

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 28, 2005**

Call to Order

Board President Collins called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., in Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Felix Robles	Mick Routh
Ken Wagman	Tim Willis	Student Rep: 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

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers representing the GSCFT and SCCCE reported to the Trustees that these groups are active members of "Alliance for a Better California" – a coalition of nurses, educators, firefighters, police officers, and health care nurses – and asked for a Resolution on the next Regular Meeting Agenda to advocate a vote of "NO" on Propositions 74 thru 78, and a vote of "YES" on Propositions 79 & 80. Harbor High School Principal Nancy Tocchini reported on the opening of the 2005-06 school year. Westlake Principal Ken Miller reported on the new leadership for the Administrative Management Team, and presented a check to Board President Collins from the AMA for support of Measures A & B. Branciforte Small Schools Principal Curt Coleman invited both the Trustees and the public to the October 18th Small Schools Celebration. GSCFT President George Martinez offered the services of the union to help the district address the needs of the schools in the district that are "Program Improvement" sites. Ms. Morgenstern reported that by the end of this week, nine Teacher Leadership Groups would be actively operating in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano expressed his deep appreciation for all the staff, Board, and community support of Measures A & B. The Silicon Valley Round Table for Education would like to connect with an SCCS elementary school and identify a Kindergarten class to support and track both students and families for the next 12 years. They can offer support services to provide equity and access for students. Superintendent Pagano and Assistant Superintendent Moss will continue the work of the Benefits Committee this year – this group will continue to examine the JPA, compare other benefits options for employees, and make recommendations in December regarding renewal status for the 2006-07 school year. The Superintendent noted that today was the final day to submit

AGENDA ITEM:
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an application for the Board vacancy – and 8 applications were received. Twenty minutes will be allotted for each interview on October 5, 2005 and the Special Board Meeting notice will be revised to indicate a start time of 5:00 p.m. The new Board Member will be installed at the Regular Meeting on October 26. Schools Plus Teacher Grants for 2005-06 have been awarded, and the Superintendent recognized the following staff: Dora Gonzalez; Kathleen Flowers; Sarah Balla; Kim Hecko; Jennifer Villareal; Wendy Molin; Sheila French; Joanne Marron; Jayne Heyse; Ollie Ziff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ms. Norfolk reported that "Green and Gold Day" and "Club Rush" are scheduled for Harbor High School – there will also be raffle for upper level parking spaces. "Bike to School" Day is October 6th, and the Homecoming theme is "Celebrating Santa Cruz". Harbor High School will host a Hurricane Katrina Benefit Concert on November 3rd in the Little Theatre. At Santa Cruz High School, auditions for "Romeo and Juliet" are starting today, elections for the Homecoming Court are scheduled, and new clubs on campus include the Rainbow Alliance and the Model U.N. Club.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Collins thanked all Board Members who have contributed to the Parcel Tax Measures, and recognized this committee for their efforts on behalf of SCCS students. Mr. Collins attended Back to School Night at Harbor High School, and both the ELAC and GPTA meetings at Gault Elementary. The County Board Presidents and Superintendents Group has drafted a resolution encouraging collaboration among districts. President Collins attended a Site Council Meeting, and is sponsoring two female students from each high school campus to be his guest at the December 8th "Women In Business" Luncheon.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Trustee Dewey Thorsett has been working hard for the Parcel Tax Measures, and also attended the meeting with librarians, counselors, and teachers to discuss the taxes. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended Back to School Night at Westlake Elementary.

Board Member Willis, citing experiences in the Pajaro schools, urged caution of the McDougall/Little Books for textbook adoptions currently under consideration. Regarding API & AYP scores for schools: Mr. Willis predicted that 100% of California students will not be proficient in 2014 using current measuring tools, and noted that these assessments must be changed.

Trustee Robles offered congratulations to Harbor High School for the wonderful Back to School Night. Board Member Robles and his family are currently spending 4-5 hours per week tutoring a district parent to enable him to pass his citizenship exam – thereby allowing his son to participate in international level sports events. Mr. Robles is very interested in having one of the district classes involved in the Silicon Valley Round Table Mentoring Program from San Jose, as these kinds of program models will bring innovation to SCCS.

Board Member Routh has begun a conversation with a developer who has an interest in developing housing for teachers at the Swift Street property. After discussion, the Board encouraged Mr. Routh's pursuing this dialogue involving the Superintendent and Asst. Supt. of Business Services and bringing information back to the Board of Education.

Board Member Wagman attended the Soquel High School Site Council Meeting; a Westlake Elementary PTA meeting; the Santa Cruz High School Back to School Night; and the district meeting with Librarians, Counselors and Teachers regarding the Parcel

Taxes. Mr. Wagman thanked the GSCFT and SCCCE unions for their Parcel Tax Measure contributions, and also the AMA for the donation.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Willis made corrections to his report in the Regular Minutes of September 14, 2005. Also, corrections were made to Item 1.2, the Classified Personnel Report – Limited Term and Professional Experts sections. Mr. Robles moved approval of the Consent Agenda, including the above noted corrections, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2005 (with correction); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (with corrections) (Ex. 28); Special Education Contracts (Ex. 29); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 30); Change Orders for Construction Contracts (Ex. 31); Warrant Register Batches 69-81; Adult School Course Offerings; Contract for Legal Services with Herrig, Vogt and Stoll, LLP (Ex. 32). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts: *Harbor High School* – Lynda J. Paulsen of Bailey Properties has donated \$1,000 to the Athletic Program. As requested, \$500 will be given to the Girls’ Volleyball Team and \$500 to the Girls’ Basketball Team. Total value of gifts: \$1,000. Mr. Willis seconded this motion.

The motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

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

STAFF REPORTS

Bond Project Status Report

Mr. Moss reviewed the period ending 8/31/05, including the following reports: Elementary and Secondary Bond Budget; Summary of Revised Budgets by Site for Elementary and Secondary Bonds; Bond Budgets by Site by Project; Bond Budgets by Site; Allocation of Escalation Funds; Status of Bond Projects by Site; Status of Bond Projects Schedules. The Santa Cruz High School Pool Project is currently investigating alternative campus locations –it is unclear whether this project is possible. The BOC recommends holding the reserve for the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Reconvene Facilities Advisory Committee

Mr. Moss reported the FAC was formed last year by Board action on 9/22/04 to study and make recommendations to the Board related to potential, future reorganization of the Secondary schools, excluding the Small Schools, for implementation to be decided in the future as declining enrollment and budget considerations dictate. The FAC has also been investigating options for increasing revenue generation from District property.

Board Comments: None

Public Comments: None

MSP (Routh/Robles) 5-0, the Board approved reconvening the Facilities Advisory Committee. President Collins abstained from voting, and Student Norfolk cast a “yes” vote.

Reconvene Budget/Finance Advisory Committee

Superintendent Pagano reported the expressed outcomes of this Committee are:

- To identify potential expenditure reductions
- To identify additional sources of revenues, and
- To periodically present recommendations and updates to the Board in an advisory capacity

The primary methodology utilized in budget development would be zero-based budgeting. Meetings will be structured to allow a portion of each meeting time dedicated for public input.

MSP (Willis/Robles) 6-0, the Board approved reconvening the Budget/Finance Advisory Committee. Student Norfolk cast a “yes” vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #6-05-06 Proclamation on Banned Books Week

Ms. Morgenstern recommended approval of the Proclamation for Banned Books Week, September 24 – October 1, 2005. The American Library Association sponsors celebrating the freedom to read during the last week of September each year since 1982 – this annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Mr. Wagman moved for approval, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This resolution was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 33)

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

Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Instrument

Superintendent Pagano reported that the Trustees recently indicated interest in conducting a self-evaluation. Mr. Pagano presented a draft of Governing Self-evaluation for consideration in such a process. After discussion detailing format, timeline, and outcomes from such a process, Mr. Willis moved approval and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This item was passed without dissent, including a “yes” vote from Student Norfolk.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

The next Special Meeting of the Board of Education is October 5, 2005, 5:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA. This meeting will be to conduct candidate interviews for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 10, 2005**, 6:00 p.m., Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz, CA.

The final Regular Meeting in October is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 6:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Collins adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

John Collins, President
Board of Education