

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

March 8, 2006

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., in the Bay View Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, 1312 Bay View Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Bay View Principal Cavanaugh welcomed the Trustees to this site, and introduced 15-year employee Ms. Burnett to lead the third grade students in song. Additionally, two fourth-graders read original essays, and two fifth-graders read original poems. Three Bay View parents asked the Board Members to consider class size reduction at all levels as the primary use of additional resources this school year. The Trustees were also asked to support total diversity among students, including those who are gifted. GSCFT Co-President Barry Kirschen reported a tentative calendar agreement has been reached with the district, and the Federation members have completed the Administration Survey, focusing on site climate and supervisor performance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano commented that after watching the performances of the children; he was encouraged to be more confident about the future. A number of district representatives attended the recent Santa Cruz City Planning Commission meeting to speak regarding the use permit for the property at 133 Swift Street – this item was continued and will appear on a future agenda for the Planning Commission. Mr. Pagano and Mr. Moss will meet with staff of the Planning Commission, as well as address concerns of neighborhood members. The Superintendent reported that a preliminary filing has occurred regarding the Audit Process. The District is engaged in a Grant Process with the Costens family. Important Dates: March 20 – BFAC Meeting at the District Office, 3:00 p.m., Room 312; March 22 – Board Meeting at Harbor High School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Representative McElhinney reported the Soquel High School Challenge Day on 2/27 was a success – 100 students and 20 adults participated. The Soquel High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team had a great year. The construction in the quad is stalled by the weather, but the projected completion date is April 15, 2006. The Soquel High School completed self-study WASC Reports have been sent to the WASC committees. Soquel High School has established a policy of non-use of cell phones and/or IPODs in classes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Wagman acknowledged the District Administration and the GSCFT for their work to reach consensus on the school calendar. Mr. Wagman attended the Santa Cruz Planning Commission Meeting. President Wagman plans to meet with Swift Street property neighbors. Mr. Wagman had coffee with the PCS Principal; attended the Principals' Coffee at Santa Cruz High School; attended the Pre-K Task Force Meeting with the Education Foundation.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Trustee Routh acknowledged Westlake Principal Ken Miller's award for Art & Music Education, and reported he spent time at Branciforte Middle School organizing testing materials.

Board Member Robles reported he would meet on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. with 40 ELL parents to have a conversation regarding the United Way project. Mr. Robles hopes to have conversations with students and leadership groups at Harbor High School.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the Leadership Class at Santa Cruz High School; met with the Friends of Santa Cruz School Libraries; attended the BFAC meeting last week.

Trustee Collins reported he was sorry that illness prevented him from attending the Soquel High School Challenge Day.

Board Member Willis reported that hearing the 4th and 5th graders perform tonight was inspiring. Mr. Willis also extended thanks to Ms. Hamilton for her very thorough report on the effects of Proposition 227 on students who are English Language Learners.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Robles moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 99); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 100); Gifts; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 101); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 102); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 103); Warrant Register Batches 217 – 227; Disposition of Surplus Property (Ex. 104); Consultant Services Agreement-Educational Services (Ex. 105); Agreement for Renewable Energy Services/Global Net Energy Services (Ex. 106). The Board

acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Harbor High School* – Michael Saso has donated a table saw for the Woodshop class. This donation is valued at approximately \$1000. Scott Bedell of Bedell & Nelson-Harbert Insurance Agency has donated a Royal Copier to the Science Department, valued at approximately \$2000. *Soquel High School* – Michael Kerrick has donated a new Ricoh Duplicator/Copier to the Performing Arts Division. This generous donation is valued at approximately \$3,000. Total value of gifts: \$6000. Mr. Willis seconded this motion. After questions and discussion, the Trustees passed this motion with a roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes

STAFF REPORTS

Pre-K Status & Update

Superintendent Pagano reported on the implementation of a Pre-K Program at Gault Elementary for Fall 2006. Gault Principal Mary Ann James told the Trustees that next steps would include creation of a vision proposed – increase readiness of students, decrease number of students who are retained and repeat kindergarten, and have students attend regardless of ability to pay. People are already asking for Open Enrollment and Transfers. Ms. Hamilton added that no additional categorical resources will be available – the district must redirect available resources. The Superintendent reported that this program would be in alignment with the current K-12 program

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

The Board heard an update on a personnel issue.

The Board heard an update on Personnel Item: To Hear a Complaint Against an Identified Employee (Government Code 54957)

The Board took action on: Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Res. 27-05-06 Non Re-Election of Probationary Certificated Employee. This Resolution passed with 5 Ayes, 2 Absent. (Ex. 115)

Elimination of Policy #5131.2 Designated High School Smoking Areas

Mr. Porras reported that this policy, dated November 10, 1975, is out of compliance with Education Code and the Board Policy 3513.3 Tobacco Free District, dated February 22, 1995. MSP (Collins/Robles) 6-0, the Board approved Elimination of Board Policy 5131.2, High School Designated Campus Smoking Areas. Student Rep: Yes (Ex. 107)

2005-06 Second Interim Financial Report & Budget with a Positive Financial Solvency Certification

Mr. Moss reported the Board received three statutorily mandated reports of the financial status of the District during the year, and a Third Interim Report as required by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, if the District has a “Qualified” Certification. This Second Interim Report includes: Board Certification of Interim Report; Second Interim Report for the General Fund and Three Year Budget Projection; Budget Criteria and Standards; Projected ADA; Cash Flow Projection; Second Interim Report for other Funds. After clarifying questions from Board Members and Members of the Audience, and general discussion, MSP (Willis/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the 2005-06 Second Interim Financial Report & Budget with a Positive Financial Solvency Certification. Student Rep: Yes (Ex. 108)

Resolution #21-05-06 Week of the Administrator

Ms. Krause reported that to honor school administrators, the State of California has declared the first full week of March as the “Week of the School Administrator” in Education Code 44015, and she recommended approval of the week of March 6 – 10 as the SCCS Week of the School Administrator. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes (Ex. 109)

Resolution # 22-05-06 in the Matter of Releasing Temporary Certificated Employees for 2006-07

Ms. Krause recommended approval of the release of those temporary certificated employees identified for the 2006-07 school year, and stated she is committed to retaining as many staff members as possible; however, these projections must be made contractually by March 15, 2006. Mr. Willis moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. After questions and clarifications from Trustees and Members of the Audience, this motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – No (Ex. 110)

Resolution #23-05-06 Determination of District Needs for 2006-07

Ms. Krause reported the Board of Education determines the District needs, identifying hard to fill subject areas, in order deviate from terminating certificated employees in order of seniority to assure meeting these identified needs. Mr. Robles moved approval of this resolution, and Mr. Willis seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes (Ex. 111)

Resolution #24-05-06 Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Employees

Ms. Krause reported that pursuant to Education Code Sections 44949 and 44955 the Board of Education is advised to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of services for the 2006-07 – these services are itemized and presented in Exhibit “A”. Mr. Routh moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes (Ex. 112)

Resolution #25-05-06 Determination of Tie-Breaking Criteria for 2006-07

Ms. Krause reported the Board of Education is required to determine the District needs should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same day. The criteria identified in this resolution will be used to break ties for employees with the same seniority date. The new criterion listed is #1 item – NCLB Compliance. Mr. Willis moved approval of this resolution, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes (Ex. 113)

Resolution #26-05-06 Notice of Intent to Dismiss/Reassign Administrators

Ms. Krause reported that Administrators may be released or reassigned from their present positions for the 2006-07 school year, and recommended the Trustees approve this resolution. Mr. Robles moved approval of the resolution, and Mr. Routh seconded the motion. This resolution was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student McElhinney – Yes (Ex. 114)

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education

