

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 24, 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 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 6:39 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 (5:31 pm Closed Session Only)	

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

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

Soquel High School Athletic Director Stu Walters addressed the Board to express his concerns regarding the lack of fiscal solvency for Athletic programs. Parent Brad Brereton communicated that he felt funding Athletics was not a priority for this Board and asked the Trustees to create a process to receive input from stakeholders on spending priorities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro acknowledged that tonight is the beginning of the celebration of Rosh Hashanah 2014 and Mr. Wagman is absent from Open Session for religious reasons. Unfortunately, we were unable to successfully reschedule this meeting to accommodate the holiday and ensure it does not happen again in the future. Since the meeting on September 10, the Superintendent attended several Back to School Nights. These are important evenings as our staff and families connect and meet to share the promise of the new school year. Thank you to everyone involved in making them a success. Today Facilities Director Ed Victorine retired after serving three years with SCCS and we wish him well in retirement. Trevor Miller will serve as our new Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, and we feel lucky to have hired him. Superintendent Munro met with the City of Santa Cruz Parks and Recreations officials to discuss long-term MOUs, potential future collaborations and their current work in our middle schools lunchtime activity programs. Friday, District Leaders will be working with Dr. Eddie Fergus as he continues to support our work on equitable student outcomes in our district. The entire District Office Staff held a meeting on September 15. We reviewed our goals and team commitment to service – as well as introduced a new service award program.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Rebollar reported that the Leadership program at Costanoa is growing. The older students at the Small Schools Campus are seeking ways to connect with the Monarch Alternative Elementary students and the campus will plan some joint student activities.

Student Representative Diaz reported that there are some new multicultural clubs at Soquel High School and that an increasing number of students from minority and underrepresented demographics are joining Leadership activities at Soquel as well. This is Homecoming week for Soquel High School, and lots of students are enjoying the themed activity days and expressing school pride.

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Tracy-Proulx and many other parents received a warm welcome at the Branciforte Middle School Back to School Night. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Food What! Fundraising Dinner and found it inspiring. The Technology Task Force meeting was informative and tech training opportunities were discovered.

Board Member Hawthorne visited several Back to School Nights and found them welcoming and well-attended. The unique schedule for Santa Cruz High School may warrant a different format for Back to School Night at this campus. Trustee Hawthorne was honored to serve as a Table Captain for the Food What! organization at their recent fundraising dinner. This event raised \$60,000.00 for the organization. A new facet of this organization is Now What! where efforts will focus on students helping each other with resumes, job applications, employment opportunities, etc.

Board Member Trujillo has not been able to attend many events as of late, but hopes to make it to the AFE Green Day of Service on Saturday, September 27th. Mr. Trujillo urged all voters to get out and vote on November 4th, and if you have moved – don't forget to re-register! Trustee Trujillo also encourages the Board of Education to pass resolutions in support of both Proposition 45 and Proposition 47.

Board Member Threet enjoyed the “Inside Education” series she recently attended – including the time spent at the Cabrillo College Early Childhood Education Center. Trustee Threet attended the Soquel High School Back to School Night. The evening was well attended and many parents took advantage of the wonderful BBQ hosted by the Parent Club. Folks can see Student Representative Diaz on Friday evening at the Football Game Halftime festivities as she will be a featured member of the Homecoming Court.

Board Member Coonerty has been under the weather with a minimum activity schedule. However, Dr. Coonerty has spent as much time as her schedule would allow on the phone and in person asking parents how they feel about the start of the new school year and most reports have been positive. Dr. Coonerty would like to spend some time with the District and the County ROP Administrators as she is concerned about the future of this beneficial program. I would like to have someone contact Soquel Athletic Director Stu Walters and ask him to share more specific information with me regarding his fiscal concerns around athletics programs.

Board President’s Report

Board President Vestal attended several Back to School Night events and spoke with many happy parents! Ms. Vestal attended a Delta Charter School Staff and Board Member retreat and a Delta Board Meeting. Board President Vestal was pleased to attend the Food What! fundraiser dinner event – the dessert was amazing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Threet/Trujillo) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 10, 2014 as submitted. Students Diaz and Rebollar abstained from the vote on this matter.

Consent Agenda

Prior to a motion on the Consent Agenda items, Mr. Trujillo asked to pull item VII.1.11.1.c, CSA for Eddie Fergus, for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Threet had a question regarding page 20 of the Board Book, Purchase Orders. Ms. Threet advised staff members to periodically review district vendors before assigning large purchase orders. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the Consent Agenda (minus Item VII.1.11.1.c) consisting of: 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 Out-of-State Travel – Special Education; 1.8 Resolution 09-14-15 Designation of JPA Reps; 1.10 4th Quarter Investment Report; 1.11.1.a-CSA for Margaret Lacey, Vision Testing; 1.11.1.b-CSA Carmen Arriaga-Kumasaka, Family Counseling-Elementary; 1.11.2.a-Contract Pueblo Construction, Inc.-HHS; 1.11.2.b-Contract PAMF Athletic Trainer & Screening-HHS & SCHS; 1.11.2.c-David Eddings & Assoc.-fencing security-SCHS; 1.11.2.d-Cleary Consultants-SCHS; 1.11.2.e-Testing Engineers –SHS; 1.11.3.a-CSA Tad Kumagai-HR; 1.12 Disposal of Surplus Item(s); 1.13 Out-of-State Travel-Digital Learning Conference. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz High School* – Cal Honda has donated \$194.00 to the Girls’ Tennis Team; Galen Hilgard has donated art and project supplies to the Art Department; *Soquel High School* – Laysha Ward has donated \$444.22 to the school through the Target Corporation Take Charge of Education Donation Program. This motion was seconded by Dr. Coonerty. 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

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

Consent Agenda Item 1.11.1.c – CSA Eddie Fergus

Mr. Trujillo asked to have this item moved for separate discussion and vote to extend his hearty endorsement of both Mr. Fergus and his credentials and the need for this work in our district. Mr. Trujillo moved approval of this item and Ms. Threet 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

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. The Board accepted the resignation of 3 year employee Ed Victorine who retired from his position as Director of Facility Services this afternoon. The Board is pleased to announce that Trevor Miller has joined Santa Cruz City Schools as the new Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 01-14-15 and 02-14-15 with a vote of 5-0 (Mr. Wagman and Mr. Trujillo were not present for the vote on these items).
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
4. The Board of Education discussed the possibility of anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)
5. The Board conferred with property negotiators regarding property at 255 Swift Street and gave Superintendent Kris Munro direction to move forward in negotiating leases for 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Board of Education did not have time to review the Superintendent’s annual goals and objectives.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Summer Programs

Ms. Meeker introduced AECF Director Gross, Summer School Principal Poirier and Summer School Lead Teacher Oatey to report to the Trustees. Information was provided regarding: a Pre-K School Readiness program offered at home; a Pre-K Kinder Readiness Academy offered at Gault Elementary; Dental and Vision Services offered for Out-of-School Youth; Bus Passes available for students in 1st through 12th grade; the Seamless Summer Feeding Program available to youth under 18 years of age who did or did not attend Summer School programs; the Elementary programs offered at both Bay View and Gault; Middle School program serving students from both Branciforte and Mission Hill offered at Branciforte MS; Cabrillo College Field Trips made available to students in grades 6-12; High School Programs offered at Harbor HS and the Small Schools campus; Student Leadership Institute offered through Sacramento State University for students in grades 9-12. Board Members asked questions and offered comments. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

3.4 Staff Report: Conditional Approval of the 2014-15 Adopted Budget

Finance Director Lacey presented this information to the Board of Education. As a result of the conditional approval of the adopted budget for 2014-15, the County Office of Education has requested some additional documents and information from Santa Cruz City Schools. This report included: items requested by the COE; MYP revenue changes resulting from the number of students in secondary differing from projected figures; Multi-Year Projection – revised after enrollment numbers were determined at the conclusion of the first week of school attendance; projected General Fund balance

vs. Cash balance through 2015-16; 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.

3.2 Staff Report: Attendance Campaign

Student Services Director Brown reported to the Board of Education on this matter. The first Keeping Kids in School (KKIS) and Out of Court Summit was held December 4, 2013 in Anaheim, California. On March 10, 2014, California Attorney General Kamala Harris declared California in the midst of a truancy crisis and launched a package of bills to help the state better collect truancy data. Santa Cruz County, with the support of Superior Court Judge Heather Morse, has launched a countywide KKIS campaign. Information presented included: KKIS Goals for 2014-15; the effects of absenteeism on student success; Attendance Terms; Countywide Attendance Data (Live Oak, San Lorenzo Valley, Pajaro Valley and Santa Cruz City); Myths, Barriers and Aversion; and Best Practices that promote positive school attendance and academic success . SCCS will send 2014-15 Attendance Commitment Cards to each student’s family to promote partnership in this campaign. Board Members asked questions and offered comments. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

NOTE: Student Representatives Diaz and Rebollar left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

3.3 New Business: Resolution 08-14-15 Positive Attendance

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of Resolution 08-14-15 Recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month and promoting positive attendance and academic success. Mr. Trujillo 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

3.5 Staff Report: Superintendent’s Goals Report

The Board of Education has reviewed Superintendent Munro’s goals and measures of accountability for the 2014-15 school year and agreed upon the Superintendent’s Standards and Evaluation Form as provided by the California School Boards Association. In this report, the Superintendent shared this information with the public as well. Superintendent Munro provided a detailed description of: 1) performance-related goals for the year; 2) how success will be measured; 3) SCCS Superintendent’s Standards and Evaluation. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 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 items of Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

NOTE: Board Member Trujillo left the meeting at this time and did not return to Closed Session.

Reconvene Closed Session

Convene: Board President Vestal convened continued Closed Session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn: Board President Vestal adjourned Closed Session at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education