

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

**May 9, 2007**

**Call to Order**

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins                  Rachel Dewey Thorsett                  Cynthia Hawthorne  
Don Maxwell      Felix Robles                  Wendy Strimling                  Ken Wagman  
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 delete Item 2.3, Monarch School Staff Report, and the Board approved this change.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Director of Student Services Maryanne Tong reported on the safety protocols in place for students and staff at Santa Cruz City Schools. Santa Cruz City Schools is also working closely with the County Office of Education on countywide procedures for lockdowns and other emergencies. Westlake Parents Nina Odegaard and Linda Lu, and community member Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to review district policy regarding wireless technology in order to safeguard student health. Costanoa students reported on a Blood Drive on the Small Schools Campus from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>, and asked for sign-ups and participation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano reported attendance at the following functions since the last Regular Meeting on April 18: both the Westlake Art Show and the ELAC Dinner and Dance Meeting on April 20; Dual Language Immersion Task Force on April 26; Gault Auction on April 27; WASC Visit at the Adult Education School; Santa Cruz Chamber Meeting; Monterey Bay Education Consortium Meeting on May 3; the Santa Cruz City Schools District Music Concert at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on May 7; Santa

Cruz Community Affairs Study Group on May 9. The Superintendent also noted that he chaired the final meeting of the Children's Health Network until September 2007, and it is an honor to work with a group committed to the well-being of children.

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

Student Representative Magruder urged students, staff, and community members to participate in the blood drive on May 14th at Costanoa High School.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Collins asked for Item 1.11, Approval of \$2,000 of B1 Funds for Thank-You Banners, to be removed from the bulk items in the Agenda and discussed separately for approval by the Board Members.

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2007 and the Special Meeting of April 23, 2007; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 186); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 187); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 188); Warrant Register; Change Orders for construction Contracts (Ex. 189); Notices of Completion (Ex. 190); Equipment & Supplies for Career Technical Education Programs in Grades 7 through 12 (Ex. 191); Standards Based Instructional Materials, Grades 6 through 12 (Ex. 192); Consultant Services Agreement for Educational Services (Ex. 193); Special Education Contracts for a Nonpublic Agency (Ex. 194); Investment Report for the Quarter Ending 3/31/07 (Ex. 195). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *DeLaveaga Elementary*: Lavagnino Ranches has donated pumpkins for the Life Lab pumpkin sale, valued at approximately \$1,683. Kyle and Lynn York have donated \$1,650 to be used for the Arts Program. *Monarch Community School*: Jan Jaffe has donated a rug, valued at approximately \$500. *Mission Hill Middle School*: Alexander Gaguine has donated \$100 to the Mission Hill MS Athletic Program. **Total value of gifts: \$3,933.** Mr. Collins 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 – Yes      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes

#### **Approval of \$2,000 from B1 Funds for Thank-You Banners**

Mr. Collins moved this item be sent back to the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee for further review, and Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion failed, with a vote of 1-5-1. Mr. Collins cast the “no” vote and Mr. Robles abstained from the vote. After discussion among Board Members, District Staff, and Public Comments, Mr. Wagman moved approval of this item, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. This motion was approved 5-1-1. Mr. Collins cast the “no” vote and Mr. Robles abstained from the vote.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Migrant Education Program (MEP) and MEP Parent Advisory Committee**

The Education Services Department reported on the Migrant Education Program (MEP) and the MEP Parent Advisory Committee. Speakers included President Ana Garcia of the Parent Advisory Committee, the District English Learner Advisory Committee President Juan Hernandez, the SCCS MEP Resource Teacher Karen Souza-Newcomb, and the School Community Coordinator Patty Switzer. Migrant Education Program funds support programs designed to strengthen the school, community, and family experiences of migrant children and their families. Programs and services are developed locally by the Migrant Regional Office in collaboration with Santa Cruz City Schools. These programs must be supplemental to other state and federal categorical funding and are utilized for parent education and for monitoring the instructional program for MEP students.

### **Dual Language Immersion Program**

DeLaveaga Principal David Freed, teachers Kim Hecko and Gabriela Mendez, and members of the Dual Language Immersion Task Force reported on the accomplishments and goals of the Dual Language Immersion Program for the Board of Education. The Task Force recommended that the Trustees extend the elementary program through grade 5, and institute a program for grades 6-8 at Branciforte Middle School. Superintendent Pagano reported that in the fall, recommendations regarding scope, status, and location for this program will move forward to the Board of Education.

### **High School Portfolios**

Director of Curriculum and Assessment Morgenstern introduced representatives from the District High School Portfolio Team to report to the Trustees on the progress of this first year graduation requirement implementation. The report included portfolio objectives, portfolio components, criteria for passing this requirement, sustainability of the program, and an update on the status of current SCCS grade 12 students in regards to meeting this condition of graduation. Ms. Morgenstern noted that one of the long-range goals is to share program knowledge with other departments and to extend this program to other subject areas.

**Break:** Board President Dewey Thorsett called for a short break at 7:38 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Board President Dewey Thorsett reconvened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

### **Library Media Teacher Report**

The Santa Cruz City Schools K-12 Library Media Teachers (LMTs) have been working with retired LMT Paula Cole to correlate the “Suggested Standards and Guideline” to the California English Language Arts standards. In addition, the high school LMTs have correlated the CAHSEE and the LEAP requirements to the above-mentioned standards. They are using these standards to assist in planning collaborative units with teachers at each school. The LMTs presented their work in a session at the annual California School Library Association conference in November. The report delivered to the Trustees this evening was an abbreviated version of that presentation.

**Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives and Utilizing California English Language Development Test (CELDT) to Improve Student Instruction**

Director of Special Projects Hamilton reported to the Trustees regarding Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) and utilizing CELDT to improve student instruction. AMAOs are part of the Title III Accountability System, and illustrate the progress of schools and school districts in meeting the requirement that English Learners acquire proficiency in English and achieve at grade level in content areas. The AMAOs utilize the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) as the basis of determining whether school districts have met achievement objectives for English Learners. Ms. Hamilton recommended a structured K-12 ELD program. Other recommendations included professional development, and proficiency level descriptions for all EL students and tools to help teachers modify instruction to provide accessibility for students

**\*\* Note:** Trustee Wagman left this meeting at 9:40 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve 2007-08 ZBB Budgets**

Mr. Moss reported that this is the same information that was presented at the Special Meeting on April 23, 2007, and he recommended approval from the Board of Education. Following discussion among Board Members, District Staff, and public comments from the community/audience members, Mr. Maxwell moved for an amendment removing the 2.0 FTE included in this budget for the Dual Language Immersion Program. No second to this motion was received, therefore, the motion failed. After further discussion, MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 4-2, the Board approved the 2007-08 ZBB Budgets. Mr. Collins and Mr. Robles cast the “no” votes. Student Magruder’s advisory vote was “yes”. (Ex. 196)

**Potential Additional Expenditures**

Mr. Collins moved to table this Item until after the May Revise, at which time there will be clearer information regarding the 2007-08 budget available. Mr. Robles seconded the motion. With a vote of 1-4-1 (Collins voted “yes” and Robles abstained) this motion failed. Student Magruder abstained from this vote.

**Break:** 9:55 P.M. Board President Dewey Thorsett called for a short break.

**Reconvene:** Board President Dewey Thorsett reconvened this meeting at 10:00 p.m. Upon returning Trustees agreed to discuss New Business Item 4.4 Manufacturing, Engineering, and Construction (MEC) Academy at Soquel High School, and New Business Item 4.5 AB1802 and SB1131 Art/Music/Physical Education One-Time Equipment and Supplies Block Grant ahead of Old Business Item 3.2 Potential Additional Expenditures.

**Note:** Trustee Wagman returned to the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

**Note:** Trustee Robles left the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Assembly Bill 1802 and Senate Bill 1131: Art/Music/Physical Education One-Time Equipment and Supplies Block Grant

Ms. Morgenstern reported that the California Department of Education released the first apportionment of equipment and supply funding for visual and performing arts and physical education. These 2006-07 (one-time) funds may be carried over to a future fiscal year. Funds may be also be set aside for professional development. As the CDE did not provide direction regarding fund distribution, collaborative processes were initiated to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of funds. These included but were not limited to an analysis of 5-year spending patterns in each of the designated content areas, a 5-year review of prior specialized funding sources in each content area, and a comprehensive needs assessment conducted by district Physical Education and VAPA teachers and compiled by teacher leaders. The Board of Trustees was asked to approve the allocation of funds (approximately \$500,000) in the following distribution: K-8 Sites: Art - .33, Music - .33, Physical Education - .33; 9-12 Sites: Art - .30; Music - .30, Physical Education - .40. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. This motion failed, with a vote of 3-1-2. Mr. Wagman voted “no”, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett and Ms. Strimling abstained from the vote. Following further discussion among the Board Members, District Staff, and public comments, an amendment was added to the original motion specifying that Arts can include visual, performance, dance and movement – and noting that dance standards are included in Physical Education standards; therefore, dance materials/supplies could be purchased with PE funds. This motion was passed without dissent by a vote of 6-0. Student Magruder voted “yes”. (Ex. 197)

### Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction (MEC) Academy at Soquel High

Soquel High School Principal Kollmann and Assistant Principal Lawrence-Emanuel reported to the Board of Education on this new program. The MEC Academy will begin instruction in fall of 2007-08 to meet the following objectives:

- Raise student achievement by creating a more meaningful context for student learning
- Provide smaller learning community for students with an interest in the construction and mechanical trades
- Improve student participation in the local economy

The MEC Academy has been designed in conjunction with the Santa Cruz County ROP and Cabrillo College. This program would offer students an articulated pathway through high school, ROP and Cabrillo College to the world of work or further education in the construction trades. At Soquel High School, the MEC Academy would consist of coordinated industrial arts, English and History classes. It is designed to serve 32 students per year, who will be selected on the basis of an application consisting of a recommendation, an artifact, and an interview. MSP (Hawthorne/Maxwell) 6-0, the Board approved the Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction (MEC) Academy at Soquel High School. Student Magruder voted yes. (Ex. 198)

## **OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

### **Potential Additional Expenditures (continued)**

The Trustees resumed the discussion that began prior to the 9:55 p.m. break in the meeting. After several failed motions, Ms. Strimling proposed approving the CSIS Coordinator, the Special Education Program Specialist, and the GATE proposals brought forward by Superintendent Pagano; Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. Mr. Collins added a friendly amendment that was accepted by the motion makers to vote separately on each of these items. The Board Members agreed that the items approved this evening would not be the final expenditure considerations, and will continue to discuss how to move forward. The votes on separate items were:

**Special Education Program Specialist:** Approved 4-2 (Maxwell and Collins = no)

**CSIS Coordinator:** Approved 4-2 (Maxwell and Collins = no)

**GATE Programs:** Failed 3-3 (Maxwell, Collins, Wagman = no)

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the LMT position; however, no second was received for this motion.

**\*\*Note:** Student Representative Magruder left the meeting at 11:33 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

### **Closed Session Action Report**

1. The Board took action to expel students #11-06-07 and #12-06-07.
2. The Board received information Re: Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision "B" of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case
3. The Board provided direction to the Superintendent Re: Conference w/Labor Negotiators – Agency Designated Rep: Superintendent - Unrepresented Employees:
  - a) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
  - b) Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
  - c) Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
4. The Board discussed the timeline for the Superintendent's Evaluation
5. The Board heard update and provided direction Re: Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Alan Pagano regarding negotiations with the GSCFT – Guest Teachers
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### **Resolution #22-06-07 To Establish the Week of May 7-11, 2007 as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 9 as Day of the Teacher**

Ms. Krause recommended approval by the Trustees. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Mr. Collins 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      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes      (EX. 199)

**Resolution #23-06-07 To Establish the Week of May 13-19, 2007 as Classified School Employee Recognition Week**

Ms. Krause recommended approval by the Trustees. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Mr. Collins 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      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes      (Ex. 200)

**Resolution #24-06-07 for Standards-Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption in Science for Grades K-8**

Ms. Morgenstern recommended approval by the Trustees. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Ms. Hawthorne 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      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes      (Ex. 201)

**Resolution # 25-06-07 for Standards-Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption in Music for Grades 4-5**

Ms. Morgenstern recommended approval by the Trustees. Ms. Strimling moved approval, and Ms. Hawthorne 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      Strimling – Yes      Wagman – Yes      (Ex. 202)

**Categorical Exemption from CEQA on Santa Cruz High School Pool**

Mr. Moss reported the project to construct a new swimming pool at Santa Cruz High School is eligible for a categorical exemption from CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) because it is a replacement of an existing swimming pool and is a minor addition to the school because it does not increase the enrollment capacity of the school. The new pool will not have a different use than the pool it is replacing and will not change traffic and parking requirements at the school. After Board approval, the Notice of Exemption is filed with the County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research. There is a 35-day statute of limitations for legal challenges to the exemption after it is filed. Ms. Strimling moved to continue this item until the Regular Meeting on May 23, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. This motion was approved without dissent.

**\*\* Note:** Mr. Maxwell left this meeting at 12:25 p.m.

**Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Contract Proposals for Guest Teachers for the 2006-07 School Year**

MSP (Strimling/Wagman) 5-0, the Board approved the Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Contract Proposals for Guest Teachers for the 2006-07 School Year.

**Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Contract Proposals for Santa Cruz Adult School, 2007-08**

MSP (Wagman/Strimling) 5-0, the Board approved the Opening of the Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Contract Proposals for the Santa Cruz Adult School, 2007-08.

**INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS**

**Future Meetings**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., in the Harbor High School Library. The Regular Meeting for Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., in 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, President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 12:36 a.m. on May 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President  
Board of Education