

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

December 14, 2005

Call to Order

Board President Collins called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Auditorium, Gault Elementary School, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Bruce Neustadter	
Felix Robles	Mick Routh	Ken Wagman	Tim Willis
Student Amber Norfolk			

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

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano asked that Item 4.1 Sunshining of GSDFT Contract Proposal to SCCSD for the 2005-06 School Year, Item 4.2 Sunshining of GSCFT Contract Proposal to SCCSD for the 2006-08 School Years, and Item 4.3 Sunshining of GSCFT Guest Teacher Contract Proposal for the 2003-06 School Years, be moved to the Consent Agenda – and be listed in the Consent Agenda as Items 1.11, 1.12, and 1.13 respectively. The Trustees approved this change.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Willis moved approval of Mr. Wagman for Board President, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. By a vote of 7-0, Mr. Wagman was named Board President. Mr. Willis moved approval for Ms. Dewey Thorsett for Board Vice President, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Without dissent, Ms. Dewey Thorsett was named Board Vice President.

Welcome & Format

Board President Wagman thanked Principal James for hosting this meeting, welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. President Wagman introduced Principal James as the first speaker for the Public Communications.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Gault Principal James congratulated President Wagman and Vice President Dewey Thorsett, and introduced by students. The audience was treated to some poems and a “sneak preview” of the Lion King production currently under way at Gault School. Eileen Altman, Secretary of the Friends of Santa Cruz Libraries, asked the Board to

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reinstate LMT and LMA positions at school libraries to ensure equity at all sites. Harbor High School LMT Nancy Litvak thanked the community voters for support of library services through the parcel tax measures, and encouraged reinstatement of positions. SCCCE President Chacanaca recognized the outstanding service of the classified employees who provided services to students during cutbacks, and expressed the need to retain LMA services when reinstating LMT positions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano congratulated Trustees Wagman and Dewey Thorsett on their new positions, and presented outgoing President Collins with a Certificate and Gavel for recognition of service as Board President for 2005. The Superintendent also presented Student Representative Norfolk with a Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Pagano reported the November 30th Board Meeting structured for Trustee Self-Evaluation was productive, and a draft of goals/objectives will be presented at the January 9th Regular Meeting. Superintendent Pagano attended a DLAC meeting December 5th. The Silicon Valley Roundtable Outreach Program that tracks, monitors, and provides support and services to students grades K-12, has chosen Gault Elementary School as the first district site in this program.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Norfolk reported that Harbor High School completed Respect Week, and that the activities brought many communities together. The Soquel High School Band will host a Winter Concert on December 15th. The Soquel High School community sponsored 3 families through the Adopt-A-Family Program. Santa Cruz High School's production Romeo and Juliet will conclude on December 17 & 18.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Wagman thanked Mr. Collins for a great year. President Wagman reported that the most important job of the Trustees is to be an advocate of students – and he pledged to make this his commitment for the coming year. Mr. Wagman expressed a desire to meet at a school site once a month to hear the voices and opinions of students, and assured the community that as money returns to the District, those dollars will go back into the classrooms. President Wagman reported spending time at Branciforte Middle School, and thanked Principal Kris Munro for her time and assistance. Mr. Wagman attended a MHMS Parent Meeting, had a productive meeting with Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Morgenstern, and noted that while the departure of Bryan Wall at MHMS is clearly a loss to the District, there is a strong replacement in Ms. Abrahams Johnson. President Wagman concluded by encouraging the community to see the SCHS production Romeo and Juliet.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS'

Ms. Dewey Thorsett expressed thanks to Mr. Collins for his year of service, and also thanks to the Trustees for their vote of confidence in her. She looks forward to working for students. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended the Transition Review Team Meeting; BFAC Meeting; and met with Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Morgenstern.

Mr. Willis thanked Mr. Collins for the past year of excellent leadership, and offered best wishes to Mr. Wagman and Ms. Dewey Thorsett. Mr. Willis thanked Ms. Norfolk for her service to the Board of Education, and wished happy holidays for all.

Mr. Robles thanked Mr. Collins and Ms. Norfolk for their service, and wished Mr. Wall good fortune in his new position at the SCCOE. Through the United Way organization, Mr. Robles will work with the SCCOE to establish SC County Educational Goals to the year 2010.

Mr. Routh thanked Ms. Norfolk for a job well done, and Mr. Collins for a spectacular year of leadership. He acknowledged Bryan Wall for his achievements, and expressed confidence that Ms. Abrahams Johnson will carry on well.

Mr. Neustadter reported he looks forward to working with Mr. Wagman and Ms. Dewey Thorsett, and thanked Mr. Collins for his year of service. Mr. Neustadter attended a SCHS Coffee; MHMS Site Council and Site Plan Meeting; and met with Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Morgenstern. He acknowledged them for the detail and effort they provide this district.

Mr. Collins thanked his colleagues and expressed appreciation for the sentiments voiced this evening. Mr. Collins thanked the community for support of students and schools, and offered congratulations to President Wagman and Vice President Dewey Thorsett. Mr. Collins acknowledged Ms. Norfolk for her student representation on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Collins reported the next joint meeting of the City of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz City Schools will be March 16, 2006. Regarding the UCSC Growth Plan that intimates this growth will have no impact on SCCS – Mr. Collins does not agree and would like to see this matter given further review. Mr. Collins attended a Soquel HS Site Council meeting – he appreciated the work put into the WASC plan, and the efforts regarding the ELL students are also to be commended. Santa Cruz Countywide Board Meetings are scheduled for January 30th and a date to be determined in March 2006. Mr. Collins concluded by thanking the Gault students for their presentation this evening.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Before obtaining a move for approval of the Consent Agenda, Superintendent Pagano submitted corrections to the Closed Session Action Reports for October 10, November 21, and December 14, 2005. Mr. Robles moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2005; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 62); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 63); Resolution #19-05-06 Agreement with California Department Education for Child Development Services (Ex. 64); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 65); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 66); Warrant Register Batches 135-150; Out-of-State Field Trip for Santa Cruz High School Special Day Class; Adult Education Course Offering; Adult School Staffing; Sunshining of GSCFT Contract Proposal to SCCSD for the 2005-06 School Year; Sunshining of GSCFT Contract Proposal to SCCSD for the 2006-08 School Years;

Sunshining of GSCFT Guest Teacher Contract Proposal for 2003-06. Mr. Routh seconded this motion. The motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Robles – Yes
Neustadter – Yes	Routh – Yes	Wagman – Yes	Willis – Yes
Student Norfolk – Abstain			

STAFF REPORTS

Prior to hearing any Staff Reports, President Wagman asked that after the first report from the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, the Board proceed directly to Item 3.1 – Transition Review Team Report & Recommendation. This change was proposed to accommodate the families who came to speak to this item. The Trustees approved this change of sequence.

Santa Cruz Education Foundation Update

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Cynthia Hawthorne reported on the first year of business for this organization. In 2005, working with SCCS and the Santa Cruz Community, the Foundation secured over \$200,000 for district students and sites. The Grant Application Program was launched; the Foundation won a prestigious award from the State organization.

OLD BUSINESS

Transition Review Team Report & Recommendation

Superintendent Pagano reported on the recommendations submitted by the Transition Review Team. This committee has met regularly since June 2005, and was charged with the review and assessment of certain aspects of the 2004-05 elementary district reorganization. The following recommendations are submitted for approval:

1. To create a more diverse and demographically balanced student population at each elementary site.
2. To establish a Pre-K program at each elementary site.
3. To provide a more equitable delivery of services to our socio-economically disadvantaged and English Learner student populations.

Mr. Routh moved approval and Mr. Robles seconded this motion. After discussion among staff members, community members, and Board questions, Trustees Routh and Robles expressed discomfort with the recommendations, and withdrew the motion. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved to accept the report, but not to approve the recommendations. Mr. Routh seconded this motion. Following further discussion, Mr. Collins moved for an amendment to the Dewey Thorsett/Routh motion: To accept the report, and to approve recommendations #2 & #3. Mr. Willis seconded this motion amendment. This amendment motion was acceptable to Dewey Thorsett and Routh, and the Board voted on and approved this amendment 7-0. After additional discussion and assurance that future plans would allow for public process and inclusion, MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Routh) 7-0, the Board of Education authorized the amended motion to accept the report from the Transition Review Team and approve Recommendations #2 and #3.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

2005 Academic Performance Index and Annual Yearly Progress Results

Mr. Porras introduced the 2005 Academic Performance Index and Annual Yearly Progress Results. He acknowledged Ms. Morgenstern and Ms. Hamilton for their efforts. Ms. Morgenstern reported to the Trustees on results for the District students. The NCLB Act of 2001 mandates an Annual Yearly Progress Report for all public schools and districts. The 2005 API Base for elementary and middle schools is derived from 2005 STAR results. For high schools, the CAHSEE scores in ELA and Mathematics are included in the API Base calculations. Costanoa High School and Delta Charter School participate in the Alternative School Accountability System. An analysis of APIs, Annual Yearly Progress, and impacts of Title 1 Program Improvement Status for SCCS was presented. Current district practices to address accountability targets and recommended next steps were also reviewed.

Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives and Title III Accountability

Mr. Porras introduced Ms. Hamilton to deliver the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives and Title III Accountability report. Title III is the Federal source of funding dedicated to supplemental programs and services for English Learners and immigrant students. The Accountability Report is at the Local Educational Agency level, and measures progress in three areas: English Learners' demonstration of growth in the acquisition of English language; attainment of academic proficiency in English; and attainment of participation and proficiency targets on the Calif. Standards Test. This report included a review of the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives; how our districts have performed, and what progress is being made to address barriers to English Learner achievement.

Bond Project Status Report

Mr. Moss reported the last Bond Project Status Report was made to the Board on 9/28/05 for the period ending 8/31/05. This report is for the period ending 10/31/05, and includes: Financial Reports – Elementary and Secondary Bond Budget; Summary of Revised Budgets by Site; Bond Budgets by Site by Project; Bond Budgets by Site. Also included: Allocation of Escalation Funds; Status of Bond Projects by Sites; Status of Bond Project Schedules. The Santa Cruz High School Swimming Pool Project has been terminated effective 12/1/05. The BOC recommendation to dissolve this advisory group will come in February 2006.

2004-05 Year-End Report on the Receipt and Expenditure of Developer Fees

Mr. Moss reported to the Trustees regarding the 2004-05 Year-End Report on the Receipt and Expenditure of Developer Fees. These fees are assessed on a per square foot basis on new residential and commercial construction within the District. These funds are used to provide school facilities to house and service the growth in student enrollment generated by the new construction. The law required the District to make a public report of the receipt and uses of Developer Fees within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year. The Capital Facilities Fund (CFF) is the fund used to account for the receipt and expenditure of Developer Fees. In 2004-05, Developer Fee Revenues were \$1,066,221, and interest

income was \$176,722. Total expenses were \$2,123,058, leaving an operating deficit of \$826,586. The ending balance on 6/30/05 was \$1,258,346.

Benefits Study Committee Report

Mr. Moss reported to the Trustees on the Benefits Study Committee Report. The BSC was reconvened in September 2005 to continue examining health benefit plan options to develop a recommendation to the Board. The BSC met five times from September 16 through November 28, 2005, and received proposals from Blue Cross, Great-West and PacifiCare for both PPO and HMO plans that would resemble the current Blue Shield PPO and Health Net HMO plans through the JPA. The BSC also received presentations (but not proposals) from Self Insured Schools of California JPA and from the Pajaro Valley Unified School District self-insured program. The proposed rates were high, and the BSC felt that SCCS should remain with the SCCSHIG JPA in 2006-07.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Revision: Policy & AR 5127.1 Graduation and Diplomas: Comprehensive High Schools (Final Reading)

Mr. Porras reported that at the November 21, 2005 Board Meeting, the Trustees asked for clarification in several areas of the submitted revised policy. Mr. Porras confirmed that language was added to clarify the areas in question at the first reading of this document. MSP (Collins/Neustadter), the Board of Education approved without dissent Policy & AR 5127.1 Graduation and Diplomas: Comprehensive High Schools. (Ex. 67)

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

2005-06 First Interim Financial Report w/Positive Financial Solvency Certification

Mr. Moss reported to the Trustees, including "General Fund Summary and Three Year Budget Projection, Reserves, and Conclusions, including factors that could affect this financial picture. MSP (Routh/Willis) 7-0, the Board of Education approved this Report. (Ex. 68)

Approve Allocation of Revenues for 2006-07 Zero-Based Budgeting Process

Mr. Moss reported this is the 3rd year using Zero Based Budgeting, which includes allocating revenues to budget managers and having them prepare budgets up to that revenue limit. MSP (Collins/Routh) 7-0, the Board approved the allocation of revenues for 2006-07 Zero-Based Budgeting process. Superintendent Pagano presented recommendations and proposals to be embedded in budget deliberations, including the reinstatement and/or addition of classified and certificated positions for 2006-07.

Resolution #20-05-06 Authorizing the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to Accept Construction Bids

Mr. Moss reported a construction project planned to start over the Winter Break. Approval of this resolution would authorize the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, to accept a bid for the project to expedite the start of the task. Mr. Routh moved approval, and Mr. Collins seconded this motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 69)

Roll Call Vote
Neustadter – Yes

Collins – Yes
Routh – Yes

Dewey Thorsett – Yes
Wagman – Yes

Robles – Yes
Willis – Yes

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Closed Session Action Report

The Board heard an update regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.

The Governing Board ordered the Expulsion of Student 06-05-06 for one year and suspended the enforcement of the expulsion.

The Board received information regarding a personnel issue.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education