

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

June 21, 2006

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Outgoing Westlake Principal Ken Miller presented the Board Members with 2005-06 Westlake Yearbooks, and thanked the Trustees for their unfailing support during his seven-year term with SCCS. Mr. Miller then introduced Clyde Curley the new Principal of Westlake Elementary. Branciforte Middle School Principal Kris Munro extended thanks to the Board Members and District Staff for a positive year in Santa Cruz City Schools – and acknowledged the support of Mission Hill Administrators Abrahams-Johnson and Tovani towards creating a positive and thorough collaboration. Retired teacher and community member Marilyn Garrett presented handouts regarding the potential dangers of wireless technology to the health and well being of students and community members. She asked the Trustees to oppose the plans for additional towers being installed at First Congregational Church on the west side. Mr. John Wasserburger asked the Trustees to ensure that all students who enroll at Santa Cruz City schools are assigned classes and teachers by the first day of school. Friends of the West Side member William Hagen posed questions regarding information needed for the proposed meeting to discuss 313 Swift Street. Former Gault School teacher and current Dual Immersion Program parent Gretchen Edwards offered commendations for this wonderful program, but expressed concern that there are many specific and complicated needs that would need to be addressed to move this program forward. Ms. Edwards provided a letter containing some recommendations from a parent at a similar program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported the graduation/promotion ceremonies last week were wonderful, and a fitting end to a great year. Mr. Pagano offered his thanks to site administrators for planning festivities, and to the Trustees and Cabinet members who attended these functions. The Superintendent reported that Ark Independent Studies

Program administrator Coleman reported a 3-year accreditation as a result of the WASC Review. On June 4th, Superintendent Pagano delivered a keynote address at SCCS Adult Education celebrating the 150th anniversary of Adult Education in the United States. The Adult Education Program has been operating in Santa Cruz for 80 years, and Mr. Pagano acknowledged the great work of Principal Powers and staff members. The Superintendent attended the District Retirement Party on June 9th. On June 22, Mr. Pagano will attend a meeting with Board Member Neustadter at UCSC to promote a greater partnership between the university and SCCS, and also a New Teacher panel at the Seascape Resort. Superintendent Pagano will be out of the office starting on June 25th, and will return on July 10.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Board President Wagman asked to have Item 1.2 (a) Personnel Actions – Certificated – removed from Item 1.2 and placed at the bottom of the Consent Agenda as a separate item for discussion and a separate vote. Mr. Wagman expressed concern regarding the process used for the permanent appointments of the Mission Hill Middle School Interim Principal and Assistant Principal. The Trustees accepted this change in the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Items 1.1 thru 1.19, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated, Items (b) and (c) (Ex. 176); Personnel Actions – Classified Ex. 177); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 178); Change Orders, Notice of Completion (Ex. 179); Warrant Register Batches 304-327; Resolution #43-05-06 District Signature Authorizations (Ex. 180); Resolution #44-05-06 Transfer Between Funds (Ex. 181); Resolution #45-05-06 Agreement w/CDE for Child Development Services (Ex. 182); Resolution #46-05-06 Authorizing Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent to Accept Construction Bids (Ex. 183); Consultant Services Agreement – Curriculum (Ex. 184); CAHSEE Waiver (Ex. 185); Community-Based English Tutoring Program Application 2006-07; Adult School Course Approval & Certificated Instructors 2006-07 (Ex. 186); Approval of Consolidated Application; Special Education Contract(s) w/Nonpublic Agency (Ex. 187); Vocational Education Agriculture Grant. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Branciforte Middle School* – Brian and Kathy Bodmer have donated an Epson Stylus Printer valued at approximately \$100. *Alternative Family Education* – Brooke Elliott and Paul Haney have donated ten cabinets valued at approximately \$3,200. *Harbor High School* – Sutter Hospital Director Gary Ruppel has donated two 2-drawer filing cabinets, four chairs, and assorted white and bulletin boards. The approximate value of this donation is \$1,000. **Total value of gifts: \$4,300.** Mr. Willis seconded this motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of Item 1.20, Personnel Actions – Certificated (a) Appointments, and Mr. Routh seconded this motion. Mr. Wagman asked for Public Comments.

Public Comments:

Mission Hill Middle School Site Council Member, ELAC Member Anna Garcia reported she has had much experience with Ms. Abrahams-Johnson and Mr. Tovani, and it is a pleasure to work with this effective team. Ms. Garcia said she felt other parents shared her support regarding the permanent positions of these employees. Mission Hill parent Melissa Hart stated that the Mission Hill PTA supported Ms. Abrahams-Johnson and Mr. Tovani. Other parents and students advocated for the administrators. GSCFT President Kirschen reported initial concern that the hiring policy was not followed, but after additional research, he was happy to report that investigation showed that the hiring policy process was followed. Mr. Kirschen offered commendations for the diligence of the district.

Following the comments by Board members, Mr. Wagman suggested that all principals would be in a stronger position with the school community if they went through a hiring committee as happened at Westlake. Consent Agenda Item 1.20 was passed by roll call vote. (Ex. 188)

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Routh – Yes
Neustadter – Yes	Wagman – No	Willis – Yes	

STAFF REPORT

Update by the Santa Cruz Education Foundation

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Matt Farrell provided the Trustees with an update on this organization. The Winter Drive raised over \$15,000 from the community and school donors. \$12,000 has been currently collected in grant monies, and many key requests are still outstanding. Advocacy for improved nutritional options for students, smaller class sizes, Pre-K offerings, UCSC Life-Lab partnership, and continued mentoring programs for at-risk middle school students are ongoing. Outreach programs with the Greater Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable are proceeding smoothly. Thanks were extended to the following businesses/donors: Bruce Woolpert and Granite Rock; Jamba Juice; Plantronics, Inc.; Wells Fargo. The report was concluded by acknowledging current SCEF Board Members: Cynthia Hawthorne; Matt Farrell; Bill Maxfield; Amy Spiers; Kevin Kelem; Mark Gordon; Cindy Geise; Lynn Guenther; Karen Zelin; Genine Scelfo; Janet Swann.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy #5030, Student Wellness (2nd Reading)

Mr. Moss reported that there had been no changes to this policy since the first reading, and asked the Board Members to approve this District Wellness Policy. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion.

Trustee Neustadter acknowledged the diligence of Food Services Supervisor Denise McGregor in this achievement, as echoed by Board Members Dewey Thorsett and Wagman. Trustee Collins stated he did not feel this policy reflected the local concern for wholesomeness, but would support the start in this direction.

Following these comments, the Board approved Policy #5030, Student Wellness with a vote of 6-0. (Ex. 189)

Pre-K Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Superintendent Pagano asked the Trustees to approve the MOU with Campus Kids Connection to implement a Pre-K at Gault Elementary School for Fall 2006. While there is not full consensus among the Pre-K group to support this recommendation, it is an attempt to implement the 12/14/05 Board of Education decision to have Pre-K at all sites by Fall 2006, and to provide more equitable delivery of services to our socio-economically disadvantaged and English Learner student populations..

Mr. Pagano offered the following information:

- MOU with CKC would provide for 24 students, with 3 teachers, plus aides.
- Program would be 5 days per week at the Gault School portable (jointly owned by CKC and SCCS)
- Kindergarten readiness would occur
- Adult Education School Principal Powers assures the Board of Education that adult participation is not precluded in moving forward with the recommendation
- Effort has been made to acquire slots to allow students to attend tuition-free, and these slots would be made available to our targeted population

Mr. Neustadter moved approval, and Mr. Willis seconded the motion. Much discussion took place among Board Members, Campus Kids Connection Staff and Board Members, District Staff, and Members of the Audience. Some Trustees and members of the audience expressed concern that this Pre-K program would not offer equitable services compared to the Westlake School program that is run through the Adult Education School. Mr. Bilardello pledged an Adult School commitment to serve children, and work cooperatively with the CKC Program. A CKC Board Member stated a strong possibility of coexisting programs at Gault School – with no need to choose between one program and another. An amendment (Collins/Willis) 4-2 (“no” votes cast by Wagman and Neustadter) and a revision to the amendment (Dewey Thorsett/Willis) 6-0, brought forward for a vote the Pre-K Memorandum of Understanding with Campus Kid Connection to implement a Pre-K at Gault School for Fall 2006, with the following understandings:

- the Pre-K Committee currently in place will continue to meet (whether facilitated by the Superintendent of his designee) to continue to work to a program model acceptable to the Gault School community
- these meetings will include both CKC and Adult Education employees, and other people involved in the Adult Education Pre-K programs
- the meetings will be open to the public
- the terms of the MOU will reflect a one-year agreement (not three-years)

This final vote approved the revised MOU 5-1, with Mr. Neustadter casting the dissenting vote. (Ex. 190)

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

The Board received an update Re: negotiations with The GSCFT

The Board received an update on a personnel matter and confirmed previous direction to the Board.

The Board took action to accept the stipulated expulsion of Student 15-05-06.

Side Letter of Agreement Between GSCFT & SCCS

Ms. Krause reported the Side Letter of Agreement for 2006-07 is for one year only, and pertains to Comprehensive Elementary Sites – Restructured Wednesdays. This agreement was ratified by the GSCFT elementary school membership. Both the District and GSCFT negotiation teams spent considerable time to reach agreement between both parties, and deserve a special thank you and congratulations for their determined efforts. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the Side Letter of Agreement Between GSCFT & SCCS. (Ex. 191)

Proposed Contract Language Between GSCFT & SCCS

Ms. Krause recommended approval of the revision of Article XVII, Section B, Partial and Shared Contracts. The Bargaining Team Members for both the GSCFT and the District arrived at these proposed changes in contract language for the 2005-06 negotiations. These language changes will take effect in 2006-07. All involved parties deserve a special thank you and congratulations for their determined efforts. MSP (Willis/Collins) 6-0, the Board approved the revision of Article XVII, section B, Partial and Shared Contracts. (Ex. 192)

PUBLIC HEARING: 2006-07 District Budget

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 9:22 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported that the Board is required by AB 1200 to conduct a public hearing on the 2006-07 Adopted Budget to allow for public comment prior to the Board approving the budget. Mr. Moss delivered a presentation to the Trustees, which included the current projected budget, including changes brought forward by the Superintendent and approved by the Board at earlier dates, and also including projections/assumptions through the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Moss answered two questions posed by audience members regarding the budget.

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 10:01 p.m.

Approve 2005-06 Final Budget and 2006-07 Adopted Budget and Certifications

Mr. Collins moved approval, and Mr. Neustadter seconded the motion. Mr. Moss noted some of the highlights, including \$600,000 in Basic Aid for the Elementary District in 2005-06 and \$468,000 that was budgeted but not spent on certificated salaries in 2005-06. Superintendent Pagano recognized the financial turnaround the District has experienced, and commended the oversight and stewardship of the Board of Education in making and sustaining some very difficult decisions. The Superintendent offered thanks to Mr. Moss for his unfailing fiscal conservancy. Following Board comments, the 2005-06 Final Budget and 2006-07 Adopted Budget and Certifications were approved without dissent. (Ex. 193)

One-Year Lease Extension Request: Carden El Encanto

Mr. Routh moved approval and Mr. Willis seconded the motion. Superintendent Pagano made no recommendation, but reported the school has been a good tenant. Mr. Pagano stated if the site is vacated and no other option is in place, then the site generates no

income. The Carden El Encanto Administrator reported they had made some improvements to the site, and children are reaping great benefits from this school. The extension would provide a one-year cushion to find a new site. DeLaveaga teacher Sharon Maxwell stated that with a growing Dual Immersion Program, and a desire to consider a Pre-K program, the Board should consider this community before extending courtesy to another school community. The motion was defeated 1-5, with Mr. Routh casting the “yes” vote. Mr. Collins moved approval of a second motion, authorizing the one-year extension, and directing the District to renegotiate the lease rates. Mr. Willis seconded this motion. The second motion was approved, with a vote of 4-1-1. Mr. Routh voted “no”, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett abstained from this second vote. (Ex. 194)

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Board President Wagman reported attending an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school graduation ceremony. All three services were a great pleasure, and President Wagman acknowledged all staff for jobs well done.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Routh attended graduation ceremonies for Costanoa and Branciforte Middle School. Trustee Routh asked the Superintendent to activate Board Policy 9250, Board Member Stipends, for the 2006-07 school year. Mr. Routh asked for the Minutes and tape of the meeting in which the policy on stipends was suspended to review the terms of the suspension.

Trustee Collins acknowledged the wonderful graduation/promotion ceremonies he attended. Board Member Collins asked Mr. Moss to have a conversation with Cal Trans regarding Highway 1 sound walls, and the effect on Harbor High School during the three-year renovation process. Mr. Collins reported he would not attend the August 9 meeting, as he will be out of town.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett asked to consider rejoining the California School Board Association.

Trustee Neustadter attended the DeLaveaga promotion ceremony. Board Member Neustadter attended the Small Schools Middle School Meeting – and will try to attend more of these meetings in the future. Delta School has begun the first WASC Review Process. Mr. Neustadter looks forward to meetings with UCSC, with hopes to reinstate Community Connections and pursue a broader relationship with the University.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Information/Discussion

Board President Wagman asked the Superintendent to add the Reinstatement of Board Member Stipends and Benefits to the next Agenda.

Future Meetings

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

August 23, 2006, the Board of Education will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education