

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
August 24, 2005**

Call to Order

Board President Collins called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Felix Robles
Mick Routh	Ken Wagman	Tim Willis
Absent: Pinheiro		

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Ralph Porras, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Members of the Audience

Welcome & Format

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

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Matt Farrell expressed appreciation for the District's pursuit of the reauthorization of the parcel tax measures. Superintendent Pagano thanked Mr. Farrell and other community members for their hard work in support of Santa Cruz City Schools. A Westlake parent and two students thanked the Superintendent and Trustees for reconsidering the staffing levels at Westlake Elementary School – the changes will bring positive changes for children.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported the locations for two future meetings: September 14th will be at Mission Hill Middle School, and October 12th at Branciforte Middle School. Mr. Pagano presented a time line to the Trustees providing details of the process for filling the Board vacancy. The Superintendent is pleased with the progress of the Transition Review Team, and will ask two team members to report on accomplishments and goals at the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2005. Superintendent Pagano will present his goals for the 2005-06 school year to the Trustees on September 14th. Mr. Pagano invited the Board Members to attend the SBCP Day. The theme for the meeting is Equity. The Superintendent thanked Ms. Morgenstern and Mr. Porras for their diligence in planning the Administrative Staff Retreat. Mr. Pagano reported the Santa Cruz Education Foundation has committed to raising the balance of funds necessary to provide high school class size reductions in 9th grade English classes for the 2006-07 school year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There was no Student Representative present; however, Mr. Porras reported that the fall semester would include representation from a Harbor High School student.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Collins thanked the District for hosting the Administrator's Retreat. Mr. Collins expressed pleasure with the efforts of SCCS staff to ensure that health food choices are offered to students, and wished Mission Hill Middle School success in having a completed turf field at the start of school. Trustee Collins gave District Staff and Board Members a copy of the Board Self-Assessment used in the Live Oak District. The Board directed Superintendent Pagano to use this as a basis for creating a tool specific to the Santa Cruz City Schools, and asked the Superintendent to bring this SCCS Board Self-Assessment to the Regular Meeting at the end of September. President Collins reported receipt of a letter from the County Office of Education approving the 2005-06 budget as presented. Mr. Collins acknowledged the many steps this district has taken to achieve fiscal stability, and congratulated all involved for the dedication that led to this budget certification.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Wagman commented that the approved budget displays the required minimum reserve for the District. Mr. Wagman thanked Superintendent Pagano for keeping such a watchful eye on the enrollment numbers of students for SCCS. Trustee Wagman reported working with the Transition Review Team is a great experience.

Board Member Willis recognized a colleague who had recently passed away.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett reported attendance at the Transition Review Team Meeting, and lots of parcel tax meetings.

Board Member Robles congratulated the District on the budget approval by the COE. Mr. Robles enjoyed the content and the organization of the Administrator's Retreat.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Willis moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2005; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 12); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 13); Unrepresented Employees: Contract Provisions & Amendments Ratification (Ex. 14); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 15); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 16); Warrant Register Batches 27-50; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 17). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Santa Cruz City School District*: The Santa Cruz Education Donation has generously donated \$46,000 to be used for class size reduction in the high school district. Total value of gifts: \$46,000. Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes

STAFF REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #3-05-06 Adoption of Textbooks & Instructional Materials Grades 9-12

Mr. Porras introduced Ms. Morgenstern to deliver this report to the Board Members. Ms. Morgenstern noted that the materials are aligned with content standards adopted by the State Board of Education, and this resolution is enacted in compliance with Education Code expenditure information and criteria. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 18)

Roll Call Vote

Collins – Yes

Dewey Thorsett – Yes

Robles – Yes

Routh – Yes

Wagman – Yes

Willis – Yes

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 14, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Mission Hill Middle School, 425 King St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Board President Collins adjourned this Regular Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

John T. Collins II, President
Board of Education