

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 8, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:33 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

SCCCE Chief Negotiator Jeanie Brown and President Robert Chacanaca reported to the Trustees regarding the 2014-15 negotiations with SCCS. Ms. Brown and Mr. Chacanaca asked the Board Members to instruct the District Negotiators to comply with the signed contract dated January 2014.

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 Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: Sheila Coonerty

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

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

Superintendent Munro asked to delete Item VII.1.8 Leases for 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, from the agenda. The Board of Education agreed to delete Item VII.1.8.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz High School Parent and Band Booster Club Member Kathy Griffith asked the Trustees to consider some financial help with the Marching Band expenses as it has become very costly for parents and supporters to raise all the necessary funds to support this wonderful student experience. Everyone was also invited to the Band Review in Santa Cruz on October 18th. Fifty-five marching bands will follow the parade route and it is possible to support the band by purchasing merchandise at the event. GSCFT Secretary and Bay View Teacher Beth Landry reported that the Bay View Staff welcomed Superintendent Munro and GSCFT President Kirschen to their staff meeting on October 7. The new Board Policy *Workplace Bullying* was presented and discussed, as well as the SCCS Revised Budget. Teachers were surprised to learn that in spite of the large projected budget deficits, there is still \$600,000 in the budget that is allotted to the reopening of the Natural Bridges School. Please make a revision to delete this line item, as well as any funds that were to be spent on redrawing attendance boundary lines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to Russell Miller, our Interim Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. Prior to his retirement one year ago, Russell served in this position for the San Luis Coastal Unified School District for 12 years, and we are very fortunate to have his support during our transition. This week, Russell, Jerene and I met with Mary Hart at the COE about our budget. Our budget will be approved by the COE. We have learned that property taxes will bring us approximately \$1.4 million more than projected estimates. This will ease our challenges a bit, but we still have a deficit to address. Since our last meeting, I have visited several parent meetings and school events and it is worthy to note and celebrate the collaboration between families and schools. Yesterday, GSCFT President Kirschen and I began our faculty meeting visits to share our new Board Policy on Work Place Bullying and to discuss our budget and allow staff an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas. On September 27th, I attended a celebration of the teachers who earned a *Schools Plus* grant this past school year. We have shared information with teachers on the next deadline in November via our district newsletter. This week, high school principals and Cabinet members met with representatives from the COE to discuss the transition of ROP to district funding. The COE is offering to cover half of the costs for the initial year of transition. There may be some last minute support from the state. Ultimately, we need to work on a plan for this transition next year.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Rebollar reported that the week of October 13-17 is Spirit Week at Costanoa High School and the Leadership group is excited to see how many students will participate in weekly events. Costanoa High School will also be offering the Youth Employment Program again this year, and students are looking forward to joining.

Student Representative Diaz reported that Soquel High School has been fairly quiet since Homecoming Week ended. Ms. Diaz reported that she is a four-year member of the AVID Program, and sees a huge difference in the success of students who have participated in the program through high school. Many of the students have been in the AVID class all four years, and it has really helped to have a core group of students who can turn to each other for support. Ms. Diaz would like to see more classes that allow a core group of students progress through high school together and enjoy this kind of support and success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 24, 2014 as submitted. Students Diaz and Rebollar abstained from the vote on this matter.

Consent Agenda

Per the request at the beginning of Open Session, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda minus item 1.8 Leases at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA. The Consent Agenda consisted 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 Out-of-State Field Trip for Harbor High School; Item 1.6 Resolution 10-14-15 Designation of District Reps for Office of Public Construction (OPSC); Item 1.7 Resolution 11-14-15 Authorized District Signatures; Item 1.9 Community Advisory Committee Member – Special Education; Item 1.10 SCCS Board Policy 2433 Conflict of Interest Code; Item 1.11 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements: Item 1.11.1.a CSA-Ed Services- Mitch Weathers-Harbor HS; Item 1.11.2.a CSA-Student Services-Positive Discipline-Bay View, DeLaveaga, Gault & Westlake; Item 1.11.3.a CSA-AECP-Club Z; Item 1.11.3.b #1 Educando con Tabletas-supplemental tutoring services for eligible Title I students at PI schools; Item 1.11.3.c-AECP-Achieve High Points-supplemental tutoring services for eligible Title I students at PI schools; Item 1.11.3.d-AECP-Jump Into Math-supplemental tutoring services for eligible Title I students at PI schools; Item 1.11.3.e-Math Wiz-supplemental tutoring services for eligible Title I students at PI School; Item 1.11.3.f-AECP-Sullivan Learning Systems-supplemental tutoring services for eligible Title I students at PI schools; Item 1.12 Disposal of Surplus Items; Item 1.13 Resolution 12-14-15 SCCS JPA Representatives. Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded this motion. The 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 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 and 6-0.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Munro regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2013-14.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Munro regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
4. The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)
5. The Board conferred with property negotiators regarding property at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA and voted 5-0-1 regarding a suggested FUC for the property at 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
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: Common Core Mathematics in Middle School

Ms. Meeker introduced District Math Curriculum Coach Martinez, Mission Hill Middle School Math Teacher Blackwell and Branciforte Middle School Math Teacher O’Neil to report to the Trustees. Information about the CPM program which was adopted in 2013 by both middle schools included: Philosophy and Guiding Vision; Training and Implementation in 2013-14; District support for change; School Year 2014-15. Board Members asked questions and offered comments. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

3.2 Staff Report: Goals and Metrics

Ms. Meeker introduced Curriculum Director Wildman to report to the Trustees. Information included: a recap of the six district goals; changing, improving and aligning metrics due to new state accountability and assessment systems and local measures; improving the validity of measures; alignment of data for schools and district departments; increasing connections for more relevant and meaningful data analysis; celebrations for 2014; challenges; next steps. Board Members asked questions and offered comments. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

3.3 New Business: Budget Development Calendar

Mr. Miller presented the Budget development calendar to the Trustees. This calendar establishes a timeline for the development, review and acceptance of the 2015-16 Budget. The process begins early so that timely decisions can be made to adjust existing programs. MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Budget Development Calendar with flexibility regarding dates and times allowing for changes as necessary during the timeline. Students Diaz and Rebollar recommended a yes vote on this matter.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Other Trustees

Board Member Threet welcomed Mr. Miller. Ms. Threet attended the Soquel High School Homecoming parade and football game – it was a wonderful time. Trustee Threet attended the Soquel High Fund meeting where Superintendent Munro met some of the community. The ROP Desktop Publishing Class was cancelled by the COE – this is the class that provided students with the opportunity to work on the yearbook. The high schools have addressed this situation but it is a good learning lesson – the reach of one class can be huge.

Board Member Trujillo worked at the Small Schools on the Green Apple Service Day and the campus looks much improved. Mr. Trujillo has spent a lot of time on the phone with Mr. Stone and Mr. Monning discussing finding funding for the ROP classes. Trustee Trujillo thanked the Superintendent for her monthly visit to his home – it is one of the kindest gestures he has received and it is greatly appreciated.

Board Member Wagman welcomed Mr. Miller and acknowledged his team members for the amazing job of keeping things running smoothly until his arrival. Mr. Wagman attended the Branciforte Middle School Tamalada event, the Green Apple Day of Service at Bay View Elementary and the Solar Workshops at both Bay View and Gault Elementary Schools. The City of Santa Cruz will also host a solar information day at Loudon Center on October 21st. The City of Santa Cruz will allow SCCS to utilize UCSC students to write grants for the district – the students can use the experience and the district needs the funding. Please visit some of the Open Studios this weekend – there is a wonderful showing on Redwood St. in Santa Cruz.

Board Member Hawthorne reported that she and Superintendent Munro met with PCS and the tenor of the negotiations is collaborative and positive. Ms. Hawthorne attended Back-to-School Night at DeLaveaga Elementary School and is concerned about the safety of students who must get from one side of Hwy. 1 to the other as it is clear that folks “zoom “ down those streets.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Middle School Home and School Club Meeting and has spent lots of time since the last meeting getting her very busy Gault Elementary and Branciforte Middle School students to all the school functions, sports outings, etc. that their schedules will allow.

Board President

Board President Vestal thanked Mr. Miller for his support here at Santa Cruz City Schools during this interim period. The Board President attended the Back-to-School Night for Delta Charter School and her student guide did an exemplary job of explaining his course work at Delta and his classes at Cabrillo College as well. We look forward to hearing more from our Delta students throughout the school year.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 22, 2014, 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.
2. 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.
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 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 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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 7:44 p.m.

Reconvene Closed Session

Convene: Board President Vestal convened continued Closed Session at 7:48 p.m.

Adjourn: Board President Vestal adjourned Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

Report from Closed Session

The Board gave direction to Superintendent Munro regarding appointments, retirements, resignations and leaves for Management positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education