

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

**February 14, 2007**

**Call to Order**

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Branciforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Branciforte Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins                      Rachel Dewey Thorsett                      Cynthia Hawthorne  
Don Maxwell                      Felix Robles                      Ken Wagman                      Wendy Strimling  
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 to have Item 4.3, 2005-06 Audit, moved to follow the General Business Consent Agenda because the auditor, Steve Roatch has to return to Sacramento this evening. Also, the Superintendent asked that Item 4.2, Harbor High School Bleacher Bid, be moved to follow Staff Report Item 2.2 Bond Projects Status Report. These changes were approved by the Board of Education.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Branciforte Small Schools Principal Curt Coleman welcomed the Trustees and the members of the audience to the site. Costanoa student Lisette Reyes spoke on behalf of the alternative programs offered on the campus, and gave the Board Members treats made by the students in the ROP Introduction to Agricultural Business class. A group including district teachers, district Life Lab coordinators, and the UCSC Life Lab coordinator presented information on the benefits of this program, and asked for continued support, including an increase in funding, by the Board of Education. Landscape Architect Bill Julias spoke to the Trustees regarding a proposed plan for development and improvement of the Harbor High School baseball field. A Branciforte Middle School student invited the Trustees to attend the annual medieval cultures day at this site. Santa Cruz High School Principal Edmonds announced the resignation of Bassell Faltas, Head Football Coach, but he will remain at the site as a Physical Education teacher. Harbor High School Principal Nancy Tocchini extended invitations to the WASC visit, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, and the Mock Trial Team Debate. Retired

AGENDA ITEM:

teacher Marilyn Garret, parent Jerry McMullen, and student Jonathan McMullen expressed concerns about health risks posed by cell phone towers. Mission Hill Middle School Site Council Member, PTA Vice President, and ELAC parent Ana Garcia, encouraged Board Members to visit with ELAC and DLAC organizations during their election campaigns in order for the members of these organizations to be informed voters. She also asked the Trustees to attend the ELAC/DLAC meetings. Author Phyllis Greenleaf donated a copy of her book "I'd Rather Be Learning" to the Board of Education, and asked the Trustees to consider how much money is spent on standardized test preparation in this district. Bay View Principal Dan Cavanaugh reported that the second session of Latino Family Literacy classes will begin on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Bay View. Parent and DeLaveaga ELAC Co-President Rosie Olivera asked the Trustees for funds to provide additional 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom teachers, intervention teachers, after school homework help, crossing guards. Harbor High School Athletic Director Ron Mehuron asked the Trustees to reconsider the "Donate to Play" policy currently in place which provides for more than 80% of the budget for athletic programs. This plan is no longer financially feasible, and cannot rely on fluctuating family incomes. SCCCE President Chacanaca provided a copy of a letter from Personnel Commissioner Paul Johnston regarding the employment contract of Personnel Director Toni Hyland from the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent met with the Health/Welfare Benefits committee on January 29, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 20. On January 30 the Superintendent attended the Cabrillo Workforce Meeting to promote better understanding between the business community and the public schools. On February 1 Superintendent Pagano attended the Children's Health Network meeting. Mr. Pagano attended the Dual Language Immersion Task Force meeting on February 6, and the Superintendent will invite committee members to speak to the Trustees and attend a Study Session in the near future. On February 8 Mr. Pagano enjoyed the Beacon Round Table panel discussion. The Superintendent attended the February 2 memorial service at Westlake Elementary School for Sylvia Ellefsen. It was a wonderfully attended service for an exemplary Library Media Teacher and human being..

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Student Magruder thanked the Trustees for inviting him back to be a part of the Board of Education, and noted that he would look forward to serving with a fellow student if this policy change is approved tonight. Also, Student Magruder still includes the joint ASB Leadership meeting on his agenda.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Ms. Strimling asked for the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 17, 2007 to be removed for separate vote, as she was not present at this meeting, and would not be able to approve this item. Mr. Robles asked for the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2007 to be removed for separate vote, as he was not present at this meeting and would be unable to approve this item. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the

revised Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 121); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 122); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 123); Warrant Register 183-196; Change Orders n(Ex. 124); Notices of Completion(Ex. 125); Approval of Mission Hill Middle School and Adult Education Discretionary Block Grant Budgets (Ex. 126); Ratification of 2006-07 Confidential Employees Meet & Confer Agreement (Ex. 127); Adult Education Course Approvals and Certificated Instructors for 2006-07; Out-of-State Field Trip for the Santa Cruz High School Special Day Class; Investment Report for the Quarter Ending 12/31/06 (Ex. 128); Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCS Guest Teachers’ Contract Proposals for the 2006-07 School Year; Standards-Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption for Grades 9-12 (Ex. 129). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Branciforte Middle School* – Maria Gardner Waddell has donated \$250 with a matching donation from her employer for a total of \$500. *Harbor High School* – Darrell Long has donated an eMachines computer and Canon printer, valued at approximately \$400, to Joan Prebilich’s French class; Entemann’s Bakery has donated 400 hot dog buns and 600 hamburger buns to be used at the concession stand at Harbor HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This gift is valued at approximately \$400. Straw Hat Pizza has donated twelve large pizzas to be used at the concession stand at Harbor HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This gift is valued at approximately \$250. Upper Crust Pizza has donated twelve large pizzas to be used at the concession stand at Harbor HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This gift is valued at approximately \$200. Whiting Foods has donated 100 hamburger patties, 400 hot dogs, and condiments to be used at the concession stand at Harbor HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This gift is valued at approximately \$250. Rudolph F. Monte Foundation has donated 500 hamburger patties to be used at the concession stand at Harbor HS Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This gift is valued at approximately \$250. *Alternative Family Education* – Cynthia Baxter has donated 42 + hours of consulting, designs and web construction services valued at approximately \$2,520. **Total value of gifts: \$4770.** Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 17, 2007**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2007**

Ms. Strimling moved approval, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Accept 2005-06 Audit Report from Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corporation**

The District is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with established standards for K-12 schools by the State Controller. The audit is due to the County Office of Education and the State by December 15. Mr. Stephen Roatch offered high praise for the district, and especially Mr. Moss and Business Services. Last year, 67 recommendations were made, and 55 have already been implemented. All 32 State recommendations have been implemented, and this is an excellent response from the district. Following Board questions and discussion, MSP (Collins/Robles) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the 2005-06 Audit Report. Student Magruder voted "yes." (Ex. 130)

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Review Lists of Additional Needs from Grade-Level Groups and Special Education**

At the January 10, 2007 Regular Meeting the Trustees approved the 2007-08 ZBB Revenue Distribution, and asked that lists of additional needs that would not fit within the grade-level revenue allocation be submitted by grade-level with the ZBB Budgets to the BFAC on 2/13/07, and that these items would come to the Board for consideration at this meeting. The Board indicated they would review these needs and, at the February 28 Regular Meeting might consider allocating additional revenue to the grade-level groups. Mr. Moss submitted such a list of items to the Board of Education, and also provided an upgraded Multi-Year Budget Projection to the Trustees.

After discussion and questions among the Trustees, District Staff, Members of the Audience, the Members of the Board acknowledged the sensitivity of the Administration and staff members to the needs of students and the focused, collaborative, and professional work of the district leadership and management teams. During the discussion Trustees noted that the current revenue allocations are sufficient to maintain existing site programs during the 2007-08 school year, that the District Strategic Plan should provide a reference point for discussions of additional program needs, and that further discussion on the budgetary effects of the expiration, and possible renewal, of the Measure B1 parcel tax was needed to assess the District's budget. Board Member Strimling requested all Trustees receive a copy of the Strategic Plan before the upcoming Board Retreat. The Trustees requested the discussion for renewal of Measure B be put on the agenda at the earliest possible date after the February 20, 2007 meeting of the District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee.

### **Bond Projects Status Report**

Mr. Moss provided the Board of Education with a Bond Project Status Report. This report included the Financial Reports: 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 Projects Schedules. The priority for use of any remaining funds after current Bond projects under construction are complete was also reported.

**NEW BUSINESS** (continued)

**Harbor High School Bleacher Bid**

Mr. Moss recommended that the low bid from CRW Industries, Inc. be accepted for the Harbor High School Bleacher Project, and an allocation of \$548,244 from the Secondary Bond Surplus and Escalation reserve be made to cover the excess cost. After confirmation from Mr. Moss that the low bid must be accepted, MSP (Wagman/Robles) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Harbor High School Bleacher Bid from CRW Industries, Inc. Student Magruder was absent from the meeting at this time. (Ex. 131)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Amendment to Policy 9100 Organization of Board of Education**

Mr. Porras reported that on January 17, 2007 the Board of Education approved requested changes to Board Policy 9100 as a first reading. A few additional revisions were requested, and the policy as presented for approval at this Regular Meeting reflects those changes. Following discussion, the Board approved the revised Board Policy 9100: Organization of Board of Education for final reading and distribution with the exclusion of two sentences in Section #3. MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 6-0-1 (Trustee Collins abstaining). (Ex. 132)

**NEW BUSINESS** (continued)

**Closed Session Action Report**

The Board gave staff direction to finalize a tentative lease agreement Re: 2931 Mission Street.

The Board took action (5-0-2, Trustees Maxwell and Wagman abstaining) to release a teacher on temporary status.

The Board heard updates regarding negotiations with The GSCFT, SCCCE and the Supervisors' Meet and Confer.

**INFORMATION/FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Future Meetings**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 28, 2007 at Mission Hills Middle School. The Regular Meeting on March 14, 2007 is scheduled at Branciforte Middle School. The Board Retreat is scheduled for February 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz High School Library.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President  
Board of Education

