

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

June 20, 2007

Call to Order

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Rachel Dewey Thorsett Cynthia Hawthorne Don Maxwell
Wendy Strimling Ken Wagman
Student Representative Ian Magruder
Absent: John Collins and Felix Robles

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 requested the following changes to the agenda: additions to the Consent Agenda, Item 1.2, Certificated Personnel Actions; Old Business Item 3.2, Proposals for Solar Pilot Project on one High School moved to immediately follow the Consent Agenda; Old Business Item 3.1, Request for Proposals for a Solar Project to immediately precede the Staff Reports; New Business Item 4.5 Resolution 31-06-07 No Child Left Behind moved to follow New Business Item 4.8 Tentative Contract Agreement Between SCCSD and SCCCE 2006-07; New Business Item 4.6 Shift of Expenditures to/from Measure B1 Funds in 2007-08 to immediately precede Item 4.9 Board Trustee Health Benefit Coverage. The Board of Education approved the proposed changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett spoke on behalf of the Wireless Radiation Alert Network regarding suspected health risks associated with cell phone towers and wireless networks in close proximity to school children. Harbor High School Principal Tocchini publicly thanked Assistant Superintendent Krause and District Staff for the lovely retirement reception honoring SCCS employees on June 8. Ms. Tocchini asked the Board of Trustees to support the Senior Contract utilized by the comprehensive high schools – or give direction to staff on how to structure a contract that would be endorsed. English Learner Instructional Resource Teachers Garza and Winkler read a proclamation crafted

by the Special Projects Staff members declaring June 20, 2007 Betsy Hamilton Day for Santa Cruz City Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported attendance at graduation and promotion ceremonies at Gault Elementary, Monarch Elementary, Adult Education, Delta Charter School, Harbor High School and Soquel High School. The average term of service for those honored at the Retirement Reception on June 8 was 25 years. Saturday, June 23, the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium will host the festival honoring the culture and art of Oaxaca. The Superintendent received a letter of resignation from Soquel High School Principal Kollmann. Mr. Pagano acknowledged her service as both Assistant Principal and Principal at this site during her career at Santa Cruz City Schools. The Superintendent noted that as Assistant Principal Serigstad was also retiring at the close of the month, an interim replacement might be required at this site. This transition will be discussed with staff in July. Superintendent Pagano presented Student Representative Magruder with a certificate honoring his service on the Board of Education this year. Mr. Pagano concluded his report with thanks to this generous community for their support of schools, and noted that the Consent Agenda tonight includes gifts valued at over \$30,000.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Magruder reported that Mr. Collins hosted a meeting for ASB Presidents and leadership. Discussion included plans to create a master student activities calendar in the district – the Santa Cruz Sentinel newspaper has expressed an interest in posting this item.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Miss Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 23, 2007 and the Special Meeting of May 30, 2007; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 225); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 226); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 227); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 228); Notices of Completion (Ex. 229); Community-Based English Tutoring Program Application 2007-08; Consolidated Categorical Aid Program Application, Part I; Career & Technical Education Capacity Building Plan for SC County; Statement of Assurance for State Instructional Materials Funding (Ex. 230); Request for Approval of CAHSEE Waiver; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 231); Supplemental Educational Services for Branciforte & Mission Hill Middle Schools (Ex. 232); Adult Education Course Approval for 2007-08 (Ex. 233); Adult School Course Outlines (Ex. 234). The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Mission Hill Middle School* – Alexander Gaguine has donated \$5,000 and Martha Chubb has donated \$250. *Santa Cruz High School* – Santa Cruz High School Band Boosters received an anonymous donation of \$25,000. **Total value of gifts: \$30,250.**

OLD BUSINESS

Proposals for Solar Pilot Project at One High School

Mr. Moss reported the committee working on the solar RFP proposes that the Board considers a solar pilot project at either Santa Cruz or Soquel High School that would commence prior to the RFP process. Three firms were asked to submit proposals. Mr. Moss requested the Trustees approve authorization to begin negotiations with Generating Assets, Inc. for the solar project at Soquel High School, and a PPA will be brought to the Regular Meeting on August 8th for approval. MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 5-0, the Board of Trustees approved the proposal as recommended. Student Magruder voted yes.

Request for Proposals for a Solar Project

Mr. Moss reported on 5/2/07 the Board received a report from Carl Pechman regarding formulating a solar Request for Proposals (RFP) and alternative mechanisms for solar projects. The Board appointed a committee to work with Mr. Pechman to develop an RFP. The Trustees have been provided with a proposed timeline for the RFP and project, a list of firms that have requested to receive the RFP, and the proposed grouping of the sites into phases of the project. Providers are asked to submit separate proposals for each phase. Mr. Maxwell moved approval, and the motion included the amendment to adjust the Solar Project Phasing Table to Replace SCHS with SQS in Phase I, Move HHS to Phase II and SCHS to Phase III, and to include the roofing needs in the proposals. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The Board approved the Request for Proposals for a Solar Project without dissent. Student Magruder votes yes.

STAFF REPORTS

Special Projects Transition Report

Ms. Hamilton outlined the transition plan prepared for the incoming Director and the plan for the 2007-08 school year. This plan includes goals and objectives linked to the Single Plans for Student Achievement, the Local Education Agency Plan, the Strategic Plan, the Title III LEA Plan Addendum and the imperatives contained in the 2004-05 Coordinated Compliance Review Findings. The transition plan provides a structure for continued reform of programs and services for English Learners and socio-economically disadvantaged students. The English Learner Master Plan and the Special Projects Policy and Procedures manual will be the essential components in supporting, guiding, and ensuring accountability in this work.

Bond Projects Status Report

Mr. Moss reports the last Bond Projects Status Report was made to the Board Members on 3/28/07. This report covers the period ending 5/31/07. The Financial Reports included the Elementary and Secondary Bond Budget Summary; Revised Budget Summary, and Bond Budgets by site by project. Other reports included, escalation funds; status of bond projects by site.

Math Instructional Resource Teacher

Director of Assessment and Curriculum Morgenstern provided the Trustees with a Math Instructional Resource Teacher information. Three years of summative student data demonstrates low proficiency rates in math district wide. Content based coaching and

resource support will be provided to teachers in grades 4 through 8, including program and curriculum, instructional practice, assessment practice, and materials adoption for 2007-08. The position of Math Instructional Resource Teacher (MIRT) will be modeled after the successful English Language Resource Instructors currently serving our students. Public comments included support for this position from Branciforte Middle School Principal Munro, Special Education Teacher Casey Evans, and GSCFT President Kirschen. Board President Dewey Thorsett clarified that this report was put on the Agenda as an Information Item, and not an Action Item.

Needs Assessment & Timeline: Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Superintendent Pagano reported on the Needs Assessment held on June 7, 2007, in Room 12 of the District Office. This meeting was facilitated by Ms. Krause and attended by members of the District Leadership Team, Education Services Classified Staff, ELIRTs and a Board Trustee. The Superintendent proposed a timeline and process for filling the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. Following discussion, the Board Members declined participation in the interview panels, scheduled a Special Closed Session Meeting on August 1, 2007 to discuss personnel items. This meeting would allow the Superintendent to provide a recommendation for Board approval on August 8, 2007 for the position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Closing of Sunshine Period of SCCSD Proposal to SCCCE for 2006-07

Ms. Krause reported Santa Cruz City Schools and the SCCCE contract proposals in accordance with the Employee Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals. MSP (Hawthorne/Strimling) 5-0, the Board Members approved the Closing of Sunshine Period of SCCSD Proposal to SCCCE for 2006-07.

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

The Board heard an update on Negotiations with The GSCFT

The Board heard an update on Negotiations with The GSCFT – Guest Teachers

The Board heard an update on Negotiations with the GSCFT – Adult Education

The Board heard an update on Negotiations with The SCCCE

The Board received information Re: Negotiations with Unrepresented Employees and came to agreement with the Superintendent Re: Contract

The Board received current information Re: Conference with Legal Counsel Re:

Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Subdivision “B” of Government Code Section 54956.1 Case

The Board gave direction to district staff Re: Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code S 54956.8) Property: 255 Swift Street, Agency Negotiator: Alan Pagano, Negotiating Parties: SCCS and Pacific Collegiate School, Under Negotiations: Terms of Lease/Purchase

Request for One-Year Extension of Lease of Loma Prieta School Site to Carden el Encanto Private School

Mr. Moss reported on June 21, 2006 the Board granted a one-year extension of the lease at this site to 7/31/09. The Carden El Encanto School is again requesting a one year extension of the lease through 7/31/10. Ms. Strimling moved to continue this item until SCCS completes the comprehensive sites and needs assessment scheduled for August. MSP (Strimling/Maxwell) 5-0, the Trustees voted to continue this item until the facilities review is completed.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2007-08 DISTRICT BUDGET

Open: Board President Dewey Thorsett opened this Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Moss and Ms. Lacey reported that per AB 1200 the Board is required to conduct a Public Hearing to allow for public comment prior to the Trustees approving the 2007-08 Budget. Santa Cruz City Schools is on a single budget adoption cycle. This means the Board adopts a budget by June 30 and a Revised Budget within 45 days of adoption of the State budget. The Revised Budget will incorporate changes based on the final State Budget and the actual 2006-07 ending balance. Documents included were: budget certifications; budget criteria and standards; 2007-08 Adopted Budget for all funds; General Fund three-year budget projections and assumptions.

Public Comments: GSCFT President Kirschen and SCCCE Negotiator Joan Lowe asked questions regarding health benefits costs and custodial hours.

Close: Board President Dewey Thorsett closed this Public Hearing at 9:11 p.m.

Recess: Board President Dewey Thorsett called for a short recess at 9:12 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Dewey Thorsett reconvened this meeting at 9:18 p.m. Student Magruder did not return to the meeting.

Approval of 2007-08 District Budget

Mr. Moss requested approval of the budget as submitted. Mr. Wagman made a motion for an amendment to include \$80,000 for the Math Instructional Resource Teacher proposed by Director Morgenstern (one-time funds), an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to fully restore the instructional aide positions at Gault Elementary School for the 2007-08 school year (one-time funds), and 2 hours of additional hours for each of the night custodians at the middle schools (on-going funds). Following discussion among Board Members, District Staff, Members of the Audience, Mr. Wagman withdrew his amendment. The Trustees directed Superintendent Pagano to schedule a Special Meeting on July 11 to discuss the positions and funds contained in Mr. Wagman's suggested amendment, and additional personnel items. Ms. Hawthorne recommended approval of the 2007-08 District Budget as submitted, and Ms. Strimling seconded the motion. This motion was approved without dissent. (Ex. 235)

Policy Revision: P5119 Independent Studies

Mr. Porras asked for approval of the policy as a first reading. MSP (Wagman/Strimling) 5-0, the changes to Policy P5119 were approved by the Board of Education. (Ex. 236)

Tentative Contract Agreement Between SCCSD and SCCCE, 2006-07

Ms. Krause reported that both negotiating teams worked diligently to reach this agreement, and asked for approval of the Tentative Agreement between the SCCCE and the Santa Cruz City Schools District for 2006-07. MSP (Wagman/Maxwell) 5-0, the Board approved the tentative contract agreement between the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees and the SCCSD.

Resolution #31-06-07 No Child Left Behind

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires all students to be proficient on state standards by 2014 and enforces strict interventions for schools and districts that fail to make “adequate yearly progress” toward that goal. The Santa Cruz City Schools Districts strongly supports standards, assessments, and accountability for the schools. However, it is evident that the definition of AYP under the federal system will result in all schools failing to achieve proficiency by 2014 due to goals statistically impossible to reach. The proposed resolution will enable the Board to participate in collaborative action with other public school districts. Ms. Strimling moved approval with Amendment: Addition to Paragraph 10: review and ...

“and make the necessary amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as No Child Left Behind, so that schools can successfully implement the Act, including but not limited to the following changes:

- Use a growth model to measure student achievement
- Provide greater flexibility to states and school districts
- Fully fund the Act’s requirements”

Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 237)

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

Shift of Expenditures to/from Measure B1 Funds in 2007-08

Due to late hour, the Trustees continued this item to a future meeting.

Board Trustee Health Benefit Coverage

Superintendent Pagano reported three trustees currently take the offered Health Benefits, and the approximate annual cost for each member is \$12,000. Following discussion among Board Members and members of the audience, MSP (Wagman/Maxwell) 5-0, the Board approved a \$50/month contribution to the cost of their health benefit coverage.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Academic Achievement Task Force

Ms. Strimling distributed a handout, and asked the Board Members to consider this item for action at the first August meeting.

Future Meetings

There will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. The agenda for this meeting will include discussion for revision of the 2007-08 budget to include a Math Instruction Resource Teacher, increased custodial hours at the middle schools, reinstatement of instructional aide hours at Gault School, personnel matters and the status of the current available administrative positions in Santa Cruz City Schools. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 8, 2007, 6:00 p.m., Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett
Board of Education