

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY  
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
January 9, 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 Road.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Bruce Neustadter
Mick Routh	Ken Wagman	Tim Willis

**Absent:** Felix Robles                  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

**Welcome & Format**

Board President Wagman apologized for beginning this meeting a few minutes late and welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Agenda Changes**

The certificated personnel appointment of Jason Tovani, Interim Assistant Principal, Mission Hill Middle School was added to the Agenda under "Certificated Personnel."

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Dean Kingston, Parent/SHS, spoke about the teacher evaluation process and its need to include student feedback. Mr. Kingston believes that the evaluation system is not functioning properly and, although the school administration is tending to this, there are elements that the Board needs to remedy. Math teachers and parents from Mission Hill Middle School addressed the Board with their concerns about the current number of math sections at their school. They also commented on the large number of students in the Pre-algebra classes.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano extended his wishes for a good New Year. He also reported that he would be attending a Title III instruction conference in Sacramento on 1/11 with a team from the district including Board Member Willis and on Friday, 1/13 he and Dick Moss, Asst. Supt. of Business, will be attending a School Services presentation on the Governor's revision of the State budget for the next school year. The Superintendent

concluded his report by informing the group that the next Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, at Westlake Elementary School.

### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Board President Wagman welcomed the students from the high schools in attendance this evening. He had met with Nancy Tocchini, Principal of Harbor HS, visited classes and was thrilled about what he experienced on a number of issues. Mr. Wagman also attended the "Acknowledgement" assembly for outgoing Mission Hill Principal Bryan Wall and welcomed Ms. Dona Abrahams-Johnson to her new position as interim principal of this school. Westlake Elementary will be having a "cookbook" fundraiser and President Wagman has contributed a recipe for inclusion. Lastly, in the coming week he will be out of town but will be available by email.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS**

Board Member Routh reported that he will not be in attendance at the January 25 Board meeting.

Board Member Collins stated his concern about class size and class size reduction and his intent to continue to hold discussions on this. He mentioned that tonight the Santa Cruz City Council would be voting on a memo expressing their unease about the expansion of UCSC and that he, too, is concerned. Mr. Collins will be meeting on Thursday with County Superintendent and a group called, "PUSH" who is interested in unifying Soquel HS with the Soquel Elementary Unified School District.

Board Member Neustadter had the opportunity to meet with Curt Coleman, Principal of the Small Schools campus.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett spoke about her participation on the Budget Finance Advisory Committee. As discussed during the Board goal-setting meeting it is the responsibility of the Board to build a fiscally responsible budget and provide the best programs for our students. Ms. Dewey Thorsett would like to see BFAC and the ZBB process come together to develop future priorities so that if the district finds itself with a surplus, it can be spent in the best way for students that reflects the Board's priorities and if there is a deficit, cuts can be made in a way that reflects the Board's concerns.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2005; As amended Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 70); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 71); Gifts; Quarterly Williams Report; Special Education Contract (Ex. 72); Purchase Orders, Quotes and Bids (Ex. 73); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 74); Warrant Register Batches 151-167; Contracts w/School Services of CA (Ex. 75); and Standards-Based Instructional Materials Adoption for Grade 5 Science. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District. : *Soquel HS* – Orion Telescopes has donated an Orion telescope valued at approximately \$270. *Branciforte MS* – An anonymous donation of

\$4,000. *Mission Hill MS* – Purcell Murray Company has donated an UL-Built-In Icemaker Origins valued at approximately \$600. *Branciforte Small Schools* – Suncrest Nurseries, Inc. has donated assorted plants valued at approximately \$225. *Delaveaga Elementary* – Green Planet Organics has donated 30 flats of vegetable starts valued at approximately \$400. *Gault Elementary* - Orion Telescopes has donated an Orion telescope valued at approximately \$270. *Westlake Elementary* – The Zicarelli Foundation has donated \$1,000 for the Arts Program. Total value of gifts: \$6,765. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. This motion was passed by Roll Call Vote, as follows:

<b><u>Roll Call Vote</u></b>	Collins – Yes	Neustadter – Yes	Routh – Yes
Willis – Yes	Wagman – Yes	Dewey Thorsett - Yes	

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Measure B Budget Report**

Mr. Moss, Asst. Supt. of Business, presented a report on the 2004-05 Measure B Budget reviewing the actual Measure B revenue and expenses in 2003-04 and 2004-05, budgeted revenue and expenses in 2005-06 and projected revenue and expenses in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

He explained that when looking at the five-year projection, earlier years' expenditures were less than revenue but as revenue declines due mostly to the increase in senior exemptions this will change. Mr. Moss stated that every year any money that is not spent would be carried over and this would remain true if, at the end of 07/08 when Measure B ends, there is a surplus. At that time the Board can make a decision whether to go out for another Measure to continue this funding.

Janet Swann, Chair of the Measure B Oversight Committee, then addressed the Board and spoke about the committee membership and the need to fill some positions on that committee that remain vacant. She also spoke about some of the workings of the committee and expenditures being made, particularly in the arts. Ms. Swann concluded by thanking the Santa Cruz community for their support. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee will be February 16, 6:30 p.m. at Bay View Elementary.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Trustee Goals & Objectives**

Superintendent Pagano introduced this item for Board consideration and approval. The Superintendent, working with Board Member Collins, extrapolated from conversations and notes taken from the Special Meeting on Trustee Goals on November 30 and have formulated clear goals.

Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Neustadter, to approve the Trustee Goals and Objectives that had been established. After brief discussion about the importance of this document as a means of measure, the need for feedback in reference to what the Board is doing well and what areas need to be modified, and the necessity of being able to plan for the future, this item was approved 6-Aye, 0-No, 1-Absent (Robles).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

## **INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Future Meetings**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Westlake Elementary School, 1000 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

### **Closed Session Action Report**

The Board approved the tentative contract agreement for 2005-06 with the GSCFT, 6/0

The Board heard an update regarding two personnel issues.

The Governing Board ordered the readmission to the District of student 1-04-05, continuing on a Behavior Plan through the second semester of 2005-06; readmission to the District of student 5-04-05, continuing on a Behavior Plan through the second semester of 2005-06; and readmission of student 9-04-05, continuing on a Behavior Plan through the second semester of 2005-06.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President  
Board of Education