

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
February 8, 2006**

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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 Consent Agenda Item 1.10, Single Plans for Student Achievement, be deleted. The Board Members approved this Agenda Change.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Harbor HS Principal Tocchini reported that Soquel HS was holding Open House tonight, and the Harbor HS Open House would take place on Thursday Feb. 9th. Westlake Elementary Principal Ken Miller announced an Open House and Science Fair Display on Thursday Feb. 9th. Santa Cruz HS Principal Edmonds announced an Open House "Red & White Dinner" on Wed. Feb. 15. Ms. Morgenstern reported positive feedback from teachers regarding the midyear professional development days. She also reported that 22 Teachers will participate in administering a test to more than 700 students during the period Feb. 27 through Mar. 10. The Math Assessment Resource Service (MARS) provides the materials, in conjunction with the NOYC Foundation. SCCCE President Chacanaca reported that the estimated insurance premium increase for employees who utilize provider Blue Shield is 37%. Dr. Jim Logsdon applauded the wonderful efforts of the Adult Education School, especially for the efforts to reach out to the ESL community. Cynthia Hawthorne announced the Ed. Foundation mailed over 2000 fundraiser letters this past weekend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported the beginning of the process for the placement of additional second language programs at the elementary level. The Superintendent hosted a District Office Staff Meeting to update personnel on pertinent issues and also to acknowledge the great work of this classified staff. Ms. Krause has been working hard to help SCCS formulate Core Values as a context for further negotiations. Mr. Pagano met with Education Foundation Leadership to discuss taking ideas to implementation. The Superintendent thanked President Wagman and Mr. Collins for volunteering to attend the Feb. 16th Public Planning Meeting regarding the 313 Swift St. property.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ms. McElhinney reported that students have grown dissatisfied with the current food offerings and those being planned for the 2006-07 school year. The Soquel HS students would like to have a salad bar – as currently available in the middle and elementary sites. The CAHSEE tests at Soquel HS have been smooth and well organized due to the efforts of the Assistant Principal and Counselors. Open House at Soquel High School was February 7th – and the Basketball season has been in full swing.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Wagman reported that he would be volunteering at the Santa Cruz HS "Red & White Dinner" and Open House. President Wagman attended the SCHS PTA meeting and also State Senator Joe Simitian's Educational Roundtable. Reliable projections suggest that parcel taxes and Educational Foundation donations will be a necessary part of SCCS budgeting for the next ten years.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Willis reported receiving his donation request from the Education Foundation in the mail. Mr. Willis noted a lack of continuity in the Student Representative Board position, and would like the District to consider a one-year elected term that would provide a more effective and empowering student voice.

Trustee Collins felt he was able to provide some needed information to the Soquel HS staff WASC meeting – and he would be happy to share Board procedures with Harbor and Santa Cruz High Schools also. Mr. Collins attended the Feb. 7th FAC Meeting, and was also present at the Beach Flats Community Center to hear their concerns. Board Member Collins suggested that the Board begin action on one of their stated goals by beginning the work on a survey of graduated seniors and their parents – the Board approved this suggestion. Trustee Collins will be an adult participant at the Soquel HS Challenge Day, to help build unity among all student groups. Mr. Collins concluded his report with the information of his appointment to the Transportation Funding Task Force.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett stuffed envelopes for the Education Foundation, and attended a meeting that centered on increased academic focus and results for students.

Board Member Robles reported his return to the classroom at Cabrillo College – and the wonderful opportunity he recently had to spend some time traveling with a student group. Trustee Robles attended the Beach Flats Community Meeting – and is in the process of developing an agenda to bring all parts of the community in direct communication and dialogue.

Board Member Neustadter attended the ELAC and Site Council Meetings at Branciforte Middle School. Mr. Neustadter advises that Branciforte Middle School provides a model of intention to reach out to the community to address all aspects of both ESL and all student/school group needs. Trustee Neustadter read from an editorial in the local paper regarding concerns about the Governor's proposed budget, and suggested careful consideration of facts for long-term planning.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Board Member Neustadter moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 84); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 85); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 86); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex.87); Notices of Completion (Ex. 88); Warrant Register Batches 182-195; Approval of CAHSEE Waiver for Harbor High School Students; Consultant Services Agreement (Ex. 89). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Branciforte Small Schools Campus/Alternative Family Education* – Allen Carman has donated a Mita copy machine valued at approximately \$250. **Total value of gifts: \$250.** Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

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

STAFF REPORTS

Investment Report for Quarter Ending 12/31/05

Mr. Moss reported that SB564, effective January 1, 1996 requires school districts to make quarterly reports to the Governing Board on investments of the agency. District cash for all funds is on deposit with and is invested by the Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller. The District maintains a debt service reserve for the 1998 Certificates of Participation. The Foundation Trust Fund includes common and preferred stock that was donated to the District, the dividends from which are used to fund a student scholarship program.

LEA Plans and Alignment

Ms. Hamilton reported on the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan Alignment. The LEA Plan is required by the CDE, with annual revisions internally. It is developed by district administrative leadership to explain how the district will both support and monitor schools. LEA Plan is based on district wide student needs, and organized around five NCLB performance goals. Ms. Hamilton explained the linkages between the District Strategic Plan, LEA Plan, and Single Plan for Student Achievement, Consolidated Application and Categorical Program Monitoring (formerly known as Coordinated Compliance Review).

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Moss reported this item first came to the Board of Education at the 12/14/05 Meeting, and is back tonight with revisions for Board approval. Mr. Moss discussed the revisions, and noted that Special Education and Grade Level Groups will present to BFAC in February 2006. Central Costs will present to BFAC in March 2006. Superintendent Pagano presented four areas of consideration: Start-up Costs for each site for 2006-07; Classified Staffing (including reinstated positions); Certificated Staffing (including reinstated position); 2005-06 Contract Negotiations. Mr. Moss recommended setting aside some monies in an undedicated format for contingencies – pulling from this fund instead of dedicated funds for unforeseen expenses would ensure programs are not cut. After discussion and questions among Board Members, District Staff, and Community Members, MSP (Neustadter/Willis) 6-0, the Board approved the Revised Allocation of Revenues for 2006-07 Zero-Based Budgeting Process. (Ex. 90)

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of 2004-05 Audit Report

Mr. Moss reported the district is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with audit standard established for K-12 schools by the State Controller. Mr. Moss introduced Stephen Roatch from the Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corp. to report to the Board Members on the 2004-05 Audit Report. Following Mr. Roatch's report and discussion/questions among the Trustees, MSP (Robles/Neustadter) 6-0, the Board approved the acceptance of the 2004-05 Auditor's Report. (Ex. 91)

Approve Data for the Dissolution of the Bond Oversight Committee

Mr. Moss asked the Trustees to approve the dissolution of the Bond Oversight Committee in November 2006. The BOC meets bi-monthly; so remaining meetings would be in March, May, July, September, and November 2006. The BOC also set up a subcommittee to work with the staff and Strategic Construction Management to prepare a final report on the Bond Projects for the Board and Community Members. MSP (Robles/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Date for Dissolution of the Bond Oversight Committee.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Information

The Board agreed to begin discussion for surveying graduating students and their parents on February 22, 2006.

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Closed Session Action Report

The Board approved the 'meet and confer' agreement with the Supervisor's group for 2005-06.

The Board approved the 'meet and confer' agreement with the Confidential group for 2005-06.

The Board approved the recommendation for the Suspended/Expulsion of Student 07-05-06.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education