

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
July 27, 2005**

Call to Order

Board President Collins called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cece Pinheiro
MickRouth	Ken Wagman	Felix Robles

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

Welcome & Format

Board President Collins welcomed those in attendance.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

George Martinez, Co-President, GSC FT, was proud to inform the Board that Santa Cruz HS had a 100% passing rate for the Spring, 2005 Advanced Placement math tests.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano welcomed everyone to the first meeting of new school year and articulated his optimism for this coming school year.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Collins expressed his appreciation to Dick Moss, Asst. Supt. of Business and his staff for their swiftness in dealing with the fire in the Santa Cruz HS Library. Mr. Collins toured the Summer School campus and was impressed by both the facility and the work of Summer School Principal, Paul Brennan. Lastly, President Collins has spent some time in Washington, DC advocating for Special Education. He has met with reps from the offices of Sam Farr, Mike Honda and Nancy Pelosi.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Wagman has been talking with representatives for Dientes about providing dental services, support and supplies to our students..

Board Member Pinheiro has met with representatives from the SC City Measure X campaign. Their campaign will go through August and they have invited us to work with them on their phone bank.

Ms. Pinheiro also presented Board President Collins with the official SCHS State Championship Basketball.

Board Member Robles just returned from a trip to Argentina. He was accompanied by 44 students.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINES

Consent Agenda

Mr. Routh moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2005; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 1); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 2); Gifts; Out of State Field Trip; Warrant Register Batches 371-388; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 3). Superintendent Pagano advised the Board that he had been in contact with Mr. Ken Thomas about possibly becoming the interim Principal at Soquel HS until Jennifer Kollmann returns at the end of September. Plans will be finalized after tonight’s certificated actions have been acted upon. Ms. Pinheiro seconded this motion and expressed her pleasure at the return to the district of Dona Abrahams-Johnson. The Consent Agenda was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Pinheiro – Yes	Routh – Yes
	Wagman – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Robles - Yes

STAFF REPORTS

2005-06 State Education Budget Report

Mr. Moss provided an updated overview of the State Budget signed by the Governor on 7/11/05. Highlighted elements of the budget were: no change in 4.23% COLA; an additional \$61,000 due to a change in revenue limit deficit reduction; districts will not have to pay the additional 2% of certificated salaries to STRS as originally proposed by the Governor; there will be no mandated cost reimbursements included in 2005-06 SCCS budget (in lieu of 2% STRS payment); increased federal funding for Special Education (impact on SCCS still unknown); funding to increase fruits and vegetables in the School Breakfast program; and because, statewide, monies set aside in 2004-05 for supplemental instructional materials for English Language Learners were not allocated to districts, the Gov. vetoed \$20 million requested for 05/06.

Bond Projects Status Report

Mr. Moss reported on Bond Projects’ status through the period ending June 30,2005. Significant changes for this period were: Bond and BAN interest received through 6/30 was \$10,721,288 and the total revenue through 6/30 was \$126,704,357; added expense was \$324,000 for Strategic CM contract extension to 6/30/06 and total expenses were \$101,618,813; and that the elementary bond reflects an overall surplus of \$481,598 and the secondary bond an overall deficit of \$1507.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing: Parcel Tax Election

Public Hearing began at 6:35 P.M. Superintendent Pagano explained that this was an opportunity for the public to provide input on the proposed parcel tax measures. Mr. Pagano presented a timeline, assembled by the County elections department, delineating the significant dates for placing a measure on the November 8, 2005 election. He also thanked the members of an informal committee who over the last two months had been discussing several aspects of the potential bond measures. Mr. Pagano then shared the ballot language being proposed. The Superintendent then reviewed the important aspects of the ballot: it is continuing, a renewal; there is no increase in requested funding; length of time from 4 to seven years, exemption of seniors (65+) with a one-time permanent exemption through the entire tenure; and an independent community oversight committee which would essentially monitor accountability.

Public comment: George Martinez, Co-Pres. of GSCFT was very supportive and stressed how critical it is that we provide services such as counseling and libraries with credentialed professionals.

Parent Janet Swann also encouraged that funding be put toward libraries – a full time librarian at every site, especially the middle schools.

With no further comment from the public, Board members discussed views on wording, title change and whether the term credentialed was too confining and should be replaced by the word, “qualified.” Also discussion ensued around whether it was clear that art also included movement/dance. Superintendent Pagano explained that the ballot language had been carefully considered and an attempt was made to be accurate and engaging and that there was a strict limit upon number of words in the ballot itself. At the conclusion of this discussion, there was consensus to submit these resolutions to the County and to move forward and place them on the ballot for November 8, 2005 with the slight modifications agreed upon.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:30 P.M.

Res. 1-05-06 Ordering a Parcel Tax Election and Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of such Election for the Elementary District

With the following word changes: “art and music programs” to be changed to arts and music programs, add the wording in the measure: *with no funds taken by the State and possible title change if allowed in ballot wording count* Moved by Wagman, seconded by Robles and unanimously passed by a roll call vote as follows: (Ex. 4)

Wagman – Yes	Pinheiro – Yes	Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Collins – Yes

Res. 2-05-06 Ordering a Parcel Tax Election and Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of such Election for the High School District

With the following change: add the wording in the measure: *with no funds taken by the State and possible title change if allowed in ballot wording count*. Moved by Dewey Thorsett, seconded by Robles and unanimously passed by a roll call vote as follows: (Ex. 5)

Wagman – Yes	Pinheiro – Yes	Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Collins – Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

The Board took action to either readmit or not readmit to SCCSD the following students currently expelled or in suspended expulsion status:

To readmit student 15-04-05	5/Aye, 0/No, 1/Abstain
To readmit student 16-04-05	5/Aye, 0/No, 1/Abstain
To readmit student 17-04-05	5/Aye, 0/No, 1/Abstain
To not readmit student 18-04-05	6/Aye, 0/No, 0/Abstain

Board heard an update on existing Litigation – Mission Hill Neighbors & Parent Association v. SCCS. No action was taken.

The Board received information from the Superintendent regarding labor negotiations with the three unrepresented employees. No action was taken.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on August 10, 2005, 6:00 P.M., Room 312, District Office

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Collins adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

John Collins, President
Board of Education