

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 27, 2006**

Call to Order

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., in the Pacific Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 50 Ocean St., Davenport, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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 thanked Sharon Smith, Superintendent of the Pacific School District for letting us use the facility and welcomed those in attendance. He then explained the format used in this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano noted, although a revised agenda had been published and posted in accordance with the Brown Act regulations, that Old Business Item 3.2 District Response to the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Report had been added to the originally published agenda.

Gift Presentation

Board President Wagman welcomed Mr. Larry Covert, Cemex Company Production Manager for the Cement Plant of Davenport to the meeting. Mr. Covert officially presented Santa Cruz City Schools with 13 copies of the recently published Hotspots Revisited, one copy for each of the schools within the district. This beautiful book was co-published by The Cement Plant of Davenport, Conservation International, and Agrupacion Sierra Madre. Mr. Covert also invited members of the public to a celebration on Saturday September 30th at the Cement Plant in Davenport, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the company.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Jim Logsdon encouraged the Trustees to move the Board President's Report and the Board Members' Reports and Comments to the beginning of the agenda at the Regular

Meetings, and praised the article written by Assistant Superintendent Porras and published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel regarding Title I funds.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano acknowledged Pacific School District's Superintendent Sharon Smith for making this meeting place available to Santa Cruz City Schools for the evening, and also to Superintendent Gail Levine of Bonny Doon for her continued support of neighboring districts. The Superintendent has accepted the nomination to chair the Children's Health Network, an organization that is dedicated to the health and well being of children and students of the county. Mr. Pagano attended the following meetings: Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on September 26; Project Curb Press Conference on September 20; Delta School Board of Directors on September 14. On September 21, the Santa Cruz City Schools Leadership Administration attended and completed the Campaign-Election Practices workshop sponsored by legal counsel. The Superintendent expressed his gratitude to the generous community for more than \$15,000 in gifts to the school district that are acknowledged in the agenda this evening. Mr. Pagano and Mr. Moss have tentatively scheduled October 19 for the next meeting with the Swift Street Neighbors. Superintendent Pagano proposed an additional November meeting for the Board of Education on November 15. The Bond Oversight Committee will hold their final meeting on this evening at 6:00, and would like the opportunity to present a comprehensive report on their efforts to the Trustees at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Education approved an additional meeting on November 15th, with the BOC report as the only item on this agenda, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Superintendent concluded his report by commenting on Mr. King's Santa Cruz Sentinel article acknowledging some of the potential creative endeavors and developments to serve all students in the future including academies, schools of emphasis and charters especially for the SCCS secondary school sites.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Magruder reported that he had heard back from the Santa Cruz High School ASB President regarding his invitation to host a joint meeting of all high school ASB Presidents and he hoped to hear from the other invitees and schedule this meeting shortly. Representative Magruder would like to establish a chapter of Junior Statesmen of America at AFE.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2006; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 31); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 32); Gifts; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 33); Warrant Register batches 76 through 94; Change Orders (Ex. 34); Contract with Gallagher Benefits (Ex. 36); Memorandum of Understanding/Special Education/COE (Ex. 37); Memorandum of Understanding/Special Education/Bonny Doon (Ex. 38); Special Education Contracts (Ex. 39); Standards Based Textbook & Instructional Materials Adoption, Grades 9 – 12 (Ex. 40); CAHSEE Waiver for Alternative Family Education) and The Ark (Ex. 41); Student Teaching Agreement with San Jose State

University, 2006-09 (Ex. 42). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Elementary Libraries at Bay View, DeLaveaga, Gault, and Westlake* – The Cotsen Family Foundation as award each of the four comprehensive elementary school libraries a \$1,000 grant for professional books, school library books and school library materials and a library reading chair with an engraving indicating participation in The Art of Teaching Program. This generous donation is valued at approximately \$4,908. *Mission Hill Middle School* – Larry and Debbie Gable have donated \$200 to the Arts Department. *Soquel High School* – Alec Webster, Secretary of the Helen & Will Webster Foundation, has donated \$10,000 to the Music Department to be used for the annual salary for the Staff Accompanist. **Total Value: \$15,108.** Mr. Robles seconded this motion, and commented that he was especially pleased to see the Teaching Agreement with San Jose State University in place. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes	Dewey Thorsett – Yes	Neustadter – Yes
Robles – Yes	Wagman – Yes	Willis – Yes
Student Magruder – Yes		

STAFF REPORTS

Mission Hill Middle School

Mission Hill Principal Abrahams-Johnson and Assistant Principal Tovani presented a report detailing the school site, students, performance data, and educational programs and opportunities at Mission Hill Middle School. Technical support was provided by Laura Hamby.

Santa Cruz High School

Santa Cruz High School Principal Karen Edmonds, along with Assistant Principals Davis and Sharp, presented a report detailing the school site, students, performance data, parent and alumni organizations, and educational programs and opportunities at Santa Cruz High School.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2006 Academic Performance Index and Annual Yearly Progress Results

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Porras introduced Director Morgenstern to deliver this report to the Trustees. Ms. Morgenstern presented an analysis of the 2006 API and AYP results. Information detailing student performance in 2005-06, including targeted demographic groups was offered. Both State and Federal targets and standards were discussed, as well as comparisons in performance data for two years. Upon completion of this presentation, comments from the public as well as Board Members and District staff were heard.

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

CCR/EL Compliance/ELIRT Progress

Mr. Porras introduced Director Hamilton to present the Trustees with an update on English Learner Programs in Santa Cruz City Schools. Ms. Hamilton presented the status of the Coordinated Compliance Review, including compliant and non-compliant items, accomplishments to date, and works-in-progress. Information on services provided by

the English Learner Instructional Resource Teachers (ELIRTs) and the Educational Technology Coordinator was also offered. Ms. Hamilton stated she would bring the 2005-06 Title III Accountability Report to the Board of Education.

Bond Project Status Report

Mr. Moss presented the bi-monthly Bond Projects Status Report to the Board of Education. The report included: Elementary and Secondary Bond Budget Summary; Summary of Revised Budgets by Site for the Elementary and Secondary Bonds; Bond Budgets by Site by Project; Bond Budgets by Site; Allocation of Escalation Funds; Status of Bond Projects by Site; Status of Bond Projects Schedules.

**** Note: Trustee Dewey Thorsett left this Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m. –five board members remained for the balance of the meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS

Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

Superintendent Pagano reported that on June 3, 2003 and on November 8, 2005, voters reaffirmed the value of public school education as provided by Santa Cruz City Schools by voting to pass ballot Measures B(1) and A and B(2). In addition to the accountability measures required by law, the District and community are in accord that an independent oversight committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education to oversee all the expenditures funded by these measures in order to ensure that revenue generated is expended for the purposes approved by the voters. While all nominations are not yet in place, the Superintendent asked the Trustees to approve the current roster of committee members. Mr. Pagano will bring additional member names back to the Board of Education at a later date.

Public Comment: Ms. Janet Swann asked if the Board Members would contact the former Measure B Oversight Committee members and discern whether these persons had an interest in continuing with this committee. Trustees Willis, Neustadter, and Robles asked Ms. Swann to let them know if any former committee members are interested in continuing this work. MSP (Collins/Neustadter) 5-0, the Board approved the currently submitted committee member names for the BOC. Student Magruder gave a “yes” vote.

District Response to the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Report

Mr. Moss reported that the Grand Jury 2005-06 Final Report included a section on the Santa Cruz City Schools’ 1998 Measure E and H General Obligation Bonds and the modernization projects funded by the bonds. The District has until 10/1/06 to submit a response to the findings and recommendations. The presented draft responses incorporate input from Strategic Construction Management and the Bond Oversight Committee. The BOC reviewed the report at their meeting on 7/20/06. The District’s financial advisor, Andy Ach of Northcross, Hill and Ach, and Bond Counsel Brian Quint of Quint and Thimmig, assisted with formulating responses to findings 1-15 in the Bonds E and H Section. Mr. Collins moved approval, with an amendment to include Board President Wagman’s signature on this response, and Mr. Neustadter seconded the motion. The motion was carried, 5-0, with no abstentions or dissensions. Student Magruder voted yes. (Ex. 43)

NEW BUSINESS

Reconvening of the Budget Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC)

Mr. Moss asked the Trustees to take action to reconvene the Budget Finance Advisory Committee for the fourth year for the 2006-07 school year. MSP (Willis/Collins) 5-0, the Board approved the reconvening of the Budget Finance Advisory Committee for the 2006-07 school year.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPPORT

Board President Wagman attended the Santa Cruz High School Open House – the great food and the level of energy and commitment of the staff, the quality of the facility and the wonderful educational opportunities offered to students – it was all such a pleasure. Mr. Wagman spoke with an SLV representative to determine if SCCS can provide any help during this difficult time. Mr. Wagman commented that the whole community must come together to denounce such as act as the burning of a library. Mr. Wagman invited people to two events on Saturday October 2 – the Cemex 100th Birthday party and the benefit for the Life Labs Program. President Wagman offered his congratulations and thanks to Superintendent Pagano for chairing the Children's Health Network. Mr. Wagman announced that Ms. Dewey Thorsett will serve on the District Technology Use Planning Committee. Mr. Wagman reported receiving an email that claimed the websites are not as useful as they could be. President Wagman stated that the public in Santa Cruz is very technology savvy, and district sites need to be effective and useful.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Board Member Willis reported on an article he read in the San Francisco Chronicle detailing the Department of Education and the corruption embedded in the NCLB legislation and Reading First Program.

Trustee Collins attended the Harbor High School Back to School Night, the Soquel High School Back to School Night, and the Soquel Site Council Meeting. Board Member Collins thanked Superintendent Pagano for plans to share student performance data with neighboring districts. Mr. Collins spoke of offering AP classes to as many students as possible without neglecting those groups targeted for improvement. As the district gets smaller, we need to consider sharing resources – and AP classes may be an opportunity in this arena. Trustee Collins suggested moving the second October meeting to an area more accessible to the Live Oak and Soquel communities.

Board Member Robles attended the Delta School Board Meeting, and also the Back to School Nights at both Harbor High School and Santa Cruz High School. Trustee Robles noted that it is very important to address the level of articulation between staffs at elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. This conversation must continue if Santa Cruz City Schools is to meet one of the Strategic Goals to provide opportunities for student success and higher education.

Trustee Neustadter urged the public to be aware of how each might help the San Lorenzo Valley community in this time of need. In addition to the fire at the high school, the

community has suffered two other local tragedies. Mr. Neustadter attended the Harbor High School and Soquel High School Back to School Nights, and pronounced the students in Link Crew to be incredible. Board Member Neustadter was pleased to see the Santa Cruz Sentinel article published regarding Delta School, as he is starting his 14th year at this location, and feels the program is an asset to the educational community in Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Neustadter asked to make clear to the community that he only spoke to Superintendent Pagano and former Board Member Pinheiro about the roles and responsibilities of Trustees previous to his appointment to the Board of Education – and not to any other persons.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Information/Discussion

Senior Contract

Mr. Porras presented a revised Senior Student/Parent Agreement to the Trustees, detailing changes involving consequences involving revocation of graduation ceremony privileges for seniors. These matters were presented as information only, and no action was taken at this time.

Collaboration Re: San Lorenzo Valley

Superintendent Pagano provided an update on the San Lorenzo Valley High School campus fire. SCCS School Resource Officers were on the scene the day after the fire to assist. Santa Cruz City Schools will utilize their credentialed library teachers to make recommendations for book purchases and replacements, and LMT's may visit SLV to help with restoration projects.

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 11, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at Bay View Elementary School, 1231 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA. On October 25, 2006, the Board of Education will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Santa Cruz High School, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education