

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

October 25, 2006

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m., in the Santa Cruz High School Theatre, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Bruce Neustadter	Felix Robles
Mick Routh	Ken Wagman	Tim Willis	
Student Representative Ian Magruder			

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 Explanation of Format

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

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Santa Cruz High School Principal Karen Edmonds welcomed everyone to the school, and thanked the Regiment Marching Band for the wonderful performance prior to the beginning of this meeting. Ms. Edmonds reported that the October 21st Band Review included 55 bands, and the Santa Cruz High performers marched to the Boardwalk. October 7th was Comcast Cares Day, weeds were pulled; the snack bars were painted; lots of gardening was accomplished and gardening tools were donated; Comcast provided breakfast and lunch for 100 employees and 100 students. The Santa Cruz High School Football team defeated Soquel High School on October 13 at the Homecoming Game. The fall play opens on December 8th, as does the Dance Club. Harbor High School Principal Nancy Tocchini reported that the Harbor High School Football Team defeated Soquel High School. Twin Lakes Church in Aptos adopted Harbor HS for Community Share Day: Harbor High School hosts a Haunted House for Halloween this year – it will be open on October 26, 27, 28, & 29. The Fall Theatre Production will open soon, the Mock Trial Team is practicing, and juniors and seniors are preparing for the November CAHSEE. Harbor HS is currently involved in and working hard for WASC Accreditation. Gault Principal Maryanne James invited the Board Members and community to the Halloween and Day of the Dead carnival at Gault Elementary School on Saturday, October 28. Principal James thanked Branciforte Middle School Principal

Kris Munro and the 8th grade students who visited Gault School,. A Santa Cruz High School Band Booster Parent reported that the Marching Band remains undefeated for all competitions over the last four years. The Band Boosters Club raises approximately \$65,000 each year to support this organization. A community member spoke regarding the new cell tower on Benito Street, close to the Small Schools Campus. Dr. Jim Logsdon made the observation that the district is in much better financial condition than 3 years ago, and the community should be happy. A former Santa Cruz High School Band Booster president reported that transportation and equipment costs have risen dramatically, and the club is struggling to continue to find ways to finance this opportunity..

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano thanked Principal Edmonds for hosting this meeting, and offered commendations to the Marching Band for their accomplishments and the performance this evening. The Superintendent represented Santa Cruz City Schools at the October 13 Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Retreat; attended the DeLaveaga Site Council Meeting on October 17; met with representatives from the Soquel and Live Oak School Districts on October 18 to discuss collaboration; met with the Health Benefits Committee on October 18; spoke to the UC Regents at UCSC on October 18 to discuss mutually beneficial partnerships and ask for reinstatement of the UC Honors Program for high school students; attended a Public Hearing on Charter Schools on October 19; attended the October 23 ELAC meeting; would like to Board of Education to be aware that the District Staff would be amenable to changing the date of the second November Board Meeting to November 29; Santa Cruz City Schools continues to work proactively to ensure a safe learning environment for all students. Superintendent Pagano was in receipt of the Schools Plus Newsletter, detailing grants for 36 teacher Classroom projects. Congratulations to the following Santa Cruz City Schools Teachers, who applied for and received grants through this program: *DeLaveaga* – Wendy Molin and Sheila French (Ukeleles to Go); *Westlake* – Liz Vallance and Sarah Riccabona (Salmon and Trout Education Program); Janette Miller, Shannon Delanney, Julie Egdahl, Sylvia Ellefsen, Jackie Garcia, James Smith (Digital Stories); *Gault* – Ingrid Hostetter (Video Production); *Harbor* – Elnora Lewis, Robin Evenden (Career Solutions); *Soquel* – David Casterson (Nature Photography Shows); *AFE* – Nancy Aylsworth, Meg Brown, Jasmin Gerer, Robin Mills, Kathy McIntyre, Ward Smith, Mark Thomas (Community Meal Project).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Magruder reported success in making contact with the ASB Presidents at the different high schools in order to set the collaboration meetings. Harbor High School invites the entire community to come and enjoy the Haunted House.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Neustadter moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 57); Personnel

Actions – Classified (Ex. 58); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 59); Warrant Register Batches 108-121; Change Orders (Ex. 60); Notice of Completion (Ex. 61); Contract with School Facilities Planning & Management (Ex. 62); Student Teacher Agreement (Ex. 63); MOU with Scotts Valley Unified School District for Special Education Preschool Speech and Language Services (Ex. 64); MOU with Scotts Valley Unified School District for Special Education placement in SDC Class, Adapted Physical Education and Language and Speech Services (Ex. 65); Special Education Contracts (Ex. 66); Consultant Services Agreement (Ex. 67). The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Westlake Elementary* – Janet Swann of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation donated \$1,000 to help with the Life Lab purchase of needed materials to aid in the outdoor science instruction for students. *Branciforte Small Schools Campus* – Rex Stewart of New Leaf Markets donated organic food for the Branciforte Small Schools Campus Celebration. This donation was valued at approximately \$110. Nell Newman of Newman’s Own Organics has donated organic food for the Branciforte Small Schools Campus Celebration. The donation was valued at approximately \$200. *Alternative Family Education* – Lucille Nordgren has donated *The Eye on the Prize* videos, book and CD valued at approximately \$200. **Total value of gifts: \$1,560.** Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion was carried by roll call vote, as follows:

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Robles – Yes
Neustadter – Yes	Routh – Yes	Wagman – Yes	Willis – Yes
Student Magruder – Yes			

STAFF REPORTS

Transition Program Report

Mr. Porras introduced Debbie Nargi-Brown, Coordinator of Transition Programs to present an overview of the work taking place in county schools through the Transition Program, which includes the WorkAbility I and the Transition Partnership Programs. These programs serve approximately 1,000 students at 22 schools in 5 districts, and 137 students were employed last year through the program. A former student spoke about the great opportunities realized for her through this program.

Budget Format & Process – Follow-up

Mr. Moss reported that the 2005-06 Year End Financial Report and the 2006-07 Revised Budget were presented and approved at the October 11 Meeting. During Trustee comments, a consensus was noted regarding the necessity to present the budget information in a format that is clear and understandable by the Board and the community. Mr. Moss presented reporting options, and discussed the “reserve” percentage in 2006-07, 07-08, and 08-09; the calendar of the receipt of certain critical information including parcel tax and elementary basic revenue; the potential effects of prospective collective bargaining, teacher/student ratios; and Measure B1 expiration. What appears to be a significant reserve will undoubtedly diminish through the process of contract negotiations. The Superintendent reported that there is a process in place to address dollars available during the current fiscal year – and that process is BFAC. Both Mr. Pagano and Mr. Moss asked clarifying questions of the Trustees and for direction regarding what constitutes a more understandable budget format.

** Note: At this time, 7:52 p.m., Mr. Willis left the Regular Meeting.

Single Plans for Student Achievement & Site Councils

Mr. Porras introduced Ms. Betsy Hamilton to present the report on the new Single Plan for Student Achievement. The California Department of Education has published a new Single Plan for Student Achievement guide and template. Professional Development will be provided to School Site council members and site staff and site administration in utilization of the template, as well as the legal and policy requirements for School Site Council composition as well as the update on the timeline for 2006-07 revisions of the Single Plans for Student Achievement.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

1. The Board heard an update and provided direction Re: Litigation with West Bay Builders. No action was taken.
2. The Board voted to expel student 05-06-07 and student 06-06-07
3. The Board received information concerning real property negotiations-2931 Mission Street. No action was taken.
4. The Board heard information concerning negotiations with the GSCFT. No action was taken.
5. The Board received information concerning a grievance filed by GSCFT. No action was taken.

Approve the Cost of Agreement Between SCCS & SCCCE

Mr. Moss reported the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees (SCCCE) and Santa Cruz City Schools reached a tentative agreement regarding the 2005-06 collective bargaining agreement reopens on 2/6/06. When the Board approved the agreement on 2/22/06, the costs disclosed on the COE forms did not include the cost of the 1.5% one-time bonus that was contingent upon not having to refund to the State the 2004-05 apportionment audit findings. Now that it is known that over \$1 million of the apportionment audit set-aside will not have to be paid to the State and that this one-time bonus can be paid, the cost of the bonus must be publicly disclosed and approved by the Board of Education. The increased cost in 2006-07 for the one-time bonus is \$164,418 for all classified bargaining unit members, including those charged to the Cafeteria Fund and the Adult Ed Fund. This cost will not continue in 2007-08. MSP (Robles/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the cost of agreement between SCCS & SCCCE. (Ex. 68)

Approve the Cost of Agreement Between SCCS & GSCFT

Mr. Moss reported the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers (GSCFT) and Santa Cruz City Schools reached a tentative agreement regarding the 2005-06 collective bargaining agreement reopens on 12/20/05. When the Board of Education approved

this agreement on 1/25/06, the costs disclosed on the COE forms did not include the cost of the 2.0% one-time bonus that was contingent upon not having to refund to the State the 2004-05 apportionment-related audit findings. Now that it is known that over \$1 million of the apportionment audit set-aside will not have to be paid to the State and that this one-time bonus can be paid, the cost of the bonus must be publicly disclosed and approved by the Board of Education. The cost of the 2.0% one-time bonus in 2006-07 is \$506,835. This cost will not continue in 2007-08. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the cost of the agreement between SCCS & GSCFT. (Ex. 69)

Resolution #5-06-07 Establishing the Diane Trapin Memorial Scholarship

An anonymous donor has donated \$10,000.00 to Santa Cruz High School to establish the Diane Trapin Memorial Scholarship. The criteria for selection and receipt of the scholarship are: a female Santa Cruz High School Senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA, who, after graduation, will be attending a 2 or 4 yr. institution or vocational school. The decision as to the recipient will be made by the Santa Cruz High School Scholarship Committee. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Mr. Neustadter seconded the motion. This Resolution was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 70)

Roll Call Vote – Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Robles – Yes
Neustadter – Yes Wagman – Yes Routh - Yes
Student Magruder – Yes

Board Policies – Revisions and Updates

Superintendent Pagano recommended that the updated and revised Policies be approved as both first and final readings. Following the completion of the Coordinated Consolidation Review (CCR) process, district and site staffs have been working to update policies, processes and procedures, implement recommendations, and align our practices to be in compliance with the necessary statutes and regulations. Board Member Dewey Thorsett proposed an amendment to have Policy #1220.2 (Citizen Advisory Committees) amended to first reading. The Board approved this amendment without dissent. MSP (Robles/Collins) 6-0, the Board approved P1220 School Based Coordinated Program, P1220.1 School Site Councils, and P1240 Parent/School Partnership for final reading (Ex. 71), and P1220.2 Citizens Advisory Committee for first reading.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Board President Wagman thanked Ms. Hamilton for her work and leadership in the District. Mr. Wagman attended the DELAC meeting where an attorney who specializes in immigration law spoke, and this information reinforced the belief that schools are a safe place for our students, parents, and families. The DELAC meetings are becoming something that parents view as a successful outreach, and they are inviting others to attend and become involved. President Wagman thanked the Santa Cruz Marching Band and Thomas Music for the continued support of this program. The Board President attended the Soquel High School Academy Meeting, and it was well attended with parent support. Mr. Wagman indicated that the Board Self Evaluation will take place on November 29, and there will also be a Board Policy Committee that will look at Policies related to the Trustees.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Trustee Neustadter attended Reading Time at Gault Elementary and especially enjoyed reading to the third grade students. Mr. Neustadter was at the Gault Principal's Tea and noted the open and constructive dialogue with parents. Board Member Neustadter was impressed by both the number of attendees and the immigration attorney information presented at the DELAC meeting. Mr. Neustadter attended the Charter School Meeting on October 19 with Superintendent Pagano, and spoke to the issue that as Charter Schools are reviewed and approved, there must be a process in place that addresses accessibility and the populations served by these schools. If Charter Schools continue to be approved, then the State should compensate Public School Districts for the loss of revenue in student funding. Trustee Neustadter advocated for adoption of the CSBA Governing Standards as Board Policy, and also asked that any Board Member be allowed to place Board Policy discussions on the agenda. Mr. Neustadter asked to state for the record that during his one year tenure on the Board of Education, he has always acted in alignment with student needs, and has acted with students' best interests in mind.

Board Member Robles complimented the Santa Cruz High School teachers and the 23 students that were designated as Scholars by the College AP Board. This is a prestigious honor, and speaks well of the instruction and program at Santa Cruz High School. Mr. Robles will not be present at the meeting on November 8 – as he will be in Sacramento to participate in the committee to read grants for Americore. Board Member Robles concluded with good luck wishes to all who have entered the election for Board of Education.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett thanked Mr. Collins for the information regarding the "Knight Notes" – she subscribed and attended the Academy Meeting as a result of the information received through the "Knight Notes". Ms. Dewey Thorsett feels the Information and Discussion portion of the Board Agenda is underutilized, and more items should be added for discussion before voting dates have arrived.

Board Member Collins congratulated Santa Cruz and Harbor High Schools for the football wins against Soquel High School. Trustee Collins reported he is pleased to have clarification regarding the domain of the budget process as a Board item. Mr. Collins is providing a report to Mr. Moss regarding personnel pension reform – this is a looming problem in our state and will affect our budgets greatly in the future. Board Member Collins appreciates the opportunity for Board Self Evaluation and Goal Setting, and has no objection if the CSBA Standards are adopted sooner. Mr. Collins concluded with thanks to the students in the Transition/WorkAbility Program for the gifts this evening.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at Gault Elementary, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. On Wednesday, November 29, the Board Members will meet at 6:00 p.m., in the District Office Board Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education