

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
October 17, 2007**

**Call to Order**

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Special Meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John T. Collins II  
Don Maxwell

Rachel Dewey Thorsett  
Wendy Strimling

Cynthia Hawthorne  
Ken Wagman

Absent: Felix Robles

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Dick Moss, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Diane Morgenstern, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Members of the Audience

**Agenda Changes - None**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**BOARD STUDY SESSION – 2007-08 DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Study Session began with a presentation by Superintendent Alan Pagano outlining a common Board/District vision of the teaching and learning priorities for the 2008-09 school year. The areas to be supported budgetarily include serving our under-represented population by addressing issues of equity and access, career technical education, and implementing an articulated, rigorous academic program K-12.

Also included in the presentation were preliminary considerations regarding fiscal policy recommendations including how to address GASB45 requirements, a 'basic aid' reserve set-aside, an undesignated set-aside and a weighted formula to be utilized in the process of discretionary allocations.

Much discussion ensued by the Board members, the senior Cabinet administrators and members of the community. As this was a Study Session no actions were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Next Regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 6:00 P.M., Westlake Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett  
Board of Education