

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
August 27, 2008**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. in the Soquel High School Library, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins Rachel Dewey Thorsett Cynthia Hawthorne Felix Robles
Ken Wagman Wendy Strimling
Absent: Don Maxwell

Student Representative Seynhaeve
Absent: Student Representative Hashimoto

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

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano presented Certificated Personnel Actions that were not received until after the Board Packets were prepared and the agenda posted for this Regular Meeting. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved adding these items to the Consent Agenda, due to the finding of fact that the items came to the attention of the District too late for inclusion in the Board Packet or posted Agenda. Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was approved without dissent. Ms. Seynhaeve voted yes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported that he and the other Cabinet Members visited every school site this morning to wish everyone well for the first instructional day of the new school year. The sites looked fantastic, and the energy was genuinely welcoming. Thanks to all administrators, teachers and support staff for a wonderful start to a new school year.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board Member Robles complimented the school community for the efficient start of the new instructional school year today. Mr. Robles thanked the contingent from the Live Oak School District for the important presentation this evening, and acknowledged the common causes and issues of the SCCS and Live Oak districts. Trustee Robles would like the opportunity to meet with the group.

Board Member Collins asked the Trustees to consider having Members report out at each Regular Meeting for with a time limit of three minutes to ensure that the community hears from Board members at each public meeting. Mr. Collins offered kudos to staff and students for a great opening day.

Trustee Strimling was pleased to see such a large number of people present at the meeting. Ms. Strimling reported the agenda for the Academics Excellence Task Force Kick-Off Meeting includes inventory and assessment of projects, examination of teacher practice, and strategic planning for academic excellence.

Board Member Wagman acknowledged the staff members who worked so hard during the summer break to provide clean sites for opening day, and to the Administrators whose diligence ensured the successful start of a new school year.

Trustee Dewey Thorsett welcomed all in attendance and thanked all who contributed to the success of the first day of school. Ms. Dewey Thorsett would be interested in hearing more about Live Oak School District, and proposed a discussion regarding improvement of program alignments.

Board President Hawthorne met with the Wellness Committee – and will soon bring a proposal to the Trustees to modify the district’s food program – with the mandate that no child will be hungry. President Hawthorne suggested adding a presentation from the Live Oak School District to a future agenda, so an appropriate amount of time would be available for questions and discussion from the SCCS Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Representatives from the Live Oak School District provided information on the Live Oak community, and asked for the opportunity to meet with SCCS Board Members to discuss potential agreements between the two districts in order to stabilize the class offerings and increase the outreach to the Live Oak District residents. SCCS Grant Writer Jim Marshall reported on recent grant applications that have been submitted on behalf of the students of SCCS. SCCS Trustee Appointee Claudia Vestal introduced herself to those in attendance. Curriculum and Assessment Director Mary Anne James reported on the AMA Seminar goal to review the Single School Plans that were approved in June 2008. Site Teams have already met to map out action steps for meeting goals, and activities.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 16); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 17); Budget Transfers (Ex. 18); Change Orders (Ex. 19); Gifts; Special Education Contracts (Ex. 20); 2008-09 Application for Vocational Education Incentive Grant; Consultant Services Agreements (2) (Ex. 21). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz HS* – Cliff Hodges, Chief Executive Officer of Adventure Out, has donated \$400 on behalf of the graduating class of 1998; Elias Salameh of San Francisco has donated \$260 on behalf of the graduating class of

1998. *Branciforte Small Schools* – Eileen Leary has donated a landscape design, valued at approximately \$900. **Total value of gifts: \$1,560.** Mr. Collins seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Board received information Re: Negotiations with GSCFT Adult Ed and provided direction to staff.

Board received information Re: Tentative Agreement with the GSCFT Guest Teachers.
Board heard information Re: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 1 case.
Based on existing facts and circumstances, the legislative body of the local agency is meeting to decide whether a closed session is authorized pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Allocation of Funds for the New Santa Cruz HS Swimming Pool Project

Superintendent Pagano introduced this item by stating he is not asking for a pool project bid approval at this time – rather for approval of the use of \$2,215,676.00 from the proceeds of the sale of 2931 Mission Street for the new Santa Cruz High School Swimming Pool project. Following comments, discussion, and questions from the public and the Board Members, MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 6-0, the Trustees approved the allocation of funds for the new SCHS Swimming Pool project. Student Seynhaeve voted yes.

Old Business: Santa Cruz HS Pool Bid

Mr. Moss reported that the bids for the swimming pool were opened on 7/8/08. Four bids were received. WWF of El Dorado Hills submitted a letter protesting the BCI bid. SCCS Legal Counsel advises that the BCI oversight was a minor variation, which the District has the discretion to waive. BCI's qualification for the job has not been disputed. BCI President Dean Bustuchi was present and reported to the Trustees that his firm has completed 12 projects for the district in good faith and on time. Mr. Moss explained the three options of the Board Members at this time – and recommended Option #1 – to waive the omission of reference to receipt of Addendum 1 in BCI's bid as immaterial and accept the BCI bid. MSP (Strimling/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Trustees approved Option #1 for the Santa Cruz High School Pool bid. Student Seynhaeve voted yes. (Ex. 22)

Staff Report: Two-Way/Dos Alas Transition

Superintendent Pagano explained that over-crowding at East side schools, especially DeLaveaga Elementary, has prompted the recommendation to move of the Two Way/Dos Alas program to a facility that will both promote program stability and provide a remedy

for the enrollment and capacity issues. After a deliberative “planning and preparation year 2008-09” during which a collaborative effort will focus on and address issues and concerns involving facility, student safety, program stability and growth, status of the program, resource availability and personnel, the Two Way/Dos Alas program will move to the Branciforte Middle School site beginning in Fall 2009. Inclusive public meetings will allow for perspectives from various stakeholders to be heard and considered within an infrastructure-focused Steering Panel while maintaining the transition timeline for the 2009-10 school year start. Transition and renovation funds have already been identified from available capital improvement and facility funds. Following discussion and questions, Board President Hawthorne encouraged members of the community to join and work with the Board of Education and District Staff in this endeavor

Recess: Board President Hawthorne called for a short recess at 9:28 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Hawthorne reconvened this Regular Meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Staff Report: Reclassification Considerations

Superintendent Pagano introduced Personnel Commissioner Toni Hyland to explain the Reclassification Process to the Board of Education. Ms. Hyland discussed Criteria; Initial Review; Procedures for Reclassification Study not Supported by Administration; Establishment of Reclassification Committee; Reclassification Committee Recommendations; and Final Recommendations. A Reclassification Flow Chart, per Ed Code 45285 and Personnel Commission Rule 600, was presented to the Board Members. A request for this information was made by the Board of Education at the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2008..

New Business: Approve Lease Agreement with COE for 313 Swift Street

Mr. Moss reported that at the Regular Meeting on 7/23/08, the Board tentatively approved the location of COE’s Green Careers ROP Program at 313 Swift St., pending Board approval of the lease agreement. The basic terms of the lease, including leased space, lease rates, rate increases, lease commencement, and lease term were presented to the Board Members. The cost of capital improvements requested by the COE would be shared equally by the COE and the District because both parties benefit from the improvements. The capital improvements will be paid for with capital funds. The lease income will go to the General Fund. MSP (Wagman/Collins) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Lease Agreement with COE for 313 Swift Street. Student Seynhaeve voted yes. (Ex. 23)

Information: Update – Executive Search/Superintendent

The Board of Education provided an update and discussion of preliminary measures for the Executive Search for the new District Superintendent. A packet from CSBA and a letter from Ray and Associates were presented for information and discussion. Following questions and discussion, the Board of Education directed President Hawthorne to:

1. Contact CSBA to extend an invitation to present information at the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2008 – if not then, an update on when they could be available
2. Contact ACSA to investigate available services in the Superintendent search

3. Contact UC Berkeley to investigate available services in the Superintendent search
4. Utilize networks through Assistant Superintendent Krause to investigate possible contacts for candidates for the Superintendent position
5. If presentations are possible for the September 10, 2008 meeting, action on this item could be scheduled for September 24, 2008. If presentations on September 10 are not possible, a discussion can be held at that time to schedule agenda action on this matter.

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting of September 24, 2008, is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Harbor High School, 300 La Fonda Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education

