mock Trial advisor but served all our children and community for many years. Trustee Threet attended: the COE *Inside Education Series* on Career and Technical Education (CTE); visited the Soquel HS ROP classes and observed a great number of comprehensive high school students who are prepared to be productive and career capable upon graduation; celebrated the opportunities CTE provides to county students at the *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Your Future is our Business - Seed to Table Luncheon*; Santa Cruz HS Safety Committee Meeting. Congratulations to the Soquel HS Boys' Water Polo Team for their 20<sup>th</sup> straight league title!

Board Member Trujillo acknowledged the loss of Mr. Bob Lee to our community. Mr. Trujillo noted that this meeting is the last one prior to election day – don't forget to get out and vote! Mr. Trujillo will be voting "Yes" on Propositions 1, 2, 45 and 47.

Board Member Wagman attended: Santa Cruz HS PTA meeting; City of Santa Cruz Solar Power Information Forum. Mr. Wagman has gathered and distributed a list of solar installers who will make a donation to a school for folks who install solar – if one does not have a child in school at this time, these vendors will donate to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation. Please send interested solar installers to Mr. Wagman for more information about this program. Board Member Wagman received an email from Sammy Slug requesting donations for the sequencing of Sammy Slug's DNA –this is a great UCSC donation opportunity.

Board Member Hawthorne would like the Trustees to discuss the possibility of funding an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) for Santa Cruz City Schools. Ms. Hawthorne advocates for more gun dialogue and training for SCCS students- and would also advocate providing more student protocols so that staff and students are on the same page regarding any emergency actions. The Santa Cruz HS Safety Task Force could be used as a model to create a safety task force at each secondary site. Ms. Hawthorne would like to schedule a meeting regarding this subject. Trustee Hawthorne would like to hear that the difference in feedback from teachers vs. district staff regarding PBIS and the Second Step Program is resolved – please report back after resolution has been reached.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended: a wonderful parent workshop on Social Media hosted by the Santa Cruz Police Department; Technology Task Force Committee meeting that researched the integration of safety issues into our technology plan; Gault Elementary School Halloween Festival and Parade. The next Technology Task Force meeting will be held on November 13 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Branciforte Middle School Library.

Board Member Coonerty recognized Mr. Bob Lee's passing and valued his concern for students. Dr. Coonerty acknowledged the parent who spoke about gun safety and education; and while Dr. Coonerty thinks the administration did an excellent job in their response to the Mission Hill Middle School gun incident, we must always ask if there is something else we could be doing to ensure the safety of our children. Some excellent ideas were presented tonight. Dr. Coonerty is concerned that the students who are acting out during the Second Step program are students who have not been properly identified for Special Education services. Dr. Coonerty visited Santa Cruz High School today and had an informative and educational visit. Dr. Coonerty provided a list detailing budget information she would like to collect over the course of the next few weeks. Dr. Coonerty asked if police personnel could be included in the parent meetings regarding safety protocols.

**Board President**

None

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 items of Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education