

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY  
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
January 24, 2007**

**Call to Order**

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m., in the DeLaveaga Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 1145 Morrissey Blvd., Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cynthia Hawthorne
Don Maxwell	Wendy Strimling	Ken Wagman
Absent: Felix Robles		

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business  
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 brought attention to the amended agenda for tonight's meeting, that included an addition in New Business, Item 5.9, Appeal to the Santa Cruz City Council (1/18/07) Planning Commission Action to Deny the 313 Swift Street Use Permits Application. The Superintendent presented a list of Professional Experts to be included in the Consent Agenda Classified Personnel Actions. The order of New Business agenda items was changed as follows: Item 5.1; 5.2; 5.4; 5.5; 5.3; 5.6; 5.7; 5.8; & 5.9. In addition, item 2.1 in Information and Future Meetings, the scheduling of the Board Retreat was move to precede General Public Business.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

DeLaveaga Principal David Freed welcomed the Trustees and all those in attendance to the site for this meeting. Principal David Freed noted the wonderful student art work that was present in the room tonight, and commended teacher Jackie Bundick for her arts program. DeLaveaga will host a rummage sale on Jan. 27 and the proceeds will support the Life Lab. Thanks were given to Trustee Maxwell for delivering computer equipment to the Grey Bears organization. Branciforte Middle School Assistant Principal Nanette Overly invited the Board Members to Back to School Night on February 7, 2007. Santa Cruz High School Principal Edmonds reported that this site will host incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders

AGENDA ITEM:

on February 9 and the Red/White Fair at Back to School Night on February 13. Ms. Betsy Hamilton spoke on behalf of the AMA, and acknowledged the hard work done by both the Trustees and the Cabinet members during negotiations was appreciated.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano presented at an ACSA sponsored session at the County Office of Education. The Superintendent commended district staff actions ensuring student safety as the highest priority during the recent power outage, and commended the actions of the Fire Department to prevent further damage at Soquel High School. Mr. Pagano thanked Ms. Betsy Hamilton for her presentation on Single Plans for Student Achievement at the Board Study Session on January 17. On January 18, the Santa Cruz Planning Commission denied the land use permit to the District for the property located at 313 Swift St., and Superintendent Pagano will ask the Board Members to take action this evening to appeal this decision to the SC City Council. The Superintendent read a letter of commendation for District Music Teacher Christie Latham from Northern California Band Association Vice President Ty West. Mr. Pagano concluded his report with the announcement of the proposed retirement of Harbor High School Principal Nancy Tocchini on June 29, 2007.

### **INFORMATION AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **Board Retreat**

The Board agreed to postpone the Board Retreat from Saturday, February 3 until Wednesday, February 21 at a time and place to be determined.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: 2005-06 Tentative Agreement Between SCCS and GSCFT for Guest Teachers and Disclosure of the Costs of the Agreement**

**Open:** Board President Dewey Thorsett opened this Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported the Board is required by AB1200 to make this tentative employee agreement available to the public for review and comment.

**Public Comment:** GSCFT President Kirschen noted that one of the three listed charities made available for Conscientious Objectors through the union is no longer active.

**Close:** President Dewey Thorsett closed this Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Board President Dewey Thorsett asked for Public Comments on any items listed in the Consent Agenda.

**Public Comment:** GSCFT President Barry Kirschen commented on Professional Experts contained in the Classified Personnel. In particular, the GSCFT asked for further discussion regarding one Social Worker position and two Counseling Services positions.

The Board members elected to pull three items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion: Item 2.1, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2007; part of Item 2.3, Classified Personnel Actions – the three Professional Experts positions called into question by GSCFT President Kirschen; Item 2.10, Contract Agreement Between GSCFT Guest Teachers and SCCSD.

Mr. Collins moved approval of the amended Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 110); Personnel Actions – Classified (minus the three Professional Expert positions to be discussed individually) (Ex. 111); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 112); Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Williams Report (Ex. 113); Adults School Classes and Staffing for Spring 2007; Treasury Oversight Committee Representation; Ratification of 2006/07 AMA & Cabinet Meet and Confer (Ex. 114); Sole-Source Exception to Bidding Requirements for Purchase of Food Services Point-of-Sale System; Approve Lease/Financing for Purchase of NutriKids Point-of-Sale System (Ex. 115). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *District Office* – Gary Ruppel from the Santa Cruz Medical Foundation has donated file cabinets to the Health Offices. This donation is valued at approximately \$200. *Bay View Elementary* – Cumba Siegler, Occupational Therapist and parent, has donated a computer monitor valued at approximately \$120. *Mission Hill Middle School* – Pacific Wave has donated 45 hats for the surf team. This donation is valued at approximately \$945. *Costanoa High School* – Pacific Gas & Electric has submitted an anonymous donation in the amount of \$720. *Alternative Family Education* – Anne and Sam Singer have donated \$100. **Total value of gifts: \$2,085.** Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes	Strimling – Yes	Wagman – Yes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2007:** Ms. Strimling proposed a correction to the minutes regarding the Preliminary 2007-08 ZBB Revenue Distribution. The Trustees would like to minutes to reflect that the motion that was approved called for the update to the Board Members from the Feb. 13 BFAC meeting for information and consideration at the Regular Meeting on Feb. 14 specifically include priorities listed for each site and drawn up by the sites. Mr. Wagman moved approval and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. This motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Collins – Abstain	Dewey Thorsett – Yes		
Hawthorne – Yes	Maxwell – Yes	Strimling – Yes	Wagman – Yes

**Contract Agreement Between GSCFT Guest Teachers and SCCSD:**

Following discussion, Mr. Wagman proposed a modification to the contract regarding conscientious objection to payment of union fees that removed Schools Plus from the eligible charitable foundations and replaced that organization with Santa Cruz Education Foundation. This is found in the contract in Item III, 8. E. Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 116)

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Collins – Abstain	Dewey Thorsett – Yes		
Hawthorne – Yes	Maxwell – Yes	Strimling – Yes	Wagman – Yes

**Professional Experts:** Following discussion that included District Staff, Union Representatives, and Board Members comments, Ms. Hawthorne moved that the three positions in question be approved through June 30, 2007, and the Board of Education directs District Staff to continue to meet and confer with the two Bargaining Units to develop procedures for how these positions will be handled in the future with ongoing reports to the Board of Education. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 111)

**Roll Call Vote:** Collins – Yes            Dewey Thorsett – Yes            Hawthorne – Yes  
                         Maxwell – No            Strimling – Yes            Wagman – Yes

## **STAFF REORTS**

### **2007-08 Governor’s Proposed Budget**

Mr. Moss reported on the Governor’s 2007-08 Proposed Budget. This budget includes 4.04% COLA and ADA growth in all State categorical programs, no funding for Mandated Costs in 2007-08, decreases in Title I Part A, Title III, and Title IV Programs, and no increases for Title II Part A, or Title II Part D Programs. This report also covered Proposition 98 proposed changes, Key Programs/Administration Initiatives, and the EnCorps Teachers Program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Closed Session Action Report**

The Board directed the Superintendent to complete the ‘Meet & Confer’ discussion with the Confidentials’ group.

The Board heard an update and provided directions to staff Re: Real Property Negotiations for 2931 Mission Street.

### **Measure B1 Arts Coordinator Stipends**

Superintendent Pagano brought forward a proposal from the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meeting of January 9, 2007 to approve \$5,000 in 2006-07 and \$10,000 in 2007-08 for Arts Coordinator stipends at each of the four elementary schools from the parcel tax Measure B1 funds (\$20,000 total in 2006-07 and \$40,000 total in 2007-08). Mr. Wagman moved for provision of \$2,500 in 2006-07 and \$5,000 in 2007-08 for each elementary site to support an Arts Coordinator position. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was not approved by a vote of 2-4. Mr. Wagman and Ms. Dewey Thorsett provided the 2 “yes” votes. Following a report to the Trustees from Director of Curriculum and Assessment Diane Morgenstern, and further Board questions and discussion, Mr. Collins moved approval of the position as a Classified Arts Coordinator position, and expenditure of \$20,000 in 2006-07 and \$40,000 in 2007-08. Mr. Maxwell seconded this motion. The motion was approved 5-0-1. Mr. Wagman cast the abstaining vote. (Ex. 117)

### **Single Plan for Student Achievement Approvals**

Ms. Hamilton reported that on January 10, 2007, the Board of Trustees approved a timeline and process for approval of the Single Plans for Student Achievement. On January 17, 2007, a Board Study Session was conducted to review the April 2006 publication of the California Department of Education, entitled “Guide and Template to the Single Plan for Student Achievement” and to review the sample plans. The Single Plans for Student Achievement were distributed at the Study Session for Board review. MSP (Collins/Strimling) 6-0, the Board approved the Single Plans for Student Achievement.

### **Resolution #10-06-07 Standards Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption in English Language Development for Grades 9-12**

Ms. Morgenstern asked the Board to approve instructional materials for Grades 9-12 standards-based adoption in English Language Development. All textbooks and instructional materials in this adoption are aligned with California Content Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and English Language Development (ELD): **Pearson Longman: Keys to Learning c. 2005 and Shining Star c.2004**. This material is recommended for district wide adoption in all comprehensive and small high schools. Secondary English Language Development Teachers conducted a professional review of the material selected with coordination through the Office of Curriculum/Assessment and Office of Special Projects. This is the first time in 150 years in the District for an aligned ELA adoption. Ms. Morgenstern recognized the following personnel for their diligent efforts in this process: Connie Bertuca; Gwen Heskett; Becky Armor; Usiel Delgado; Lizann Keyes; Lillith Olsen-Perez; June Reuben; Gene Bush; Tonie Ogimachi; Hecate Rosewood; Kathy Sandidge; Sandy Palazzola; Jessica Murray. Special Projects Director Betsy Hamilton, ELIRT Noreen Winkler, and Director of Curriculum/Assessment Diane Morgenstern worked in conjunction on this project. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 118)

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes	Strimling – Yes	Wagman – Yes

**Recess:** Board President Dewey Thorsett recessed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Board President Dewey Thorsett reconvened this meeting at 8:42 p.m.

### **Proposal Re: Budget Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC) and Formation of Board Budget Committee**

The Trustees would like to restructure the BFAC to strengthen the communication between the Committee and the Trustees. This Committee should advise the Superintendent and the Board of Education. The Board should refer issues and help to set the agenda for committee meetings. As details need to be worked out, the Board will make minimal changes this year, and continue discussion toward a major proposal for the 2007-08 school year. MSP (Hawthorne/Maxwell) 6-0, the Board approved Mr. Wagman to Co-Chair this committee with Superintendent Pagano for the remainder of this year; Ms. Dewey Thorsett as a member of the Committee; Mr. Collins as the Board alternate.

**Amendment to Policy 9100 Student Board Member**

The Board of Education has indicated a desire to amend Board Policy regarding Student Board Member(s):

- The Board shall include two student board members
- Student representatives shall be non-voting members of the SCCS Board of Education and will be asked before each Board vote for their preferential vote on all matters except those discussed in closed session
- The term of the Student Board Members shall be for one year, with one of the terms starting at the beginning of the Fall semester and the other one starting at the beginning of the Spring semester (for the Spring semester representative, it would be desirable not to have a senior student chosen)
- Student representatives shall have the right to attend all Board Meetings, committee meetings, and workshops, except closed session. They shall also be eligible for training provided by the state and regional organizations at the expense of the District.
- Each student Board member will have a Board member as a mentor in addition to support from the administration.
- The Board also expressed a desire to correct the section of the policy referring to the location of Board meetings to reflect the fact that the Board no longer meets at 2931 Mission St.

MSP (Hawthorne/Maxwell) 6-0, the Trustees approved the Amendment to Policy 9100 Student Board Member as a first reading.

**Resolution #11a-06-07 Support of Harbor High School ASB Actions Re: Blood Drive**

On December 14, 2006, during a Red Cross sponsored blood drive at Harbor High School, a student member of the senior class who is gay was prohibited from donating blood due to guidelines set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The Associated Student Body (ASB) has taken action and prepared a letter to be sent to federal and state legislators which seeks a reconsideration of the FDA guidelines. The Board of Education passes this resolution to support the ideas expressed by the students to request modernization of the regulations regarding blood donations and encouraging the FDA to ensure that gays and bisexuals are not discriminated against in the process of guarding the safety of the nation’s blood supply. The Superintendent will send copies of this resolution to the American Red Cross, the FDA, our state and federal representatives, and the Harbor High School student council. Mr. Collins moved approval and Ms. Strimling seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 119)

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes	Strimling – Yes	Wagman – Yes

**Resolution #12a-06-07 Reaffirming Safe Schools**

Santa Cruz City Schools has policies and practices in place which ensure a safe and secure educational learning environment for all students who attend the District. The Board has indicated a desire to reaffirm “Safe Schools” through a Resolution. The Board requests that the Superintendent send a copy of this resolution to all school sites for posting, a separate copy to all high school and middle school student councils, and copies

to our state and federal representatives. Mr. Wagman moved approval of this resolution, and Mr. Maxwell seconded this motion. The resolution was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 120)

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

**Appeal to the Santa Cruz City Council of (1/18/07) Planning Commission Action to Deny the 313 Swift St. Use Permit Application**

At the January 18, 2007 meeting of the Santa Cruz Planning Commission, the Commissioners acted (5-1 vote) to deny the 313 Swift Street use permit application. A previous motion that had been made to approve the use permit application had resulted in a 3-3 vote. Six areas of concern were cited during this process. The District has ten days from the date of the action of the Planning Commission (1/18/07) to appeal the Planning Commission decision to the Santa Cruz City Council. Superintendent Pagano recommended that the Board take action to direct the district to appeal this decision to the Santa Cruz City Council. Ms. Hawthorne proposed a taskforce to involve stakeholders in looking at alternatives, and Mr. Collins suggested expanding the use to include workforce development.

Mr. Collins moved approval of the appeal process, and Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. Ms. Strimling made a friendly amendment to proceed with the appeal, but ask the Santa Cruz City Council to hold this hearing no sooner than 90 days after the receipt of the appeal. This friendly amendment was amenable to both Mr. Collins and Mr. Wagman. MSP (Collins/Wagman) 5-1, the Board of Education directed the District to appeal the Planning Commission decision to the Santa Cruz City Council, and ask for this hearing to be held no sooner than 90 days after the receipt of the appeal. Ms. Hawthorne cast the dissenting vote. The Trustees also gave direction to the Superintendent to bring an agenda item for the February 14 Regular Meeting to continue the discussion regarding this property and look for alternative solutions and directed both Board Members and District Staff to continue the discussion to address the recommendations from the Planning Commission.

**\*\*Note:** Ms. Hawthorne had to leave the meeting at this time

**BOARD REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**Board President's Report**

Board President Dewey Thorsett reported receiving a letter from the County Office of Education giving Santa Cruz City Schools a positive budget certification. Ms. Dewey Thorsett acknowledged Education Services, the Santa Cruz Education Foundation, and the GSCFT for their diligent cooperative efforts to ensure that Science Camp continues to be one of the benefits provided to students in Santa Cruz City Schools.

**Board Members' Reports or Comments**

Board Member Collins reported he purchased previously viewed copies of the movie "An Inconvenient Truth" for all middle schools, high schools, and the small schools. This

meets one of Trustee Collin's goals to ensure that all students have the opportunity to watch this film.

Board Member Wagman spent each day of his recent vacation at district functions. It is impressive to visit the sites and see all the great work done in honor of our students.

Trustee Maxwell has been teaching a class or two at SCCS, and it has been great.

Board Member Strimling attended the Santa Cruz High School Principal's Coffee – it was very impressive and all in attendance participated in a great discussion. The memorial service for recently deceased Westlake librarian Sylvia Ellefsen will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Westlake School at 4:30 p.m.

## **INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Information/Discussion**

#### **Board Policy Committee**

MSP (Wagman/Strimling) 5-0, the Board approved an Ad Hoc Committee as opposed to a Standing Committee. Committee members shall be Wagman, Strimling, and Collins.

#### **Future Meetings**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 14, 2007 at the Branciforte Small Schools Campus. The Regular Meeting on February 28, 2007 is scheduled at Mission Hill Middle School. The Board Retreat is scheduled for February 21, 2007.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President  
Board of Education