

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

August 22, 2007

Call to Order

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:15 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

Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Diane Morgenstern, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Gault Elementary School Principal James announced two scheduled neighborhood safety meetings. One meeting will take place at the school site, and the other at the Beach Flats Community Center. Administrators and police will provide safety information and planning for families and students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano expressed thanks for all the good wishes received during his recent absence. The Superintendent has been meeting with department staff members from Human Resources, Special Education, Student Services, and is expecting a great start to the new school year. In addition to the normal class size reductions in elementary and ninth grades, additional classes in all grades are staffed at ratios less than contract obligations. The County Office of Education recently conducted a comparison of staff credentials and assigned job duties, and Santa Cruz City Schools received written acknowledgement that jobs are filled with the properly credentialed staff. Mr. Pagano offered his commendations to Assistant Superintendent Krause and staff for the diligent efforts to ensure compliance in this area. The Administrator meetings held last week were productive and positive. On August 23rd, more than 50 new teachers will be welcomed at the District Office. The Monterey Bay Education Consortium seeks representation from our district at planning sessions. Santa Cruz City Schools will send representatives from Human Resources and extends an invitation to any interested

Trustees. Santa Cruz City Schools staff members have an opportunity to purchase one of the four condominiums being offered to district employees at a price below market value at 2030 N. Pacific Ave. in Santa Cruz. The Superintendent expressed thanks to Mr. Moss for his contributions in this matter.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Minutes of the Special Meeting of July 11 and the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2007; Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 20); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 21); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 22); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 23); Consultant Services Agreement (Instruction) (Ex. 24); Adult Community School Calendar 2007-08; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 25). Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

STAFF REPORTS

O’Neill Sea Odyssey Program

Coordinator Laura Barnes presented an informational report on the Sea Odyssey educational program offered to students in grades 4 through 6. Utilizing classes on sea and land, this free ocean science program has served more than 40,000 children in 11 years. The curriculum integrates math, science, and literacy for the participants. Online follow-up activities offer interactive learning experiences and additional learning opportunities. Ms. Barnes invited all community members to a fundraising event at Long Marine Labs on September 29, 2007.

Santa Cruz High School Sports Complex Project

For ten years, Ken Whiting and John Sisk have led and coordinated a diligent effort with the goal of the successful completion of a new Rotary Track and Field at Santa Cruz High School. The District concurs with the assessment that the students of Santa Cruz High School as well as the community at large would realize benefit from such an undertaking. Mr. Whiting and Mr. Sisk detailed the construction plans, estimated costs, funds raised, and other available potential funds. The Rotary Club committee asked for a financial commitment from the District for the remaining 34% of the project, approximately \$750,000. The committee requested approval from the School Board to move forward with the development of construction documentation. Following Board Members questions and comments, and Public Comments, the Trustees thanked the Rotary Club for their efforts on behalf of this community and SCCS students. The project, and potential sources of district funding, will be discussed further at the September 11, 2007 Board Meeting.

District Facilities Report

Superintendent Pagano reported that after withdrawing the appeal to the Santa Cruz City Council of the denial of a Use Permit application by the Planning Commission to relocate the Facility Services and Transportation to 313 Swift St. from 2931 Mission St., the

Board decided to explore other options for the relocation of the Facilities and Transportation Department. Mr. Moss delivered a report on all District owned sites, site capacities, enrollments, and lease terms and incomes. Mr. Moss also presented information on alternatives that were considered for Facility Services and Transportation, and the reasons they were not determined to be viable options to 313 Swift St. Following questions and discussion, the Board Members decided to invite site discussion, examine State guidelines, and bring Task Force membership recommendations to the next Board Meeting.

Status of Solar Request for Proposals

Mr. Moss reported on 6/20/07, the Board approved issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to install solar voltaic systems on eight schools. The RFP was distributed to 22 firms on 6/28/07 with proposals due by 7/31/07. Firms were asked to submit separate proposals for Phase II and III. Six firms submitted proposals. The Solar Committee will meet on 8/30/07 to review proposals and select two or three firms to interview on 9/5/07 in order to select one to recommend to the Board on 9/11/07.

Review Budget Development Process

At the conclusion of the 2007-08 budget development process, the Board indicated an interest in reviewing and perhaps making some changes in the process for this year's development of the 2008-09 budget. Superintendent Pagano suggested reconvening the previous BFAC to meet and make recommendations to the Board in time for a new budget timeline adoption. Following discussion, Board President Dewey Thorsett stated that what needs to be achieved is a better division of labor between the BFAC Meetings and the Regular Board Meetings – so that these two meetings are not repetitions of each other. Superintendent Pagano stated that the Cabinet will determine a date for the initial BFAC Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Revision: Board Policy 9341.8 Order of Business – Agenda

Following discussion, MSP (Collins/Robles) 7-0, the Board approved Revised P9341.8 for final reading and Distribution. (Ex. 26)

NEW BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

None

New Certificated Job Description: Mathematics Instructional Resource

Teacher (MIRT)

MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 7-0, the Board approved the new certificated job description for Mathematics Instructional Resource Teacher for first and final reading. (Ex. 27)

Board Discussion and/or Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Shift of Expenditures To/From Measure B1 Funds in 2007-08

Mr. Moss reported the Board has indicated an interest in shifting some of Measure B1 expenditures out of 2007-08, and shifting different expenditures to B1 in their place. The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) has developed a recommendation to the Board regarding these shifts. An alternative proposal for shifting expenditures into and out of B1 is also presented. Superintendent Pagano indicated support for the Alternative Proposal, and reported the language was consistent with Measure B1 language. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Alternative Proposal, with the following amendments: an additional \$19,000 for a .25 FTE Bay View Intervention Teacher for the 2007-08 school year; \$75,000 for the elementary schools (distributed based on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program). These expenditures were originally approved as set asides at the May 30, 2007 Regular Meeting – the purpose of the amendment was to identify the B1 parcel tax as the source of the funding. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The Trustees approved the motion without dissent.

Listing Agreement with Valerie Macken: 133 Mission St.

Mr. Moss reported that Hope Rehabilitation Services has leased office space from the District at 133 Mission St. since November 2001. The current lease expires on 10/13/07. Hope plans to relocate to a new facility and does not plan to request renewal of the lease. Mr. Moss recommends approval of the contract to allow Valerie Macken to list the space being vacated by Hope. The proposed broker's commission is 5% of the gross rental value, excluding NNN charges, for lease terms of one to five years. The commission would be 3% on lease terms greater than five years. The commission is shared between the brokers representing the lessor and the lessee. The commission is paid up front upon execution of a contract with a lessee. Following questions and discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Mr. Robles seconded this motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 5-0-2. Mr. Collins and Ms. Strimling abstained from this vote. (Ex. 28)

BOARD REPORTS & COMMENTS

Board President's Report

Ms. Dewey Thorsett reported that the schedule for a CSBA Workshop for the Trustees is available after October for a Saturday, and earlier for a weekday or a Sunday. The workshop process would include individual appointments with each Board Member via phone or in person. The Trustees will email each other for calendar suggestions – Saturday is preferred.

Board Members' Reports or Comments

Mr. Maxwell inquired whether any of the Trustees intended to attend the annual CSBA convention.

INFORMATION & FUTURE MEETINGS

Information

The discussion regarding the Academic Excellence Task Force has been rescheduled for September 26, 2007.

Future Meetings

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Board Meeting scheduled for September 26, 2007, will be held at 6:30 p.m., Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett
Board of Education