

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

November 14, 2007

Convene Open Session

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Mission Hill Middle School, 425 King Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Rachel Dewey Thorsett Cynthia Hawthorne Felix Robles
Wendy Strimling Ken Wagman
Student Representative Clark

Absent: John Collins Don Maxwell 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 Dewey Thorsett welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

SITE WELCOME

Mission Hill Middle School Principal Abrahams-Johnson welcomed those in attendance and introduced students Chloe Moreno, Savannah Spencer, Mathilda Spiers, and Christy Trotter who led the Board and Cabinet members in an Origami Math lesson. Student Body President Anne Soares reported on the Self-Defense classes offered on the campus. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Teacher Olamit explained the success of the two classes offered at Mission Hill this year, and several students informed the Trustees about various field trips and opportunities offered through the program. Humanities and Drama Teacher Smith reported on the success of the School Wide Writing (SWW) Program at this site. Humanities and ELD Teacher Jessica Murray clarified the high quality ELD program that is provided for students at Mission Hill Middle School. Drama students Justin Szasz and Olorin Etemad-Lehmer invited the community to see the production of *Much Ado About Nothing* that will be presented in January 2008.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Small Schools Principal Coleman extended an invitation to Board and Cabinet members to attend the annual Costanoa School Thanksgiving Feast/Academic Awards on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. Small Schools will host an Auction Fundraiser on December 2nd, and all community members are welcome. Dr. Jim Logsdon extended thanks to Santa Cruz City Schools for his invitation to the SCCS 150 Year Gala on October 27 at the Coconut Gove in Santa Cruz.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano thanked Principal Abrahams-Johnson and the Mission Hill Staff Members, students, and parents for the lovely presentation at the start of this Regular Meeting. Mr. Pagano reported that the Measure P Parcel Tax was officially on the ballot for February 5, 2008. The Superintendent reported on the following meetings he had attended since the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: October 29 – Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce; October 30 – Dual Immersion Task Force Meeting; October 31 – GSCFT Negotiations; November 1 – SCCCE Negotiations; November 7 – Receipt of the Elks Club donation of a dictionary for every 3rd grade student at Santa Cruz City Schools; November 13 – Budget Finance Advisory Committee (BFAC). Superintendent Pagano will be a presenter at the November 19 Community Assessment Project reporting on Education in Santa Cruz County Schools. Mr. Pagano concluded his report with thanks to the community for the generous gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Dewey Thorsett reported working on the Measure P Committee and attending a BFAC meeting since the Trustees met last.

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Hawthorne attended the SCCS 150 Year Gala, the Bay View Halloween Parade, and worked with the Green Schools Committee since the last Regular Meeting. Ms. Hawthorne also spoke at UCSC for the New Teachers Project regarding school safety.

Board Member Robles congratulated Santa Cruz City Schools on the success of the 150 Year Commemoration. The program was an exciting one that focused on students and student achievement. Current Board Student Representatives Clark and Lerman delivered excellent speeches, and former SCCS student and CA Secretary of State Bruce McPherson was also well received.

Board Member Strimling extended thanks for the SCCS 150 Year Commemoration and acknowledged the student speakers for a job well done. Ms. Strimling attended the November 7 Parent and Student Meeting sponsored by the District and GATE Program.

Trustee Wagman met with DeLaveaga Principal Freed and attended the BAYMEC dinner. He also researched information regarding the upcoming solar panels for Santa Cruz City Schools and acknowledged Mr. Moss and Ms. Lacey for the Budget

presentation, and Superintendent Pagano for the leadership on the district calendar project. Board Member Wagman mailed letters to the community members advocating the passage of Measure P in February 2008.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Clark attended the Harbor High School Drama Production of *Chalk Garden* and enjoyed it. She urged community members to see the Santa Cruz High School Drama Production of *the Crucible* in December. The Scholarship Meeting at Santa Cruz High School will offer tips on academics and sports opportunities. The Santa Cruz High School Water Polo Teams are experiencing a successful season, and the Football Team is tied with Soquel and Scotts Valley schools for the League Title.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2007, and Mr. Robles seconded the motion. The Board of Education approved the Regular Minutes without dissent. Student Clark voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Public Comment: GSCFT President Kirschen introduced DeLaveaga Teacher Maxwell to speak regarding Item 1.13 Bid for DeLaveaga Portables. Ms. Maxwell noted the cost of the foundation preparation for the portables, and inquired whether the Trustees had considered this cost when discussing this issue.

Board Comment: The Board Members agreed to pull Item 1.13 from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and vote.

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, minus Item 1.13, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex.63); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (Ex. 64); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex 65); Warrant Register; Disposition of Surplus Property (Ex. 66); Notices of Completion (Ex. 67); Gifts; Consultant Services Agreement (Ex. 68); Out of State Field Trip for Soquel High School; Budget Transfers; Standards-Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption, 9 – 12 (Ex. 69); Special Education Contracts (Ex. 70); 2006-07 Year-End Report on Developer Fees; Investment Report for Quarter Ending 9/30/07. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Harbor High School* - Matthew Slater has donated 48 packs of shop towels, six gallons of clear wood stain, 24 packs of sand paper and three packs of miscellaneous screws to the Woodshop classes. This donation is valued at approximately \$600. *Santa Cruz High School* – Thomas Burke donated \$500 on behalf of his son. Bright Horizon Fund c/o the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County donated \$10,000. George Ow, Jr. has donated \$2,000 to the Santa Cruz High School Scholarship Fund. **Total value of gifts: \$14,100.** Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Item 1.13 Bid for DeLaveaga Portables Installation

Following discussion among the Trustees, District Staff, and Union Representatives, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Ms. Strimling made the second. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Action Report

The Board took action to Expel Student #02-07-08.

The Board heard an update and gave direction concerning negotiations with The GSCFT.

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The Board discussed the follow-up to the Superintendent's evaluation.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Resolution 14-07-08 Support for AB333-School Library Online Databases

Ms. Morgenstern reported AB333 is an important piece of legislation which, if passed, would provide students with equitable access to current, high quality databases for all age, grade and skill levels. A state purchase of online subscription databases would greatly reduce the cost of obtaining subscriptions, enabling schools to invest in additional library resources for students. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the resolution, and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This resolution was passed by roll call vote, as follows (Ex. 71)

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

Staff Report: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report

Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Member Amy Spiers provided the Trustees with a status report on the Committee. This group oversees the Board spending of parcel tax money to ensure it is spent in ways consistent with ballot language and the will of the voters when passing parcel taxes. The PTOC commended the Board of Education for spending public money wisely, and also asked the Board to consider extending reduce 4th and 5th grade class sizes to all elementary school, or to provide classroom aides for larger classes.

Staff Report: Certificated Hiring Update

Ms. Krause noted the Board of Education requested that the Human Resources Department deliver a Fall 2007 report regarding the 2007-08 hiring status of temporary positions released in the 2006-07 school year. Human Resources has tracked the status of all 2006-07 temp releases and the number of released temps who have returned to the district as either Temporary, Probationary, or Tenured Employees in the 2007-08 school year. This information was supplied to the Board of Trustees. Information on Non Returning Temps was also reported.

New Business: Coordinated Compliance Review

Ms. Morgenstern introduced Ms. Villalobos-Osey to deliver this report to the Trustees. Santa Cruz City Schools was selected by the California Department of Education (CDE) to participate in a Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR) from February 22-25, 2005. This review was conducted at our district offices, and also reviewed certain programs at Gault Elementary School, Branciforte Middle School, Santa Cruz High School, and Adult Education. The purpose of CCR (now known as Categorical Program Monitoring) is to monitor LEAs for compliance with categorical programs, including fiscal requirements. One of the areas found to be non-compliant was district reclassification criteria. In order to resolve this item, the district has revised the criteria. Ms. Villalobos-Osey provided the new requirements, and asked the Trustees for approval. MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the revised reclassification criteria. Student Clark voted yes.

Old Business: Board Budget Priorities

Superintendent Pagano reported that at the 10/17/07 Study Session recommendations were made to the Board for 2008-09 Board budget priorities. Following the discussion at this Study Session, the recommendations were modified. The Superintendent presented the revised recommendations in priority order. Following discussion among the Trustees, District Staff, and Union Representatives, MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 5-0, the Board approved the modified budget recommendations priority order as recommended by Superintendent Pagano. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: 2008-09 Enrollment Projections/Budget Assumptions

Mr. Moss reported on District Enrollment Projections through Actuals, CBEDS, and Projected figures, and also enrollment by grade level and grade spans. The 2008-09 Budget Assumptions Revenue and Expenditures were presented. Following Board comments and questions to Mr. Moss, MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the District's 2008-09 enrollment projections and budget development assumptions. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: 2008-09 Preliminary ZBB Revenue Distribution

Superintendent Pagano reported this information was presented to BFAC yesterday. Mr. Moss discussed the differences in the distribution as compared to last year. Some of these include: Undesignated Set Aside for employee health benefits increases and the cost of step/column salary increases; additional allocation from reserves based on 07-08 unduplicated Free/Reduced Lunch and English Learner pupil counts at schools; this distribution includes a scenario for the passage of Measure P and a one for the failure of Measure P; Basic Aid Funds are shifted to Middle Schools and the Small Schools; \$1,911,799 are taken from the reserves to fund the additional allocations and discretionary allocations. Following discussion and questions, Ms. Strimling moved approval, based on the following assumptions: State Provides COLA of 4.3%; Measure P is passed; Intent to Support Current Level of Expenditures; Alignment with Board Fiscal Goals; Alignment with Board Fiscal Policy Directives, with the understanding that if the state budget projections changes, or Measure P fails, the board will need to reconsider the

distributions. Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. The Board of Education approved the motion as made by Ms. Strimling without dissent. Student Clark voted yes.

PUBLIC HEARING: Cost Disclosure on 07-08 GSCFT Salary Increase

Open: Board President Dewey Thorsett opened this Public Hearing at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported the salary formula in the GSCFT contract has generated a 3.81% increase to Certificated salary schedules for the 2007-08 school year, retroactive to 7/01/07. The Total cost is \$1,030,325. The Board is required to make this agreement public and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the agreement prior to being approved. (Ex. 72)

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Dewey Thorsett closed this Public Hearing at 9:27 p.m.

New Business: Tentative Agreement between GSCFT and SCCSD for the 2007-08 School Year

Ms. Krause reported on September 17, 2007, a tentative agreement was reached on the language and parameters for creating a salary formula for 2007-08. The GSCFT and SCCS also agree to waive additional items for negotiation for the 2007-08 contract agreement. Items to be negotiated for the 2008-09 contract agreement will be sunshined during the 2007-08 school year. (Ex. 73)

Public Comment: None

MSP (Robles/Wagman) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Tentative Agreement between GSCFT and SCCSD for the 2007-08 School Year. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: Sunshine SCCCE Contract Proposal for 2007-08

Ms. Krause reported the 2007-08 Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees, Local 6084, 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.

Public Comment: None

MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Sunshine SCCCE Contract Proposal for 2007-08. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: Sunshine GSCFT Contract Proposal for 2008-09

Ms. Krause reported that the 2008-09 Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers 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.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Kirschen asked to correct the year of the contract proposals contained in this item.

MSP (Hawthorne/Robles) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Sunshine GSCFT Contract Proposal for 2008-09. Student Clark voted yes.

New Business: Budget Plan for County Office of Education

Mr. Moss reported the SCCOE approved the District's 2007-08 Budget conditioned on the District submitting a plan to the COE by the First Interim Financial Report on 12/12/07 indicating budget adjustments that will be made in 2008-09 if the Measure B1 Parcel Tax is not renewed by the passage of Measure P. He also outlined the expenditures that are currently supported by the Measure. Board President Dewey Thorsett noted that cutting the items that the parcel tax would fund if passed as the place holders for the budget reductions was a clean way to present the revisions to the COE. This proposal was moved by Hawthorne, seconded by Wagman, and approved 5-0. Student Clark voted yes.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 12, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Gault Elementary School, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett
Board of Education