

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
September 10, 2014**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:34 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**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, 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  
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**

None

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

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Santa Cruz Education Foundation Representative Kathy Ferraro reported that the recent Whole Foods Market Community Day fundraiser had netted \$6,000 for Santa Cruz City Schools. Fashion Art Santa Cruz will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Auditorium and partial ticket sales proceeds from this event will support Arts Programs in Santa Cruz City Schools. The Santa Cruz Education Foundation is launching a Business & Community Supporter Program. There will be opportunities for Gold, Silver and Bronze Level

Sponsors. Hula's Island Grill Restaurant in downtown Santa Cruz will donate 10% of their proceeds on Monday evenings in October to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Board to remove Wi-Fi from school sites to protect the health of students and staff. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Logsdon reported that former Santa Cruz HS running back Jonah Hodges is making a strong showing as a football player for the University of San Diego. Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees President Chacanaca passed out an article to the Trustees and Cabinet members that he thought might be of interest to them.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

It has been a great start to school to the school year. We were able to visit all sites on day one and have been able to visit several classrooms in the opening weeks. Our schools are warm, welcoming places for students and their families and great learning is taking place every day. I have also been able to visit the SCHS and MHMS PTAs, B40MS ELAC and HSC, and the Monarch Back to School Night. I look forward to visiting all of our school's PTAs and ELACs in the fall and to our many back to school nights in the coming weeks. Our partnership is critical to student success. I am pleased to announce that we have hired a great addition to our team in Elizabeth Wilson, who will serve as Assistant Superintendent for Business Services. She brings experience, vision and expertise to this role. I would like to extend my thanks to our outstanding Directors in the Business Office who have picked up extra responsibilities and supported seamless operations and services in the absence of an Assistant Superintendent – Jerene Lacey in Finance, Ed Victorine in Maintenance and Operations, Amy Hedrick-Farr in Food Services, and Curtis Gomez in Information Technology. Mark your calendars for November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are partnering with the Santa Cruz Warriors to plan a district wide fundraiser for secondary athletic stipends. SCCS Athletic Directors and Molly Parks met with the President of the Warriors to begin planning the details of the event. It promises to be fun and to be an important support of the incredible work done in our athletic programs district wide. Last Friday, I was able to attend a press conference for the county wide Keep Kids in School Campaign. This county wide focus on attendance is being led by Judge Morse with support from county wide agencies, the COE and student services Directors in our school districts. I'd like to acknowledge Eileen Brown for her leadership in this county wide effort. We will be kicking the campaign off in all of our schools with a positive attendance commitment from students and families this month.

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

#### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Diaz introduced herself. She is a grade 12 student at Soquel High School who takes several AP classes, is an AVID member and was recently nominated to the Homecoming Court.

Student Representative Rebollar is enjoying her senior year at Costanoa High School and her third year at the Small Schools campus. She participates in Leadership and plans to pursue Criminal Justice in college.

#### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Coonerty has been devoting time to budget priorities and visiting with the Superintendent and Cabinet Members. Dr. Coonerty welcomed the Student Representatives to the Board of Education. Dr. Coonerty endorses the upcoming Parent Education Night at Aptos High School on Friday, September 12. She has read the book by Ms. Levine and considers attending this event a great learning opportunity.

Board Member Threet attended the first meeting of the *Inside Education* series through the COE. The series will continue throughout the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Threet attended the *Keep Kids in School* press conference to bring awareness to the importance of daily school attendance. Trustee Threet participated in

the Santa Cruz HS Campus Clean Up as led by the Santa Cruz PTA, and would like to extend a special thank you to PTA president Maria Guara and the Santa Cruz High community for their above and beyond efforts in spearheading this event. Board Member Threet attended the Soquel High Fund Meeting. Thank You to the cabinet and staff for their efforts to ensure that all our students had a successful start to the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Threet enjoyed both the Varsity and JV Football Jamborees – SCCS teams are poised for a great year!

Board Member Trujillo welcomed the Student Representatives to the Board of Education and expressed the hope that this experience would be a great lesson in learning about the democratic process. Mr. Trujillo thanked Superintendent Munro for a great start to the new school year and for her energy and commitment to the district during the absence of a District CBO. Trustee Trujillo is pleased with the new Cabinet team members and looks forward to his final 4 months serving this school community. Don't forget to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>!

Board Member Wagman had the pleasure of observing Superintendent Munro making a presentation at the Santa Cruz HS PTA meeting. Mr. Wagman also attended the Gault PTA meeting, and was able to participate on the hiring committee for the New Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Trustee Wagman attended the Employee Reception on August 25<sup>th</sup> as well as the New Teacher Orientation. Board Member Wagman and Ms. Meeker met with the new Student Representatives - Santa Cruz City Schools is very lucky to have them participating this year. The Green Schools Committee is working with the City of Santa Cruz to offer educational meetings for our community families regarding conservation.

Board Member Hawthorne is looking forward to the annual "Food What" benefit dinner – 250 tickets have been sold for this great event that funds UCSC students. Santa Cruz City Schools has been selected by the United Way of Santa Cruz County to offer insights into what the local community desires in an educational plan for our county. This information is part of the working draft of a "Five Year Santa Cruz Community Goals".

Board Member Tracy-Proulx welcomed the new Student Representatives and thanked the staff for a great start to the school year. Trustee Tracy-Proulx attended the Gault PTA meeting and was pleased to see a member of the Westlake PTA in attendance – this type of community collaboration is greatly appreciated. A Mission Hill Middle School parent expressed concern regarding the increased traffic that will occur close to the school when UCSC begins classes later this month.

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

Board President Vestal thoroughly enjoyed the New Teacher Orientation and the positive energy of the new hires as well as the Principals and other staff members in attendance. Delta Charter School begins the school year with 130 students – the highest enrollment ever for this school. Two of the Delta students are members of the Cabrillo College Senate.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Board Member Threet made two corrections to her Board Report from the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. MSP (Coonerty/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2014. Students Diaz and Rebollar abstained from this vote.

## **Consent Agenda**

Following some clarifying questions from the Board Members, Mr. Wagman 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 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements – 1.6.1a Dientes Community Dental Care-Migrant Students; 1.6.2.a CPVAW-Self Defense Classes; 1.6.3.a Axiom Engineers-SHS; 1.6.3.b Della Mora Heating-HHS, BV & GA; 1.6.3.c Cleary Consultants, Inc.-HHS; 1.6.3.d CRW Industries, Inc.-HHS; 1.6.3.e Monterey Peninsula Engineering-WL, DL & PCS; 1.6.3.f CRW Industries-SCHS; 1.6.3.g Pueblo Construction, Inc.-HHS; 1.6.4.a CSA Marty Krovetz-Ed services/Curriculum; 1.7 Disposal of Surplus Item(s); 1.8 Change Notice(s). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School* – Schoolhouse Chai in Santa Cruz donated \$25,000 to the site; Barbara Hellesoe donated \$300 to this school. *Santa Cruz High School* – The SCHS PTA donated \$14,000 to teachers for the purchase of classroom supplies. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the 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. The Board is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Wilson, the former Assistant Superintendent of Business for Paso Robles Public Schools, will join Santa Cruz City Schools on September 22<sup>nd</sup> as the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services. The Cabinet and Board are pleased to welcome an experienced and highly trained CBO.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
3. The Board of Education discussed the possibility of anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)
4. The Board of Education heard information and provided direction regarding real property negotiations for: 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA; 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. 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: Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women**

CPVAW Representatives reported on the self-defense classes taught to Santa Cruz City Schools students in middle and high school. Classes focus on awareness, avoidance, verbal and physical skills. Approximately 9,270 SCCS students have been served in this program over the last 7 years. Instructors are looking forward to continuing this partnership with Santa Cruz City Schools and appreciate the support of the City of Santa Cruz for this program as well. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

#### **3.2 Staff Report: Certificated New Hires**

Ms. Parks reported on the 35 new employees – 31 teachers and four administrators. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

#### **3.3 Staff Report: 2014-15 Instructional Focus**

Ms. Meeker reported to the Board of Education regarding the instructional focus for the 2014-15 school year. Information included SCCS Strategic Goals; Our Collective Mission; Essential Strategies;

Response to Instruction & Intervention in Elementary and Secondary; Creating a College Going Culture; District Wide Celebrations. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**3.4 Staff Report: Opening Enrollments (REVIS)**

Ms. Meeker presented attendance by site on September 4<sup>th</sup> – the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the school year. SCCS had 28 more students enrolled overall on this day than the 2013 CBEDS; however, this increase is less students (21 Elementary and 38 Secondary = 59 total) than the projected number of students for 2014-15. Enrollment information will be updated and finalized in October on the 2014-15 CBEDS day. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**\*Note:** Students and Rebollar left this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**3.5 New Business: 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals**

Ms. Lacey presented the 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals and the 2014-15 Revised Budget – including a newly revised Multi-Year Projection. Ms. Threet made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Cafeteria Fund 2013-14 balance of \$214,000 to pay for athletic stipends by providing \$25,000 to each of the three comprehensive high schools and \$12,500 to both of the comprehensive middle schools. Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. Following comments and discussion about this motion, the vote was 2-5 and the motion was not passed. Mr. Trujillo and Ms. Threet voted yes. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 6-0-1. The Board of Education certified the 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals and approved the 2014-15 Revised Budget as presented. Mr. Trujillo abstained from the vote.

**RECESS:** Board President Vestal called for a short recess at

**RECONVENE:** Board President Vestal reconvened this Regular Meeting at

**3.6 New Business: Board Policy 4030.1 Workplace Bullying**

Ms. Parks and GSCFT President Kirschen presented this report to the Trustees. This policy is brought to the Board of Education as developed through a district committee recommendation and collaboration on the language by Ms. Parks, Mr. Kirschen and Superintendent Munro. Following discussion, comments and questions, Mr. Wagman moved approval for first and final reading and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The Board of Education approved this motion with a vote of 7-0.

**3.7 New Business: Resolution 05-14-15 GANN Limits**

Ms. Lacey presented this information to the Trustees. Following comments and questions, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the 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

**3.8 New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Textbook Sufficiency in the Elementary and Secondary School Districts**

In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funds, the Education Code requires the Governing Board to hold an annual public hearing to make a determination, through a resolution, regarding sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects aligned to content standards. This Public Hearing fulfills the compliance requirement for 2014-15.

**OPEN:** Board President Vestal opened this Public Hearing at 9:07 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CLOSE:** Board President Vestal closed this Public Hearing at 9:09 p.m.

**3.9 New Business: Resolution 06-14-15 Textbooks Sufficiency Elementary Districts and 07-14-15 Textbooks Sufficiency Secondary District**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of Resolution 06-14-15 Textbooks Sufficiency Elementary District and Resolution 07-14-15 Textbooks Sufficiency Secondary District and Mr. Wagman seconded the 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

**3.10 New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for the Santa Cruz Schools Contract Proposals to the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees for the 2014-15 School Year**

MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCS 2014-15 contract proposals to the SCCCE for “sunshining”.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on September 24, 2014, 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 October 8, 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 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
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 business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education