

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 23, 2008**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Westlake Multi-Purpose Room, 1000 High St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance At Meeting

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

Student Representative Clark
Absent: Student Representative Lerman

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Diane Morgenstern, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Hawthorne 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 an item from the General Public Business Consent Agenda, Item 1.10 Roofing Consultant Services Contract. This change was approved by the Trustees.

REMEMBRANCE

Superintendent Pagano reported with sorrow that the District has ‘lost one of its own’ – the passing away of DeLaveaga Second Grade Teacher Karla Blankenship, a 13-year teacher who provided extraordinary service to students, the school district, and the community was acknowledged with a moment of silence. Early information regarding a memorial indicates a 1:30 p.m. start time on Wednesday April 30 at DeLaveaga.

SITE WELCOME

Westlake Principal Curley welcomed the Board Members and all guests to the site. The current week features the 13th Annual Arts Fair for this site, and student art work decorates the walls of this meeting room. Student dance and music performances have also been enjoyed, and the zero-recycling program featured on Earth Day was very successful. The Arts Auction will be held at The Attic in downtown Santa Cruz on May 4. Grade 5 Student Maya Kobe Rundio won a “National Geographic” magazine writing contest, and will travel to Australia during the summer break to work as a student correspondent for the publication.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SCCCE Negotiator Lowe is enjoying her membership in the district Wellness Committee. Two community members discussed concerns regarding wireless computers and phones, and asked SCCS to join in support of banning future cell towers in the city. Art Teacher Kathleen Crocetti reported Mission Hill Middle School students competed with professional artists for and won the opportunity to display and sell their art work. The art will be displayed during the month of May at The Attic in downtown Santa Cruz. Dr. Logsdon reported he called several site principals with various questions and inquiries, and received prompt return calls and thorough explanations. A Westlake parent told the Trustees how nice it is to have the Special Day Class as part of the Westlake school community, and asked the Board of Education to leave this program in place at Westlake Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported that the Community for Prevention Against Violence for Women has become an at-large member of the Children's Health Network, and Santa Cruz City Schools has a sincere interest in continuing this partnership for the 2008-09 school year. The Superintendent has attended several public events including a March 20 press conference and rally at Santa Cruz High School, an April 3 panel session that included Lt. Governor Garamendi, and the April 8 filming of a Spanish Language Community Television Program Latinos al Dia. On April 3, Mr. Pagano and his Administrative Assistant Gail Cothes attended a luncheon for the United Way, and were pleased to accept on behalf of all Santa Cruz City Schools Employees a Bronze Plaque awarded to recognize generous contributions to this program. On April 18 Superintendent Pagano met with representatives from the Montessori Charter School Application. This item will come before the Board of Education on May 14, 2008 for action.

BOARD REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President's Report

None

Board Members' Reports/Referrals

None

Student Representatives' Reports

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Robles) 6-0-1, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2008. Ms. Strimling abstained from this vote, as she was not present at the meeting. Student Clark voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 151); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 152); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 153); Gifts; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Unrestricted Budget vs. Actual Expenditures (Ex. 154); Change Orders (Ex. 155); 5-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan (Ex. 156); Resolution #31-07-08 TRAN and Resolution #36-07-08 Cash Flow Loan (Ex. 157); Out-of-State Field Trip for Alternative Family

Education; Carl D. Perkins IV Grant; Early Mental Health Initiative Grant; Harbor High School Instructional Minutes Waiver 2006-07 (Ex. 158); Special Education Contracts (Ex. 159); Special Education Instructional Materials in Grades 9 – 12; CTE Facilities Grant Resolutions #32-07-08, 33-07-08, 34-07-08, and 35-07-08 (Ex. 160). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Adult School* – The following donations were made for the new signage now installed at Santa Cruz High School: the SCHS 2007 Grad Night Committee donated \$3231 and the SCHS PTA donated \$730. *Santa Cruz High School* – Bay Laurel Nursery of Scotts Valley has donated 12 Rhododendron plants valued at approximately \$1120.

Total value of gifts: \$5081. Mr. Wagman 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
Student Representative Clark – Yes

Closed Session Action Report

The Board took action to expel Student #13-07-08

The Board received information Re: Unrepresented Management. No action taken.

The Board heard information Re: Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8) Property: 255 Swift Street Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease and provided direction

ITEMS OR BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

New Business: Resolution #29-07-08 Establish the Week of May 12-16, 2008 as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 14, 2008 as Day of the Teacher

Superintendent Pagano introduced this Resolution to honor teachers and the teaching profession, and Ms. Krause reported on the history of the statute and expressed commendations. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 161)

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes Robles – Yes Strimling – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Representative Clark – Yes

New Business: Resolution #30-07-08 Establish the Week of May 18-24, 2008 as Classified School Employee Recognition Week

Superintendent Pagano introduced this Resolution to recognize the significant contribution classified employees make to public education, and Ms. Krause reported on the history of the statute and expressed commendations. Mr. Collins moved approval, and Ms. Strimling seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 162)

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Yes Robles – Yes Strimling – Yes Wagman – Yes
Student Representative Clark – Yes

Staff Report: Green Schools Committee

Superintendent Pagano and Board President Hawthorne introduced the Green Schools Committee to report on environmental progress and process for Santa Cruz City Schools. Committee Members reported on work by students, staff, and community groups. The

efforts of Mr. Moss in Business Services and Ms. Barry in Purchasing were acknowledged.

Staff Report: Visual and Performing Arts

The original Visual and Performing Arts plan was approved by the SCCS Board of Education in 2001. The District Visual and Performing Arts Planning team members have been working with Arts Facilitator Kathleen Crocetti to revise the long-range plan objectives for the SCCS K-12 Arts Program. Ms. Crocetti presented an updated status report to the Board on program objectives, outcomes, and 5-year planning timelines in the revised draft of the new SCCS Visual and Performing Arts plan.

Staff Report: Local Educational Agency 5-Year Plan

District Intervention Coordinator Rebecca Garcia reported to the Board of Education on the progress of the Local Educational Agency 5-Year Plan. The LEA Plan is used to guide implementation of federal and state-funded programs, the allocation of resources, and reporting requirements. The approval of a Local Educational Agency Plan by the governing board is a requirement for receiving federal funding for NCLB programs. A Development Process for the plan has been established, and the district will present the final LEA Plan for Board approval on May 14, 2008.

Recess: Board President Hawthorne called for a short break at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Hawthorne reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

New Business: New Certificated Job Descriptions: Santa Cruz High School Band Support

Ms. Krause reported that the Santa Cruz High School Band has a history of being very active, productive, and successful and has maintained significant participation from students, staff, and the SCHS community. In addition to what the band program offers during the school day, there are several after school practices, events, and performances that require additional specialized support. Following meetings with SCHS Band Director Latham, SCHS Principal Edmonds, GSCFT President Kirschen, and Assistant Superintendent Krause, the Band Assistant Director and Color Guard Coach job descriptions are presented tonight for first and final reading. These positions will be reevaluated each year based on the number of students enrolled in the program, and the success of fundraising efforts. MSP (Collins/Strimling) 7-0, the Trustees approved the new SCHS Band Support Positions for first and final reading. Student Clark voted yes. (Ex. 163)

PUBLIC HEARING: Middle School Math Adoption

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Ms. Morgenstern reported that a Public Hearing was required in this process, and that this Public Hearing had been advertised in the Santa Cruz Sentinel Newspaper prior to this meeting.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m.

New Business: Adoption of Middle School Math Adoption

Ms. Morgenstern and Ms. Tocchini recommended approval of the standards-based materials for Grades 6-8. Once approval is achieved, orders will be placed and books will arrive. This will allow teachers to have books in hands for professional training. MSP (Wagman/Collins) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Middle School Math Adoption Materials. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: Title III Action Plan

Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires a condition for federal funding that local educational agencies (LEAs) meet Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) targets for English Learners. If an LEA does not meet AMAO targets for four consecutive years, the LEA is required to modify their curriculum, program, and method of instruction. The Title III Action Plan provides direction on systemic changes needed to strengthen the district infrastructure. The Title III Action Plan is incorporated into Performance Goal 2 of the LEA Plan. Special Projects Director Villalobos-Osey reported that, due to the tremendous work efforts of the entire Special Projects Department, the CDE has indicated that SCCS that \$600,000 in endangered categorical funds will be released to SCCS, providing the District continues to demonstrate progress in student achievement. MSP (Collins/Robles) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Title III Action Plan. Student Clark voted yes.

Old Business: Approve ZBB Budgets for 2008-09

Mr. Moss presented the 2008-09 ZBB Budgets, with revisions as presented at the Special Board Study Session on April 16. The budgets are deficit spending (budgeted expenses exceed projected revenues) by \$2,567,000. Following clarifying questions from the Trustees, District Staff, and Members of the Audience, the Board of Education approved the ZBB Budgets for 2008-09 as revised without dissent. Student Clark voted yes. (Ex. 164)

Old Business: Close of Sunshine Period for SCCSD and SCCCE, Local 6084 Proposals for 2007-08 School Year

Ms. Krause reported these contract proposals are being submitted for second and final "Sunshining" in accordance with the Employee's Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals. Santa Cruz City Schools looks forward to productive negotiations for the 2008-09 school year. MSP (Wagman/Robles) 7-0, the Trustees approved the Close of the Sunshine Period for SCCSD and SCCCE Proposals for the 2007-08 School Year. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: Sideletter Agreement w/GSCFT Re: 2008 Certificated Layoffs

Ms. Krause reported SCCS and GSCFT were once again able to agree on side letter language in lieu of certificated layoff hearings. This side letter of agreement details the process for rescission of layoff notices as well as the order in which the District will hire from the lay-off list. The District has worked collaboratively with the GSCFT to implement these processes. MSP (Collins/Wagman) 7-0, the Trustees approved the Sideletter Agreement with GSCFT Re: 2008 Certificated Layoffs. Student Clark voted yes. (Ex. 165)

INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar Avenue, Santa Cruz. The Regular Meeting on May 28, 2008 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Hill Middle School, 425 King Street, Santa Cruz.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education