

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

February 6, 2008

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Special Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Branciforte Middle School Library, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: Don Maxwell

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On behalf of the District, the Superintendent took a few minutes to express his deep gratitude and appreciation for the passage of Measure 'P.' He first acknowledged the generous support and validation of SCCS in particular and public education in general which were reflected by approximately 80% of voters voting in favor of Measure 'P.'

He extended district appreciation to the following persons and representative groups: Co-Chairs of the Measure 'P; campaign, Trustee Ken Wagman, Glen Schaller, Amy Spiers. Trustees Cynthia Hawthorne and Rachel Dewey Thorsett, Campaign Coordinator Leslie Whighton, Campaign Treasurer Branwyn Wagman, Jane Forbes, Sarah Stern and Jared Boigon from TBW&B, The Federation led by Barry Kirschen and Casey Carlson, The classified staff led by Robert Chacanaca, Bill and Paula Maxfield, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, Assembly Member John Laird, Santa Cruz County Superintendent Michael Watkins and the 100's of volunteer phone callers, precinct walkers, lawn sign planters, endorsers and all other supporters.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

GSCFT President Kirschen informed the Trustees that the Live Oak School District extended an invitation to Santa Cruz City Schools to join Live Oak staff and community members and CFT and CTA members at the town clock on Friday February 8 to protest the Governor's proposed budget.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Resolution #17-07-08 Opposing the Governor's 2008-08 Proposed Budget

Board Member Wagman presented a revised resolution. Mr. Wagman moved approval and Ms. Strimling seconded the motion. Mr. Collins made a friendly amendment to include all Board of Education Members' signatures on this resolution. This amendment was acceptable to both Mr. Wagman and Ms. Strimling. The Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education approved this resolution to oppose the Governor's Proposed Budget by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 104)

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

Board Study Session – 2008-09 Budget Development

Board President Hawthorne explained that the purpose of this discussion was to listen to the presentation from Mr. Moss, and take comments and questions from staff and public. Following comments and questions from the Trustees, the Board would like to ensure that Superintendent Pagano has clarified any of his questions regarding how to proceed when structuring the proposal that will come to the Board Members for approval at the Regular Meeting on February 13. Per the Boards' request on January 30, Mr. Moss presented the additional SCCS positions/FTE since the 2004-05 school year. This information included the year the position was created, the Bargaining Group, the Funding Source, and the 2008-09 Budget Projection attached to the position. Mr. Moss also presented information regarding Central Control Restricted Staffing, including the State or Federal Program attached to the position. Following discussion, the following timeline was proposed by the Superintendent: Thursday February 7 – initial discussions with site staff at the Principals' Meeting; Tuesday February 12 – Board/BFAC Meeting at the D.O., 4:00 p.m. where Mr. Pagano will introduce some initial proposals impacting Classified, Certificated, and Management; Wednesday February 13 – Trustees and Community members will have an opportunity for input at the Regular Board Meeting; Wednesday February 20 – a Special Study Session for the Board of Education with more explicit recommendations from Superintendent Pagano; Wednesday February 27 – at the Regular Meeting, the Superintendent will ask the Board of Education to take action on recommendations; Wednesday March 12 – this Regular Meeting will be the last chance to take action regarding Certificated positions prior to the required March 15 Layoff Notices.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ADJOURNMENT

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is February 13, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Branciforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Branciforte, Santa Cruz, CA. There will be a

Special Meeting of the Board of Education for a Board Study Session regarding Budget Development/Staffing on February 20, 2008, 7:00 p.m. The location to be determined at a later date. The Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 27, 2008, 6:30 p.m. will be held at Santa Cruz High School, 415 Walnut St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Special Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education