

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 18, 2007**

Call to Order

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., in the Auditorium of Gault School, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cynthia Hawthorne	Don Maxwell
Felix Robles	Ken Wagman	Wendy Strimling

John Collins – arrived at 7:26 p.m.
Student Representative Ian Magruder

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 and Format

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

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano asked for an addition to the Consent Agenda, Item 1.2 (a) Certificated Personnel Actions – Administrative Appointment. The Superintendent removed Staff Report Item 2.2, Migrant Education Program and Parent Advisory Committee, due to the illness of the scheduled presenter. New Business Item 4.3 Resolution #21-06-07 was removed from this agenda, and will be brought back at a future meeting.

Site Welcome

Gault Principal James welcomed the Trustees and all in attendance to the site. Ms. James reported that the Open House was an amazing event for the school, with over 90% of the students and parent(s) attending. Information was presented on the after school programs offered at Gault, including - Homework support; educational services; enrichment programs. These programs currently serve over 100 students. Future goals include working more closely with community partners to offer more varied activities and classes. Other school community events included: County Science Fair participation; Math Night; Cesar Chavez Day events; and the upcoming Auction Night. The Board Members were asked to consider the special challenges of this site when making financial and program decisions.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A parent from the Soquel High School Preschool program asked the Trustees when a response regarding a request to the Board of Education for payment of a work invoice would be received. A representative from Community Alliances, the organization that works with SCCS Food Services to improve the food programs/offerings at our school sites, voiced support for the Santa Cruz Green Schools Resolution on the agenda this evening. In light of the impending departure of Director Betsy Hamilton, District Office employees Donna Smith and Beatris Zamora expressed concerns regarding the future stability and function of the Special Projects Department. Westlake Principal Curley invited the Board Members and all in attendance to the Arts Festival at this site on Friday April 20th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano asked for one minute of silence to honor the community of Virginia Tech, and reported that SCCS flags would continue to fly at half-mast in recognition of the tragedy on that campus earlier in the week. The Superintendent attended the following meetings: Fiscal Perspectives for 2007-08, offered to the ACSA Region X Charter members by School Services of California; two meetings of the Health & Benefits Committee to plan for a smooth July transition to SISC; UCSC Preschool and Early Childhood Education Partnerships; BFAC Meeting to review the most current ZBB in preparation for the April 25th Trustee Study Session; ELAC Meeting at Costanoa High School. Mr. Pagano invited all to attend the Santa Cruz HS ELAC Dinner and Dance on April 20 at the Harvey West Clubhouse; the Gault School Auction on April 27; the Art Fest 2007 on May 20 at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. The Superintendent reported that the district has made diligent efforts to rectify the ceiling problems at the Soquel High School Campus Preschool. Superintendent Pagano informed the parents present at this meeting of the process needed to request payment.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Representative Magruder is hopeful that a meeting with all high school ASB Presidents will be scheduled, and meaningful dialogue about common issues will occur. Student Magruder would like to create a District wide ASB events calendar for the district website so that students can be aware of how to support each other and partner for common goals.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2007; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 169); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 170); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 171); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 172); Disposition of Surplus Property (Ex. 173); Discretionary Block Grant Budgets for the ARK and AFE (Ex. 174); Resolution #17-06-07 Authorizing 2007-08 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN) (Ex. 175); Unrestricted Budget v. Actual Expenses for Month Ending 3/31/07; Consultant Services Agreements for Education Services and Business Services (Ex. 176); Soquel High School Humanities Academy Course Proposals as submitted; Williams Report (Ex. 177);

Standards Based Textbooks and Instructional Materials Adoption for Grades 9 – 12; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 178). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Branciforte Small Schools* – Marty Schrank donated time and talent to assist in preparing the wall for a mural. His donated labor is valued at approximately \$250. *Harbor High School* – Greg Lopez helped fundraise by selling pumpkins last Fall, and his efforts raised \$280. **Total value: \$530.** Ms. Strimling made a correction to the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2007. Ms. Strimling seconded this motion, and the agenda was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Hawthorne – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Maxwell – Yes Wagman – Yes Strimling – Yes
Student Magruder – Yes

STAFF REPORTS

Bond Projects Status Report

Mr. Moss delivered the Bond Projects Status Report for the period ending 3/28/07. The Financial Reports included: Elementary and Secondary Bond Budget Summary; Summary of Revised Budgets by Site for Elementary and Secondary Bonds; Bond Budgets by Site by Project; Bond Budgets by Site. Other reports included: Allocation of Escalation Funds; Status of Bond Projects by Site; Status of Bond Project Schedules.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: Energy Service Contract

Board President Dewey Thorsett asked Mr. Moss to give his report on this subject prior to the opening of the Public Hearing. Mr. Moss reported on the cost of the system installation; the rebates available from PG&E to Santa Cruz City Schools; the possibility of shared profits during the term of the contract; pre-installation repairs and costs; projected energy savings; projected costs savings; maintenance and repair responsibilities. Representatives from Generating Assets, Solar Technologies, and other members of the Installation Team also reported to the Board of Education.

Open Public Hearing: Board President Dewey Thorsett opened this Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Public Comments: The founder of a local Alternative Energy Company asked the Board of Education to go out for a public bid on this project. A community member who spends significant time litigating purchase power agreements offered his services to the Trustees to contribute field research and provide detailed information to assist in making this decision. Mr. Schaller asked why every site owned by the district is not included in the plan. GSCFT President Kirschen asked the Board to proceed cautiously in this project, and conduct an open bid process.

Close Public Hearing: Board President Dewey Thorsett closed this Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Resolution #19-06-07 Authorizing Power Purchase Agreement with Generating Assets LLC

Discussion included the rebate time lines and possible PG&E extensions of the time lines for rebates, the public bid process, late project completion penalties, review of other purchase power agreements, and the reimbursement fees for the application submissions. No motion was made regarding this resolution. Ms. Strimling offered an alternative motion that was seconded by Ms. Hawthorne. The new motion gives direction to the Superintendent to put on the agenda for the May 9 Regular Meeting, or sooner if possible, a discussion regarding an RFP for a district Solar Energy System – and to discuss the different ways to structure an RFP and bidding process. This motion was approved with a 7-0 vote by the Trustees, and the advisory vote by Student Magruder was yes.

Photovoltaic System Site Lease Agreement

No motion was made on this item, as there was not an approval of Resolution #19-06-07.

Recess Meeting: Ms. Dewey Thorsett called for a short break at 9:30 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting: Ms. Dewey Thorsett reconvened this meeting at 9:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

1. The Board took action to expel student 9-06-07.
2. The Board heard an update Re: Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision “B” of Govt. Code Section 54956.9: One Case
3. The Board heard an update and provided direction Re: Negotiations w/GSCFT.
4. The Board heard an update and provided direction Re: Negotiations w/SCCCE.
5. The Board discussed the process and instruments Re: the evaluation of the Superintendent.

Resolution #18-06-07 Proclaiming April as School Library Media Month

Ms. Strimling moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. Mr. Wagman made a friendly amendment, which was approved by the motion maker and the second. The amendment adds the following words in the seventh paragraph: “Whereas the community has consistently demonstrated commitment to Certificated Library Media Teachers and strong library media programs by voting to support parcel taxes in order that the district can continue to provide excellent library media services in these times of declining enrollment; and”. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 179)

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes
Robles – Yes Wagman – Yes Strimling – Yes
Student Magruder – Yes Maxwell – not present for this vote

Note: Mr. Maxwell returned to the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Resolution #22-06-07 Santa Cruz “Green Schools” Resolution

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 180)

Roll Call Vote: Dewey Thorsett – Yes Collins – Yes Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes Robles – Yes Strimling – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Magruder - Yes

Revised Policy 5127.1 Graduation & Diplomas: Comprehensive High School

Mr. Porras reported that on May 17, 2005 at the request of Cabinet the counselors met to begin a discussion about possible changes to graduation requirements. The conversation focused on academic rigor and success, and the opportunity to better prepare students for success after graduation. The counselors researched graduation requirements at similar school districts. In addition, they were asked to determine the number of SCCS students who graduate with greater than 220 credits, the number of students taking four years of English, the number of students with a school service requirement, and the number of seniors graduating with 10 credits of world language. Ms. Tong and district counselors reported to the Trustees that final recommendations include: Beginning with the 2007 freshman class (2011 graduates) each student is required to earn 230 credits, which must include 40 units for English and 10 units of English earned in grade 9. Following discussion among Board Members, District Staff, and Public Comments, MSP (Collins/Robles) 7-0, the Board approved the Revised Policy 5127.1 Graduation & Diplomas: Comprehensive High School. Student Magruder voted yes. (Ex. 181)

Note: Mr. Collins left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Resolution #20-06-07 Adoption of Textbooks and Instructional Material in Science Grades 9 – 12

Ms. Morgenstern reported the instructional materials are recommended for district wide adoption in all comprehensive and small high schools. Science teachers conducted a professional review and an evaluative trial of the material selected with coordination through the Office of Curriculum and Assessment. Final selection was based on Board adopted criteria (BP 6161.1) and in collaboration with the selection committee. Harbor High School will delay the Biology selection until Fall 2007, but they have sufficient textbooks until that time. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows (Ex. 182)

Roll Call Vote: Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Maxwell – Yes
Robles – Yes Strimling – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Magruder – Yes

Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Recommendation for Measure B1 reserve expenditure in K-5 Visual and Performing Arts

Ms. Morgenstern reported that the Packard Grant funds that sustain arts programs for K-5 students will expire in June 2007. The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee has endorsed a one-time \$100,000.00 expenditure from the current Measure B1 budget reserve. These funds would be encumbered for 1.2 FTE in K-5 visual art (.80) and music (.40) teachers for 2007-08. Approval of this recommendation would result in the continuation of one visual arts teacher at each of the four comprehensive elementary sites and .40 itinerant

music staff in grades 4 and 5. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. Mr. Wagman moved an amendment to this item, approving an additional \$30,000.00 from the PTOC reserve to support K-3 Music and Movement at each of the elementary sites. These funds would be distributed as follows: \$4,000 to each site, and the remaining \$14,000 would be distributed based on the student free and reduced lunch program participation. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this amendment. The original recommendation and the amendment were approved without dissent, with an advisory vote of yes from the Student Representative. (Ex. 183)

Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan

Mr. Moss reported that each year the District receives Deferred Maintenance Funds from the State. The State matches the District's contribution up to .5% of the total General Fund expenditures. The State requires that this plan be Board-approved before being approved by the State Allocation board to qualify for the State matching funds. Funds can only be spent on building maintenance projects that meet the State criteria. This plan attempts to identify all Deferred Maintenance needs, even though there are not enough funds available to do all projects. MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 6-0, the Board approved the Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan. Student Magruder voted yes. (Ex. 184)

Opening of the Sunshine Period for the GSCFT Adult Education Contract Proposals for the 2006-07 School Year

Ms. Krause reported that these items are submitted in accordance with the Employees Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 6-0, the Board approved the Opening of the Sunshine Period for the GSCFT Adult Education Contract Proposals for the 2006-07 School Year. Student Magruder voted yes.

Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCCE Contract Proposals for the 2006-07 School Year

Ms. Krause reported that the SCCCE would like to sunshine three additional articles for 2006-07. These items are submitted in accordance with the Employees Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 6-0, the Board approved the Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCCE Contract Proposals for the 2006-07 School Year. Student Magruder voted yes.

BOARD REPORTS & COMMENTS

Board President's Report

Board President Dewey Thorsett asked all Trustees to use the Draft Notes from the March 22 Goal Setting Meeting as a homework assignment to prepare for the follow-up meeting on April 23 at Harbor High School at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members' Reports or Comments

Trustee Wagman asked the Board Members to attend the Santa Cruz City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 24, to show support for the District proposal for the property on Swift Street in Santa Cruz. If you cannot attend, please write to the City Council to show your support.

Board Member Strimling reported that Santa Cruz High School is hosting an auction and wine tasting for adults only on May 6 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., at the Harvey West Park Clubhouse. Ms. Strimling would like the NCLB Reauthorization put on an upcoming agenda for discussion – and would like Trustees to consider taking a stand for reform of NCLB.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

There is a Board of Education Study Session to discuss goal setting on April 23, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the Harbor High School Library, and a Board of Education Study Session on Zero Based Budgets on April 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. The Regular Meeting for Wednesday, May 23rd is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., at Harbor High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President
Board of Education