

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY  
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
January 16, 2008**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:29 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                      Ken Wagman  
Student Representative Clark                      Student Representative Lerman

Absent: Felix Robles                      Wendy Strimling

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

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano expressed his hopes for a healthy, productive, safe new year. Since the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, meetings and events attended by the Superintendent included: Delta Charter School Board Retreat; Academic Excellence Task Force Staff input and recommendations meetings at the middle schools on December 14, 2007; English Learner Study Group; Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 21, 2007; Measure P Meetings on the evenings of January 7 and January 14, 2008; Children's Health Network on January 9, 2008; California School Services Sacramento presentation regarding the Governor's Budget Proposals on January 15, 2008; the January 15 evening meeting of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Superintendent Pagano acknowledged the considerable work of Suz Howells, in collaboration with Monarch Media, to update the District Website – the launch of the new website is approaching.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Hawthorne attended several of the meetings mentioned previously by the Superintendent, and also reported some future goals: 1) Reconvene the Wellness Committee to address district-wide student nutrition; 2) Set the agenda and bring public information regarding the Steering Committee for Green Schools – thanks to Mr. Moss and Ms. Barry for many procedures already in place for the District; 3) Continue to work on Measure P Campaign and encourage community members to become informed about the opportunities to maintain the current level of excellence in Santa Cruz City Schools.

### **Board Members' Reports or Comments**

Board Member Wagman reported attendance at Green Schools and Measure P Campaign Meetings; Santa Cruz High School PTA; a meeting with Soquel Principal Lawrence-Emanuel; a Reclassification for English Learners Ceremony at Gault Elementary School. Mr. Wagman concluded his comments by thanking the site principals, teachers, and staff members for their work on behalf of students.

Trustee Dewey Thorsett attended both of the middle school Academic Excellence Task Force Meetings on December 14, 2007. Ms. Dewey Thorsett expressed a desire to have more public awareness of the range of secondary school programs offered in SCCS – and to show the many different pathways to academic success available to students. Board Member Dewey Thorsett thanked the site Principals for being available for many questions she had regarding the Single Plans for Student Achievement. The CSBA Workshop is scheduled for February 22, 2008. The California Superintendent of Schools, Jack O'Connell, will visit Santa Cruz on Thursday, January 31, 2008.

Board Member Maxwell attended a VAPA Meeting on January 15. Mr. Maxwell expressed support for the presentations of the various academic paths available to students suggested by Ms. Dewey Thorsett, and would encourage the District to include an Arts Enrollment path with this information. Trustee Maxwell brought the Board Members a copy of a new report on education entitled "Students First".

Trustee Collins reported he is anxious to hear Mr. Moss's report on the Governor's Budget Proposals, and to have the Board of Education focus on the Strategic Plan and fiduciary responsibilities. Mr. Collins is eager to hear information on the expanded Career Technical Education opportunities at Santa Cruz City Schools. Board Member Collins participated in a memorial bike ride to honor Harbor High School graduate Lucian Gregg. Lucian's mother is a Harbor High School employee. Mr. Collins expressed an interest in increasing auto/bike safety in the district, and asked that everyone at our sites remind students to wear bike helmets.

### **Student Representatives Reports**

Ms. Clark reported both Santa Cruz High School and Soquel High School will offer "Study Fests" - opportunities for students to meet and study for finals in group settings. Food will be provided. Santa Cruz High School offers a FACSA Workshop tonight. This information will help students understand college financial aid paperwork. Santa

Cruz High School obtained victories over Harbor High School for both Boys' and Girls' Basketball and the teams are preparing for the games against Soquel High School. Santa Cruz High School will offer a Medical Occupations class next semester, and on January 26 there is a Ski and Snowboard trip available.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wagman offered two corrections to the minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2007 and George Martinez, speaking on behalf of GSCFT President Kirschen, asked to include more of Mr. Kirschen's December 12 Public Communications statement. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the minutes as corrected, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without dissent and the Student Representatives also voted yes.

### GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 83); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 84); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 85); Gifts; Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 86); Notice of Completion (Ex. 87); Consultant Services Agreements (Ex. 88); Teacher Retention Grant; Contract with SSA Architects (Ex. 89). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Gault Elementary* – Jack and Juanita Usher have donated several books for the Gault Library. This donation is valued at approximately \$400. *Westlake Elementary* – Rob DeHart of AV Now has donated a Dell computer valued at approximately \$350. *Mission Hill* - Rob DeHart of AV Now has donated three computers and a drill press valued at approximately \$850. *Soquel* – Karen Haschke has donated a General Electric refrigerator/freezer to the Science Division. This gift is valued at approximately \$150. **Total value of gifts: \$1,750.** Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

#### Closed Session Action Report

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation concerning the 'Meet and Confer' agreement with the Confidential Employee Group.

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation concerning the 'Meet and Confer' agreement with the Supervisor Employee Group.

The Board heard an update and provided direction to staff regarding negotiations with the GSCFT/Adult Education.

The Board heard an update and provided direction to staff regarding negotiations with the GSCFT/Certificated bargaining unit.

The Board received an update and gave direction Re: Property: 133 Mission Street Under Negotiation: Terms of lease

### **ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED**

#### **New Business: Santa Cruz High School Swimming Pool Project**

Superintendent Pagano expressed deep appreciation for the numerous people who have worked hard for many years to fundraise for this project. The Superintendent will offer a strong recommendation this evening to continue the work to move this project forward, ensuring that all Board considerations are taken into account and additional information is obtained prior to Board action.

Mr. Moss reported bids received in January 2008 were considerably higher than anticipated. Mr. Moss presented three different funding proposals for the project, and also the consideration of putting this project out to bid again. Following discussion among Board Members, Staff Members, Community Members, and fundraiser Debbie Calhoun, the Trustees did not take action on this item at this time – but gave direction to the Superintendent to *not* accept any of the bids received; and to reinvestigate the issue and consider putting the project out for bid a second time. This item will be on a future agenda for Board action.

**7:48 p.m.** – Student Representatives Clark and Lerman left the meeting at this time.

#### **New Business: Single Plan(s) for Student Achievement**

Ms. Morgenstern introduced Intervention Coordinator Rebecca Garcia to report on the procedures used in creating this annual update for sites. Ms. Garcia detailed the Revision Process; Site Council and Governing Board Approval; Planned Improvements in Student Performance; Centralized Support; State Program Funding; Federal Program Funding; and Goal Focus for school sites. Following the presentation, and questions and comments from Trustees and District Staff Members, MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Single Plan(s) for Student Achievement.

#### **New Business: Certificated and Classified Administrative Meet and Confer Agreement**

Superintendent Pagano commended Cabinet members and Administrator Representatives for the productive ‘Meet and Confer.’ MSP (Collins/Wagman) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Certificated and Classified Administrative Meet and Confer Agreement. (Ex. 90)

#### **New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Proposals to the GSCFT for 2008-09**

Ms. Krause reported the 2008-09 SCCS District contract proposals are being submitted for “Sunshining” in accordance with the Employees’ Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. MSP (Wagman/Maxwell) 5-0, the Trustees approved the Opening of Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Proposals to the GSCFT for 2008-09.

**New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Proposals to the SCCCE Local 6084 for 2007-08**

Ms. Krause reported the 2007-08 SCCS District contract proposals are being submitted for “Sunshining” in accordance with the Employees’ Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. MSP (Wagman/Dewey Thorsett) 5-0, the Board Members approved the Opening of Sunshine Period for the SCCSD Proposals to the SCCCE Local 6084 for 2007-08.

**New Business: Sunshining the Renewal of the Peer Assistance and Review Program Side Letter of Agreement 2007-08 for the GSCFT**

Ms. Krause reported The Peer Assistance and Review Program was jointly developed by the SCCS and GSCFT, and has been in existence since the 2000-01 school year. MSP (Collins/Dewey) 4-0, the Board of Education approved Sunshining the Renewal of the Peer Assistance and Review Program Side Letter of Agreement 2007-08 for the GSCFT. Mr. Wagman was not in the room at the time of this vote. (Ex. 91)

**Staff Report: Report on the Governor’s Proposed 2008-09 Budget**

Superintendent Pagano and Mr. Moss reported on the Governor’s January 10<sup>th</sup> initial 2008-09 Proposed California State Budget. Mr. Moss indicated that the Interim Budget Report brought to the March 2008 Regular Meeting for Board approval will likely be a Qualified Budget. During the report, Mr. Moss displayed K-12 Education Impacts, Projected Revenue Loss for SCCS and Loss from Preliminary ZBB Revenue Distribution, the effect on State Categorical Funding, Multi-Year Projections, and a Multi-Year Projection Reserve Comparison. Revised ZBB Spreadsheets will be presented at the BFAC Meeting on 1/29/08 and to the Board of Education on 1/30/08, and discussions will begin shortly regarding budget reductions and required Certificated Layoff Notices.

**INFORMATION**

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The Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 30, 2008, 6:30 P.M., DeLaveaga Elementary School, 1145 Morrissey Blvd., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 13, 2008, is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. at the Branciforte Small Schools Campus, 840 N. Branciforte, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education at this time, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President  
Board of Education

