

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 9, 2008**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:41 p.m. in the Bay View Elementary Multi-Purpose Room, 1231 Bay St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Clark 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

None

SITE WELCOME

Bay View Principal Cavanaugh welcomed the Board Members, District Staff, and Audience Members to the school. The site will host the Board Meeting this evening, a fourth and fifth grade Science Fair during the school day on Thursday, Open House on Thursday evening, and the Bay View Fiesta on Saturday. Principal Cavanaugh introduced Title I Coordinator Mary Anne Robb and Bilingual Coordinator Arturo Lopez to report on the Family Literacy Program. Two of the participating families explained some of the benefits of the program.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SCCCE Negotiator Joan Lowe asked the Board Members to consider voting "NO" for Proposition 98 on the June ballot, and "YES" for Proposition 99. This legislation would affect mobile home owners. Harbor High School French Teacher Joan Prebilich, one Harbor High School Parent, and several Harbor High School Students asked the Board Members to refrain from program reductions to the Language Programs currently available for students. A DeLaveaga Parent asked the Trustees to begin a discussion on how to move the Dual Immersion Program forward through grade eight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

BOARD REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President, Board Members, Student Representatives

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Regular Minutes of March 12, 2008 and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was approved without dissent. Students Clark and Lerman voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 140); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 141); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 142); Gifts; Warrant Register; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 143); Budget Transfers; Donor Recognition for Santa Cruz HS Track/Field Project; Resolution #26-07-08 Endorsing the Continuation of Measure R (Ex. 144); Unrestricted Budget v. Actual Expenditures for Month Ending 2/29/08. The Board of Education acknowledged the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Bay View Elementary* – Steve John and Ocean Honda have donated \$2,500 to help sponsor Kinder Camp. *Gault Elementary* – Built In Distributors has donated a new Magic Chef self-cleaning stove valued at \$400. *Ark Independent Studies* – Kelly and Su Clark have donated office supplies valued at approximately \$1,200. **Total value of gifts: \$4,100.** Mr. Robles seconded this motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Action Report

The Board took action to expel Students #10-07-08, 11-07-08 and 12-07-08

The Board heard a brief update Re: Re: Anticipated Litigation. Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision "B" of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Case

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

The Board heard an update on Negotiations with GSCFT and provided direction to staff.

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

The Board approved Compromise/Release Agreement.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED

Recognition

Superintendent Pagano reported that the new Santa Cruz City Schools Website is a high quality, user-friendly site that provides pertinent information to the school community. Mr. Pagano acknowledged Ms. Suz Howell for the success of the improved Santa Cruz City Schools website.

Old Business: 2008-09 Classified/Non-Personnel Budget Reductions

Superintendent Pagano reported that on 2/27/08 the Board approved a budget reduction target of \$658,553 from Classified, non-personnel and FREL. Since then, grade level groups and departments have been working to get input from their staffs to identify reductions to meet their targets. Mr. Moss presented the reduction amounts. Although a total of 6.377 FTE are identified for reduction, 3.477 FTE are vacant positions and 2.93 FTE are positions that are filled. In terms of dollars, \$332,243 reductions are coming from classified positions and \$330,213 are from non-personnel reductions. After questions and discussion among Board Members, District Staff Members, Members of the Bargaining Units, and Members of the Audience, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the targeted budget reduction dollar amounts, without identification of the specific position reductions at this point in the process – and with direction to Superintendent Pagano and Mr. Moss (or designees) to meet with the Food Services Department and facilitate a collaborative discussion on how to reach the targeted and approved reduction dollars. Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-1, and Mr. Collins cast the dissenting vote. Student Lerman voted “yes”, and Student Clark “abstained”.

Break: Board President Hawthorne requested a short break in the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Reconvene: Board President Hawthorne reconvened this Regular Meeting at 8:24 p.m. Student Lerman did not return to the meeting after the break.

PUBLIC HEARING: MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Superintendent Pagano reported a charter school application from the Montessori Learning Center of Santa Cruz was received by the Santa Cruz City School District on March 12, 2008. The Superintendent introduced Ms. Ross, Founding Group Representative, to present the Charter School proposal for information only to the Board of Education this evening. Questions from Board Members and Public Comments followed Ms. Ross' report.

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.

Old Business: Student Information System Contract w/Infinite Campus

Information Technology Manager Susan Doucette recommended approval for a proposed contract with Infinite Campus for a new Student Information System (SIS). Ms. Doucette presented information on the need, the start-up-costs and the annual costs for this system, the selection process, and the features of the SIS provided by Infinite Campus. Following discussion and comments, MSP (Collins/Robles) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the SIS contract w/Infinite Campus. Ms. Clark voted yes. (Ex. 145)

New Policy: 3312.4 Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Superintendent Pagano recommended this policy be accepted for first and/or final reading. The Green Schools Committee has been working diligently to promote the SCCS efforts to align operational practices with environmentally sound processes. Purchasing Manager Lynn Barry reported that environmentally preferable purchasing can be cost neutral, and would like the new policy to encourage serious employee consideration regarding Purchasing decisions. MSP (Collins/Robles) 6-0, the Board

Members approved New Policy: 3312.4 Environmentally Preferable Purchasing. (Ex. 146)

New Business: Resolution #27-07-08 Declaring the Results of 2/5/08 Parcel Tax Election for Measure P

Superintendent Pagano recommended that the Board approve Resolution 27-07-08 declaring the results of the February 5, 2008 parcel tax election for Measure P. The District recently received official notification from the SC County Elections Department that shows Measure P passed at a rate of 80%. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 147)

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

PUBLIC HEARING: AB 1200 SCCCE

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported the SCCCE and SCCS reached a tentative agreement regarding the 2007-08 collective bargaining agreement for Classified employees. The Board is required to make this agreement available to the public, to publicly disclose its costs and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the agreement prior to submittal for approval.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 9:17 p.m.

New Business: Tentative Contract Agreement Between SCCCE & SCCS 2007-08

Ms. Krause recommended approval of the contract. MSP 6-0 (Dewey Thorsett/ Maxwell) the Trustees approved this contract agreement. Student Clark voted yes. (Ex. 148)

PUBLIC HEARING: Soquel High School Energy Services Contract

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 9:19 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported the Board is required to conduct a public hearing to allow for public comment prior to entering into an Energy Services Contract for a solar voltaic system at Soquel High School. On 10/24/07, the Trustees approved a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Generating Assets to install a solar voltaic system at Soquel High School. Generating Assets has since merged with Envision Solar of La Jolla, CA. Envision Solar has now turned to MP2 Capital of San Rafael to finance the project and assume the PPA from Generating Assets. MP2 has proposed some revisions to the original PPA. The revised PPA, now with M2 Capital, is an insert to the Board Book.

Public Comment: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 9:21 p.m.

New Business: Soquel HS Energy Services Contract

Following the Public Hearing, Mr. Moss moved approval of the Soquel HS Energy Services Contract. MSP 6-0 (Robles/Maxwell), the Board of Education approved the Soquel High School Energy Services Contract. (Ex. 149)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ADJOURNMENT

Information

The Board of Education will hold a Special Board Meeting/Budget Study Session April 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m., District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 23, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Westlake Elementary, 1000 High Street, Santa Cruz. The Regular Meeting on May 14, 2008 will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education