

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

February 22, 2006

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins Rachel Dewey Thorsett Bruce Neustadter Felix Robles
Mick Routh Ken Wagman Tim Willis
Student: Bailey McElhinney

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business
Ralph Porras, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Members of the Audience

Agenda Changes

As requested by the Lead Negotiator for SCCCE, Superintendent Pagano asked to delete Item 4.6, Opening of Sunshine Period for SCCCE Contract Proposals for 2006-07. This item will return to the Trustees on March 8, 2006. The Superintendent also asked to move Item 4.2, Single Plans for Student Achievement, to follow Item 4.7, Approve SCCCE Nomination to the Personnel Commission. The Board Members approved these agenda changes.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Harbor High School Principal Tocchini welcomed the Board Members to the school. Ms. Tocchini reported that Open House/8th Grade Parent Night received much positive feedback. On March 10th, students from Branciforte Middle School, Shoreline Middle School, and Baymonte Christian School will be invited to Harbor High School for a presentation. The school website contains a new section for 8th grade parents; the site plan is now online; and a link to open enrollment is forthcoming.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported that Asst. Superintendent Krause was attending an educational seminar this week at the Personnel Institute in Pomona, CA. Mr. Pagano thanked Ms. Tocchini and Ms. Litvak for providing the space at this site to host the Board Meetings. The Superintendent acknowledged Trustee Willis, Asst. Superintendent Porras, and Ms. Hamilton for attendance at the Title III Conference in Sacramento – this was a very beneficial exchange of ideas, providing team thinking and a move toward the highest level of learning possible for ESL students. Delta School Principal Robert Guzley will retire at the end of this school year, and is acknowledged for his service. Upon direction from Board President Wagman, the Superintendent has made initial

contacts regarding a joint Board Meeting with Pacific, Bonny Doon, and SCCS. The BFAC will meet on February 27, 3:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ms. McElhinney reported that both the Girls' and Boys' Soquel High School Basketball Teams had earned berths in the CCS Playoffs. The Soquel High School "Quad" is under construction, and the Woodshop Classes have generously made and donated 20 benches for students during the construction process. More teachers and adults are needed to help facilitate Challenge Day on February 27. The Harbor High School Annual Leadership Retreat Day has been postponed due to a conflict with SAT testing.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Wagman thanked Ms. Tocchini and Ms. Litvak for hosting this meeting. Mr. Wagman attended the Open House at Harbor High School; the Harbor High School Leadership Class; the Bay View Elementary Spelling Bee; and the Santa Cruz High School Open House. President Wagman acknowledged the generous parents who provide dinners at school special occasions. Mr. Wagman commended both Delta School and Principal Robert Guzley, and reported that the SCHS Mock Trial Team would be traveling to Riverside, Calif., for the State Championship Competition.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Neustadter commended both Delta School and Principal Robert Guzley, and the academic accountability established during Mr. Guzley's tenure. Mr. Neustadter expressed his opinion that SCCS needs a system in place to hear the voice of Spanish speaking parents. Mr. Neustadter met with Westlake Elementary Principal Miller, and Soquel High School Principal Kollmann. Trustee Neustadter reported he would like to see the Board move in a positive reporting direction – informing the public about what is working at different sites, and also items of interest and achievement.

Trustee Robles attended the Delta School Board Meeting, as he has represented SCCS for seven years in this regard. Mr. Robles will be sorry to see Mr. Guzley depart. He has done an excellent job, and Delta School is an exemplary demonstration of what a positive role a charter school can play in a district. Board Member Robles concluded his remarks with compliments to the Harbor High School staff on the inviting appearance of the library.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the Wellness Committee Meeting. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended the Santa Cruz High School Open House. Trustee Dewey Thorsett reported BOC Member Dr. Logsdon had called to say he was not in attendance at this Regular Meeting in order to attend the PCS Town Hall Meet on Diversity.

Trustee Collins attended the Mock Trial Competition between Santa Cruz, Soquel, and Harbor High Schools, and also the Harbor High School Open House. Mr. Collins would like to see better communication between campuses regarding scheduling. Board Member Collins noted he would be away for both scheduled meetings in March – on

March 8th Mr. Collins will be on a business trip, and on March 22nd Mr. Collins will be celebrating his daughter's 18th birthday.

Board Member Routh spent time with the Branciforte Middle School Science Teacher, and was impressed with the culminating student activity to build a self-propelled vehicle. This is a very creative undertaking, with student presentations and assessments for improvements for the future.

Trustee Willis acknowledged the Delta School for achieving the original intent of a charter school – to serve those students not provided for in public schools. Mr. Willis noted the many changes in the Harbor High School campus over the last 20 years. Board Member Willis advised Student Representative McElhinney that “Challenge Day” would be powerful and empowering. Mr. Willis reported he really enjoyed the Title III Conference in Sacramento.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Board Member Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 92); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 93); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 94); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 95); Warrant Register Batches 196-216; Waiver of Instructional Minutes for Monarch School (Ex. 96); Approve Contract with School Innovation & Advocacy for eTruancy Services (Ex. 97). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Branciforte MS*– Laura Fernandez has donated \$200 to be used for Science Camp. *Santa Cruz HS* – Chris Obert has donated computer equipment valued at approximately \$300. Cindy Williams has donated computer equipment valued at approximately \$300. Charlene Huntley has donated computer equipment valued at approximately \$300. Nellie and Bert Donovan have donated computer equipment valued at approximately \$600. April Lambert has donated computer equipment valued at approximately \$400. Maria Keutmann of The Garden Company has donated landscape plants and supplies valued at approximately \$225. **Total value:** \$2325. Mr. Robles seconded the motion. After questions by Collins and Dewey Thorsett, this motion was passed 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 McElhinney – Yes			

STAFF REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

The Board approved the tentative agreement for 2005-06 with the SCCCE

The Board approved the 'meet and confer' agreement with District Managers

The Board approved the resignation agreement of release for a classified employee

PUBLIC HEARING: 2005-06 Tentative Agreement Between SCCS and the SCCE and Disclosure of Costs

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Moss reported that the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees (SCCCE) and Santa Cruz City Schools (SCCS) reached a tentative agreement regarding the 2005-06 collective bargaining agreement re-opens on 2/6/06. The increased cost of the agreement is as follows:

- 1.0% salary increase retroactive to 7/1/05 \$94,683
- 1.5% one-time bonus contingent upon a successful appeal \$142,025 of the 2004-05 audit findings and penalties and assuming a sufficient amount of dollars equivalent to 1.5% being restored to the budget and following other Board approved bonus obligations.

These compensation increases are on top of the 1% salary schedule increase on 7/1/05.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Contract Agreement Between SCCCE and SCCS, 2005-06

Superintendent Pagano recommended approval of the 2005-06 tentative agreement as presented. MSP (Willis/Collins) 7-0, the Board approved the Contract Agreement Between SCCCE and SCCS, 2005-06. *Student Representative McElhinney was no longer present at the meeting at this time. (Ex. 98)

Closing of Sunshine Period for SCCCE Contract Proposals for 2005-06

Superintendent Pagano recommended the Board of Education approve the SCCCE contract proposals for final "Sunshining", in accordance with the Employee Relations Act. There were no comments or questions regarding this matter from either the Public or the Trustees. MSP (Collins/Neustadter) 7-0, the Board approved the Closing of the Sunshine Period for SCCCE Contract Proposals for 2005-06.

Approve SCCCE Nomination to the Personnel Commission

Superintendent Pagano reported that the District is in receipt of a letter dated February 9, 2006 from SCCCE President Robert Chacanaca recommending to the Board of Trustees (as per Education Code 45256) the appointment of Paul Johnston, Ph.D., to serve a three-year term as a Personnel Commissioner on the Personnel Commission. The District makes no recommendation regarding nominations for appointments to the Personnel Commission. Classified Employee Joan Lowe spoke in favor of this recommendation, and SCCS Personnel Commission Chairperson Susan Hill opposed this appointment. Following discussion, MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education

approved the Personnel Commissioner Nomination for Appointment. *Board Member Robles was no longer present at the meeting at this time.

Single Plans for Student Achievement

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Single Plans for Student Achievement, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded this motion. Ms. Hamilton reported the Single Plan for Student Achievement is a required plan for schools that participate in any state or federal program included in the State's Consolidated Application. The plan, which is developed with the school site council, must describe how the school will spend the funds received through the Consolidated Application to improve student achievement. The school district governing board must review and approve the plan. Principals were asked to provide a summary. The purpose of these summaries is to reference academic achievement goals of sites, provide an easy reference point for the District Office to link academic achievement to goals, and to share knowledge among sites and staff within the district. This project has been undertaken with much more scrutiny than previously, and the District is moving toward more specificity than in the past. These are "living documents", and staff will continue to train and develop in this regard. After much discussion among the Trustees, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved to table this item until the Superintendent brings it back to the Board. Mr. Willis seconded this motion. The motion to table this item until a future meeting was passed with no dissenting votes.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Information/Discussion

The Board of Trustees held a discussion of a possible Survey Instrument regarding Board Goals/Objectives. Following this discussion, it was decided to table the Survey Instrument regarding Board Goals and Objectives, and allow Superintendent Pagano to bring this item regarding a district survey back to the Trustees for consideration as expeditiously as possible.

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at Bay View Elementary School, 1231 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education