

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

April 29, 2009

Convene Open Session

Board President Ken Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Seynhaeve
Student Representative Hashimoto

Absent: John Collins

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

Welcome and Format

Board President Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Santa Cruz County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent of Business Barney Finlay reported the COE is in receipt of the SCCS 2nd Interim Report with a Negative Certification. The COE concurs with the certification beginning with the 2009-10 fiscal year. The district will continue to work with a fiscal expert, and the COE will review the proposal submitted by SCCS to address fiscal issues. Speakers Guadalupe Valentino, Juan Hernandez, Alejandra Medina, Gloria Alducin, and Nativida Vasquez, addressed this meeting to express thanks to outgoing Superintendent Alan Pagano for his spirit, demonstrated support and respectful attitude towards our Spanish-speaking students, parents, and community. The popular “Viva Oaxaca” community celebration has outgrown the previous location – and a request was made to hold this event at Harbor High School in June 2009. 30-Year SCCS Teacher Allegri asked the Trustees to take a leadership role during the negotiations process to restore community confidence in the district. Branciforte Middle School Community Coordinator Nereida Robles invited the

Board Members to the 3rd annual Spring Festival. This event provides much-needed funds for school programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano began his report in Spanish to thank those who had come to this meeting with such kind words regarding his tenure. The Superintendent has spoken with Harbor High School Principal Tim McGuire and believes it will be possible to make plans for the "Viva Oaxaca" celebration at this location. Mr. Pagano will deliver the closing remarks at the May 5 District Music Festival at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Superintendent Pagano will speak in support of the new Senior Management position for the Food Services department at the Personnel Commission meeting on May 5. The Superintendent assured this community that the district is approaching the current potential flu virus in an organized and comprehensive fashion. Mr. Pagano attended the April 28 DELAC meeting at Branciforte Middle School. The District will not relocate the Transportation Department to Soquel High School, but will continue to search for an appropriate location in order to serve district students. Superintendent Pagano recently received notice that Bay View Principal Dan Cavanaugh will retire at the end of this school year after having served the community in this capacity for 21 years. Mr. Pagano commended Principal Cavanaugh for his many years of service.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS OR REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman encouraged all eligible community members, including SCCS students who are 18 years of age, to register and vote in the Special Election on May 19. The SCCS districts will incur an additional 2 million revenue loss if the Propositions fail.

Board Members' Referrals and Reports

Board Member Rachel Dewey Thorsett reported that the Academic Excellence Task Force will present program information to the Board of Education at the May 13 Regular Meeting. Ms. Dewey Thorsett assured the community that the Trustees are working diligently to achieve a balance for all members of the district and learning community during this difficult budget process.

Board Member Cynthia Hawthorne stated the Green Schools Committee will deliver a report to the Board Members at a later date. Ms. Hawthorne commended the Wellness Committee members for their dedication to the health and welfare of students. Trustee Hawthorne attended the WASC reception at the Small Schools Campus and anticipates a positive review.

Board Member Don Maxwell has read recent magazine and news articles on the state of education and closing the achievement gap between rich and poor. There is discussion regarding whether national education goals are based on faulty assumptions.

Board Member Claudia Vestal attended the budget meetings and visited the Life Lab at Westlake Elementary School. Ms. Vestal is inspired by the community support at the Wellness Committee Meetings. Trustee Vestal is interested in providing support to

students from the Live Oak District as they transition to Santa Cruz City Schools high schools.

Board Member Wendy Strimling commended the teachers and staff members for continuing to do amazing work on behalf of students during this difficult budget process, and is confident that students will continue to be enriched and excited about learning. Ms. Strimling supports forming a district Legislative Action Committee.

Student Representative Report

Representative Lauren Seynhaeve reported that Soquel High School completed the 3-Year WASC Review, and that Soquel will host a Benefit Tea on May 23. Proceeds will support student programs and clubs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Minutes of the Special/Closed Session on April 1, 2009, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. The motion was passed without dissent. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes.

MSP (Hawthorne/Maxwell) 6-0, the Board Members approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2009. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 163); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 164); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 165); Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Notices of Completion (Ex. 166); Gifts; Out-of-State Field Trip – Santa Cruz High School; Williams Quarterly Report (Ex. 167); CAC Advisory Council; 2nd Quarterly Report. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following donation to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Purchasing Department* – Carol and Jim Kreppel of Commercial Printing Service have donated the following for use throughout the District: 1 pallet of parent size paper; 1 pallet of cut stock; 52 cartons of various papers; 5 metal filing cabinets; 23 boxes of plastic comb binders; 1 GBC electric punch; 1 picnic table and benches; 4 paper cabinets; 4 rolling tables. **Total value of gifts: \$7,250.** Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Maxwell – Yes
Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Hashimoto – Yes

Student Seynhaeve – Yes

Closed Session Action Report

The Board took action to expel Student 15-08-09 until the end of the Fall semester of 2009-10.

The Board took approved a suspended expulsion for Student 16-08-09 until the end of the Fall semester of 2009-10.

The Board took approved a suspended expulsion for Student 17-08-09 until the end of the Fall semester of 2009-10.

The Board heard an update and provided direction Re: Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Alan Pagano, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2009-10

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The Board announced that they would reconvene Closed Session at the completion of Public business.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Wellness Committee Update

Committee Members reported on goals and accomplishments, including but not limited to: creation of Wellness Policy; audit/review of current food services; development of leadership criteria for food services; potential implementation of Universal Breakfast; meaningful events for secondary students; physical education for wellness; food pilot programs. The Santa Cruz Education Foundation will partner with the District to ensure funds are found to support these goals. Dick Moss, Asst. Supt. of Business Services reported on the RFP process to procure proposals to provide meals at elementary schools 2 days each week during the 2009-10 school year. The District is seeking a vendor to provide the Universal Breakfast pilot program at Gault Elementary and Branciforte Middle School for the 2009-10 year. Superintendent Pagano reported that recommendations from the Wellness Committee will be provided to the Trustees at the May 13 Regular Meeting.

Staff Report: Student Assistance Program

Student Services Director Eileen Brown reported on the wide range of services this department provides to district students, including: enrollment, attendance review; discipline support; health services; social work; mental health counseling; services to the homeless; prevention and intervention programs.

New Business: Carl Perkins IV 09-10 Grant Application

Diane Morgenstern, Asst. Supt. of Ed Services recommended the Board of Education approve the Carl Perkins IV Grant Application for the 2009-10 school year. Ms. Brown reported on this federal program which funds Career Technical Education. The State has

adopted a five-year plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) and all districts requesting funds are also required to adopt a five-year plan. The Board adopted this plan in April, 2008. The application is required annually to receive funds from the State. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the 2009-10 Carl Perkins IV Grant Application. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes.

Recess: Board President Wagman called for a recess at 8:18 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Wagman reconvened this meeting at 8:28 p.m. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve did not return to the meeting.

New Business: 2008-09 Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plans

Mr. Moss reported that each year the District receives Deferred Maintenance Funds from the State. The State matches the District contribution up to .5% of total General Fund expenditures. The State requires that this plan be Board-approved before being approved by the State Allocation board to qualify for matching funds. Mr. Moss reviewed two plans, one for the Elementary District and one for the High School District. MSP (Strimling/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the 2008-09 Five Year Deferred Maintenance Plans.

Staff Report: Federal Stimulus Update

Mr. Pagano provided the update on Federal Stimulus funding to the Trustees. The SCCS application for funds has been submitted in advance of the deadline, and the district intends hopes to capture all available funds. This report was for information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

New Business: Resolution #22-08-09 Layoff/Reduction of Hours/Months in the Classified Service

Tanya Krause, Deputy Superintendent reported that SCCS will follow the procedures outlined in the SCCCE contract and the Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations concerning layoffs and reduction of hours. Notices will be sent, bumping rights will be exercised, and negotiating the effects of these decisions will take place. Ms. Krause recommends approval of the Resolution as submitted in order to meet 2009-10 budget reductions, necessitated by lack of work or lack of funding.

Public Comments: SCCCE President Lowe asked the Board of Education to table this Resolution until after the May 6 Classified/District negotiation meeting, in the hopes that a contract agreement will be reached on this day.

Following Board Members discussion and comments, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval, and Ms. Vestal seconded this motion. This motion was approved by Roll Call Vote, as follows: (Ex. 168)

Roll Call Vote: Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Maxwell – Abstain
Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

New Business: Meet & Confer Agreement

Superintendent Pagano reported completion of discussions with the “meet and confer” employee groups of the district. The District would like to acknowledge the representatives from each employee group who participated in the discussions and the exemplary work all members of each group perform on a daily basis. The Superintendent recommended approval of the “Meet and Confer” agreements as presented. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the Meet and Confer agreements. (Ex, 169)

New Business: Lease Agreement for 133 Mission St., Suite 102, w/Burton, Schmal & DiBenedetto, LLP

Mr. Moss presented the information on this one-year agreement, and recommended approval. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Hawthorne) 6-0, the Board approved the Lease Agreement. (Ex. 170)

New Business: Lease Agreement for 133 Mission St., Suite 103, w/Doak, Gintert, dba Santa Cruz Healthy & Life, LLC

Mr. Moss presented the information on this five-year lease with the option for a five-year extension with a Market Rate Adjustment, and recommended approval. MSP (Hawthorne/Maxwell) 6-0, the Board approved the Lease Agreement. (Ex. 171)

Old Business: Run-Off Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly

Superintendent Pagano recommended the Board complete the run-off ballot supporting the election of a delegate from Sub region 9-A (Santa Cruz, San Benito Counties). Ms. Dewey Thorsett nominated Alison Niday from Scotts Valley, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. This motion was approved without dissent.

New Business: Resolution #23-08-09 To Establish the Week of May 11-15, 2009 as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 13, 2009 as Day of the Teacher.

Following discussion among Board Members, District Administration and staff members, GSCFT Officers Kirschen and Carlson reported that the union members are not in favor of the timing of this resolution. Ms. Strimling moved to table the resolution in protest of the state budget, and Mr. Maxwell seconded this motion. The alternate motion was approved without dissent.

Reconvening of Closed Session

The Board reconvened into Closed Session at approximately 9:27 p.m. to further discuss Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive Session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Alan Pagano, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with GSCFT for 2009-10.

Report of Actions Take in Closed Session

Direction was given to the negotiators regarding the GSCFT negotiations.

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled May 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. will be at the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting on May 27, 2009, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken S. Wagman, President
Board of Education