

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 14, 2005**

Call to Order

Board President Collins called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of Mission Hill Middle School, 425 King St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cece Pinheiro	Felix Robles
Mick Routh	Ken Wagman	Tim Willis	
Student Representative: Amber Norfolk			

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

Welcome & Format

Board President Collins welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano asked that Item 1.10 of the Consent Agenda be set aside for a separate roll call vote. The Consent Agenda vote would include Items 1.1 through 1.9 and also Item 1.11. The Board of Trustees approved this change.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Santa Cruz High School Principal Karen Edmonds reported that the opening of the 2005-06 school year has been great. Students are motivated and teachers are pleased. Principal Edmonds commended the school community for the \$1,400 contribution to Hurricane Katrina relief, and notified the Trustees that a grieving room and counseling resources have been provided at SCHS to help students and staff members deal with the loss of the senior student who recently passed away. Teacher Sharon Maxwell invited the Board Members to the October 10th Santa Cruz County Reading Assessment Meeting. There will be a speaker and food, and SCCS staff member Ollie Ziff will be the award recipient. Mission Hill Middle School Principal Bryan Wall welcomed the Trustees to the site, and invited the Board Members and the public to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new track. Mr. Wall was pleased to announce the arrival of 595 students (only 525 were anticipated), and noted that this increase speaks to the great teachers and programs in place at Mission Hill. SCEF Member Glen Shaller reported the tax parcel committee has hired a campaign coordinator, and this full-time position will make a real difference in the community outreach during these final weeks before elections. Mary Anne James Gault Elementary School Principal asked to publicly recognize SCCS employee Mike Morehouse for the extraordinary efforts of his staff to complete work at this site in time for the start of the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano asked for a brief moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and noted that while SCCS has not received any students from the Gulf Coast yet, the policy will be to welcome all with open arms. Mr. Pagano thanked Principal Wall for hosting this meeting. The Superintendent proposed that the Regular Meeting schedule for 2005-06 includes rotating every other meeting to a school site. The proposed schedule is: 9/28 – District Office; 10/10 – Branciforte Middle School; 10/26 – District Office; 11/9 – Small Schools Campus; 12/14 – DeLaveaga Elementary. Superintendent Pagano visited all school sites during the first two days of the 2005-06 school year, and reported great welcome, preparedness, and purposefulness in the district. Mr. Pagano offered commendations to all certificated and classified staff. The staff training day on August 29th was a meaningful activity, and the Superintendent recognized Ms. Morgenstern for organizing this constructive day. Keith Wills is working to design and activate the District Website. The District English Language Advisory Committee meetings are averaging 30 parents per session, and SCCS looks forward to continuing involvement and expansion to additional sites. The Superintendent is grateful to the generous and dedicated community, and the support for the upcoming tax measures.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Porras introduced the new Student Representative, Harbor High School Student Amber Norfolk. While Ms. Norfolk did not prepare an official report for this meeting, she did outline some of her interests and plans for the future.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Collins provided each Trustee with a copy of the letter from County Superintendent of Schools Diane Siri, outlining the four options for reorganization of a school district that adhere to Education Code. Mr. Collins visited all school sites and found a smooth and hospitable start to the new school year. Board President Collins cited an omission in the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 24th, and asked for the following information from the Santa Cruz County District Superintendents and Board Presidents Ad Hoc Committee meeting of August 23rd to be included in this report.

- COE Superintendent Siri was asked to convene board presidents and superintendents to discuss existing and future cooperation/collaborations
- The purpose of the meeting is to seek increased collaboration among districts
- There have been two meetings
- Three working groups are being formed:
 1. Existing Collaborations
 2. Customer Service
 3. Policies that encourage cooperation
- Diane will provide a countywide view for media if follow-up is requested

Mr. Collins concluded his report with the comments that he enjoyed speaking at the certificated professional development SBCP Day.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Wagman reported attendance at several Arts Meetings, and also the Transitional Review Team Meetings. Mr. Wagman announced that Santa Cruz High School would be the recipient of an Ocean Conservation award – one of the key factors cited

regarding this honor is the absence of water contamination in the Auto Shop Class disposals. Trustee Wagman attended the Westlake Elementary PTA meeting.

Board Member Pinheiro attended an Elections Committee Dinner, and the September 7th Districts Collaboration Meeting at the County Office of Education. Future planned meetings include a Parent Workshop (fees waived for Special Needs parents and/or those in need of financial assistance) and a meeting sponsored by Queer Youth “Building Allies and Making Schools a Safer Place”. Ms. Pinheiro walked the new Mission Hill Middle School track – and enjoyed it!

Board Member Dewey Thorsett has spent much time working for the tax parcel measures, and is grateful for the new coordinator.

Trustee Willis has spent no time reflecting upon the anniversary of September 11, 2001 with his secondary students - as Mr. Willis continues to deal with the “No Child Left Behind” legislation – the bridge that exists between student learning levels and state standards textbooks is driving veteran teachers to question what is going on in the class room.

Board Member Robles welcomed the new Student Representative, Amber Norfolk.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Willis moved approval of the Consent Agenda, including removal of Item 1.10 for a separate roll call vote, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 24, 2005; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 19); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex.20); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex.21); Change Order for Construction Contract (Ex. 22); Warrant Register Batches 51-68; Special Education Contracts (Ex.23); Contract for Professional Services for 2005-06 (Ex. 24); Consultant Services Agreements (Ex. 25). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Santa Cruz City School District* – Walter Stauss has donated 4 teak desks and one 20-inch color monitor to be used as needed by district personnel. This donation is valued at approximately \$500. *Branciforte Small Schools* – Jean Hansen, retired Branciforte Elem. Principal, has donated two paintings depicting scenes from the Branciforte Elementary School by artist Ann Harris, former Branciforte Elementary kindergarten teacher. This gift is valued at approximately \$800. *Total value of gifts: \$1,300.* Ms. Pinheiro seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Pinheiro – Yes
	Robles – Yes	Routh – Yes	Wagman – Yes
			Willis – Yes
			Student Representative Norfolk – Abstain

Mr. Willis moved approval of Item 1.10 – Resolution #4-05-06 Declaring an Emergency to Bypass Public Works Project Bid Process, for emergency repair of the arson and vandalism damage to the SCHS Library that occurred the weekend of July 4, 2005. During discussion, Mr. Moss reported that additional work will need to be done on the ramp to meet current requirements for access for the disabled. The insurance adjustor requested additional bids, normally a 30-45 day public process. This resolution will shorten that lead-time, and also allow SCCS to ask specific bidders who we have previously successfully dealt with to bid

this job. Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 26)

Roll Call Vote Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Pinheiro – Yes
Robles – Yes Routh – Yes Wagman – Yes Willis – Yes
Student Representative Norfolk – Yes

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent’s Goals and Objectives

Superintendent Pagano reported in May 2004, the SCCSD Board of Trustees adopted a revision of the District’s Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan serves as the guiding document and context from which aligned District and site goals and objectives emerge for both the short-term and the long-term. The Strategic Plan addresses three primary strategies that encompass the areas of student academic achievement and success, a model and system of continuous improvement, as well as facility, staff development, teacher retention, and finance. Using this format, the Superintendent informed the Trustees of his goals and objectives for the 2005-06 school year.

Transition Team Review Update

Superintendent Pagano introduced Transition Team Review member Martha Madsen to report on the first three meetings for this group. Ms. Madsen reported that topics for discussion included reaching out to the Spanish speaking community, redrawing boundaries, rethinking fund raising and open enrollment. Ms. Madsen concluded with the statement that this is a very positive experience, and that the group is looking forward to the sites providing more specific and clearly defined needs.

Wellness Policy

Mr. Moss reported that schools are central in providing students the skills, social support and environmental reinforcements they need to develop and practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. Creating a healthy school environment begins with a strong, comprehensive school district policy that promotes the health and wellness of students. The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (PL 108-265) requires local school districts to adopt and implement wellness policies by the beginning of the 2006 school year. School districts will need to work together with their communities to develop policies on nutrition education, physical activity programs, and the kinds of foods they offer to students. A Wellness Policy Committee is being formed to develop a draft policy to come back to the Board in January 2006 for implementation in the 2006-07 school year. After discussion, the Board advised inclusion of a student on this committee – and Board Member Dewey Thorsett also volunteered.

Enrollment Report

Mr. Moss reported on the opening enrollment figures for the start of the 2005-06 school year. Although there are less students than last year, there are 55 more students than were projected in the budget for 2005-06. During discussion, Mr. Porras noted that most of the decline is due to families leaving the area – and the one demographic that may send students to SCCS is the family housing at UCSC.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Timeline for Filling of Trustee Vacancy

Superintendent Pagano reported that he presented a draft of the timeline and process for filling the vacancy due to the resignation of Trustee Cece Pinheiro at the August 28th meeting. These items return to the Board tonight for action. MSP (Robles/Pinheiro), the Board approved this Timeline with a vote of 7-0, and Student Representative Norfolk also endorsed this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #5-05-06 Constitution Day

Mr. Porrás recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution #5-05-06 to adopt September 17th as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Section 111 of the Federal Consolidated Applications Act of 2005 requires each educational institution that receives any Federal funding to implement an “educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution” on September 17 of each year (or on a preceding or a following week if September 17 falls on a holiday or weekend). It is recommended that events be planned immediately before or after school, or during other non-instructional time. During Discussion, Superintendent Pagano noted that a memo in both English and Spanish, along with a Voter Application, will go to all students to encourage active participation among 18 yr. old students and/or families of students. There will also be Voter Registration tables at Back to School Nights. Mr. Wagman moved approval of this Resolution, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

(Ex.27)

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Pinheiro – Yes
	Robles – Yes	Routh – Yes	Wagman – Yes
	Student Representative Norfolk – Yes		Willis – Yes

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 28, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

RECONVENING PUBLIC SESSION

Closed Session Action Report

The board heard an update Re: litigation with West Bay Builders and provided direction to district staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Vice President Pinheiro adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

John Collins, President
Board of Education

