

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

April 22, 2009

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. in Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins Rachel Dewey Thorsett Cynthia Hawthorne Don Maxwell
Wendy Strimling Claudia Vestal Ken Wagman

Student Representative Seynhaeve

Alan Pagano, Interim Superintendent

Tanya Krause, Deputy Superintendent/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 Ken Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Special Study Session for the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Action Report

Ms. Dewey Thorsett reported the Board Members discussed the district budget, and negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 for 2009-10 and Adult Education for 2008-09. No actions were taken, and the Board of Education will reconvene after the close of this Special Study Session.

2009-10 Budget Study Session

Dick Moss, Asst. Supt of Business Services presented a PowerPoint presentation showing budgets for the K-5 Grades, 6-8 Grades, 9-12 Grades, District Office departments, including the reductions through Target 2. Mr. Moss reported the ZBB budgets do not include any new revenue from the federal stimulus funds, nor any potential revenue loss from the recently projected additional \$8 billion state budget deficit measure, nor any potential revenue loss if the ballot measures should fail on the May 19 Special Election. Also, the ZBB budgets do not include restricted revenues, e.g. state and categorical funding, grants, and donations. The BFAC has reviewed the 2009-10 grade-level and department zero-based budgets.

The ZBB budgets result in deficit spending (budgeted expenses exceed projected revenues) of \$2,043,004. Following the Board approved shift of categorical dollars in the 2008-09 year the 2009-10 General Fund has an unrestricted reserve of 4%. Given the current assumptions, the Board will need to approve an additional \$2,550,000 in budget reductions for 2010-11 by the final budget adoption on June 17, 2009 to have a 3% reserve in the 2010-11 Budget.

After Mr. Moss' report, the Board asked questions. Public comments, Board comments, and discussion among Trustees, District staff, and members of the audience followed the questions from the Board Members.

Approve the 2009-10 ZBB Budgets

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the 2009-10 ZBB through the Target 2 Reductions; however, the Board of Education authorizes no reinstatement of certificated, classified, or administrative positions until the Trustees review the district fiscal situation at the end of May 2009. Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 5-2. Ms. Strimling and Mr. Maxwell voted no. Student Seynhaeve voted yes.

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled April 29, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting on May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. will be at the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken S. Wagman, President
Board of Education