

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
December 10, 2008**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Hashimoto

Absent: Student Representative Seynhaeve

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

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Pagano requested the Closed Session Action Report precede the Public Session Public Comments, and also that the Superintendent's Report, Board President's Report, and Board Members' Reports and Referrals precede the Installation of the New Board Members. These changes were approved by the Trustees without dissent.

Closed Session Action Report

The Board of Education approved the stipulated expulsion for Student 06-07-08 for one calendar year from the date of approval and approved a stipulated suspended expulsion for Student 07-08-09 through the end of the 2008-09 school year.

The Board heard an update and provided direction on:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: 255 Swift Street , Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: 319 La Fonda Avenue, Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: 2931 Mission Street, Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement

The Board heard an update and received direction on Negotiations Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive session between the public school

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employer and its designated representative for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the GSCFT and SCCCE for 2008-09.

The Board heard an update on classified management longevity. No action was taken.

Site Welcome

Santa Cruz High School Principal Karen Edmonds welcomed the Board Members, District Staff, and all guests to the high school and to this meeting. Ms. Edmonds mentioned the following upcoming events: The Dad's Annual Basketball Tournament beginning Thursday December 11; the Santa Cruz High School and Mission Hill Middle School Choir Concert on December 16; the Santa Cruz High School Band Winter Concert on December 17; Ceramics/Mugs/Pottery Sales for District Staff Members on Monday December 15 and for the General Public on Tuesday December 16.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gault Parent Kelly Salazar acknowledged the accomplished leadership of outgoing Board President Cynthia Hawthorne over the past year, including nutritious food and health curriculum available for children in our district and measurable progress regarding sustainable living and solar energy use. Ms. Salazar also extended thanks to the entire District Leadership Team and welcomed new Board Member Claudia Vestal. A community member passed out materials to inform the Trustees about opportunities to create student classes using the "Yes I Can" and "Learn to Earn" programs. More information is available at www.yesican.gov. Director of Curriculum and Assessment Mary Anne James reported receipt of five new teacher mentor grants from the Cotsen Foundation with a combined total of \$8,600. SCCCE President Lowe reported a Social Security COLA for 2009 of 5.8%. Small Schools Principal Curt Coleman, representing the Administrators and Managers Association (AMA), thanked outgoing Board President Hawthorne and outgoing Board Member Felix Robles for their work and commitment to district students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano presented Trustees with the DeLaveaga needs assessment report for the new Assistant Principal position at this site. The Superintendent noted the \$15,100 gifts received by the District since the last Regular Meeting on November 12, and expressed gratitude for this generosity even during difficult economic times. Mr. Pagano reported that this meeting would be his last meeting serving as the permanent Superintendent of Santa Cruz City Schools. The Superintendent is very confident that Assistant Superintendent Tanya Krause will serve the district well during 2009 in the Deputy Superintendent position.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President

Board President Cynthia Hawthorne stated she has been deeply privileged this past year to witness the day-in and day-out dedication to public education shown by SCCS students, teachers, staff, administrators and community supporters. Ms. Hawthorne is also extremely thankful to local voters who have repeatedly validated the hard work of the educational community by investing and reinvesting in our students through parcel taxes. The Wellness Committee has been launched. The Green Schools Committee was created, and has found willing partners in Ecology Action and UCSC's Farm and Food

Program. The Solar Committee has seen the first panels installed at Soquel High School. Despite the global recession and the State Budget crisis, Board President Hawthorne is certain SCCS will find ways to survive and thrive. In closing, Ms. Hawthorne extended a special thank you to her family, Board colleagues, Superintendent Pagano and the Leadership Team, the bargaining units, and the all-volunteer Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their advocacy in the community.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Rachel Dewey Thorsett thanked Mr. Robles and Ms. Hawthorne for their service to students, acknowledged the continuing work with Superintendent Pagano, welcomed new Board Member Vestal, and congratulated Mr. Wagman and Mr. Collins regarding new terms as Board Members.

Board Member Wendy Strimling thanked outgoing Trustee Robles and Superintendent Pagano, and expressed profound awareness of the contributions made by teachers, staff, administrators, Education Foundation members, and the generous community. Ms. Strimling looks forward to Legislative Advocacy in spring 2009.

Board Member John Collins welcomed Ms. Claudia Vestal to the Board of Education. Mr. Collins thanked outgoing Board President Hawthorne for her leadership during the last year, and expressed thanks to Trustee Robles for his long and dedicated service to students, and also for his friendship, collegiality, and calming presence during his tenure in the District. Trustee Collins mentioned the continuing need for a permanent place for Board Meetings.

Board Member Don Maxwell acknowledged outgoing President Hawthorne for both her passion regarding public education and her leadership. Mr. Maxwell has had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Robles since 1968, and appreciates his marvelous public school advocacy. Mr. Maxwell attended the Academic Excellence Task Force meeting on December 9. Trustee Maxwell commended parent Ferraro for her work on the new DeLaveaga Bike Path.

Board Member Felix Robles thanked everyone for the kind words, and reported that the last 12 years have gone very quickly. Mr. Robles has had a great professional and personal experience in this district over the last 40 years. Trustee Robles concluded with a wish for good fortune, and the acknowledged certainty that the District will provide the best possible educational situation for students.

Board Member Ken Wagman expressed appreciation for the work of Mr. Robles for the community. Mr. Wagman reported that during a presentation with Ms. Hawthorne regarding the solar energy projects in the district, many people from other districts expressed knowledge of the important work done by Mr. Moss in this area. Mr. Wagman thanked the voters for the opportunity to continue as a Board Member for the next four years. Mr. Wagman welcomed Ms. Vestal, and reported she provided help to retire the campaign debt for Measure P.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Pagano presented Board Member Robles with a commemorative clock to acknowledge his 12 extraordinary years of service as a Trustee who has performed

countless community endeavors. The Superintendent presented Board President Hawthorne with a commemorative gavel, and reported that he cannot recall a greater sense of efficacy and leadership demonstrated by a Board President. Ms. Hawthorne has served as an excellent ambassador in the community and the State for our District, and has dedicated herself to the students and their needs.

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent Pagano called Mr. Wagman, Mr. Collins, and Ms. Vestal forward, and administered the oath of office to begin a new term as Board Member.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Strimling) 7-0, the Board Members elected Mr. Wagman to serve as Board President for the 2009 year. MSP (Maxwell/Collins) 7-0, the Board Members elected Ms. Dewey Thorsett to serve as the Board Vice President for the 2009 year. MSP (Wagman/Collins) 7-0, the Board elected the Superintendent/Deputy Superintendent to serve as the Board Clerk for the 2009 year.

Recess: Board President Wagman invited everyone in attendance to enjoy cake to welcome new Board Members and thank outgoing Trustees at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Wagman reconvened this Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2008, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded the motion. This motion was approved 5-0-1. Mr. Collins had not yet returned from the recess, and Ms. Vestal abstained from this vote. Student Hashimoto voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 90); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 91); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 92); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 93); Notices of Completion (Ex. 94); Budget Transfers; Gifts; Consultant Services Agreements (Ex. 95); Contract for Special Education Audit Services (Ex. 96); Revision: Policy 2433 – Conflict of Interest (Ex. 97); Standards Based Textbook & Instructional Materials Adoption (Ex. 98); Resolution #9-08-09 Authorizing the Superintendent & Asst. Superintendent of Business Services to Accept Construction Bids (Ex. 99); Renewal Agreement for Natural Gas Services w/SPUR JPA (ex. 100); Resolution #10-08-09 District Signature Authorization (Ex. 101). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Mission Hill Middle School* – Karen Eneboe has donated an IMAC computer valued at approximately \$600. *Santa Cruz High School* – Sal Locatelli has donated \$10,000 to the Football Program. Alex Morgan and Debra Alexander have donated \$100 to the Athletics Program and \$100 to the General Fund. *Costanoa High School* – Paul Bellina has donated \$250 which will provide many rewards for a selected student through the annual Brett Gardner Scholarship. **Total value of gifts: \$15,100.**

Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED

PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Elementary Textbooks & Instructional Materials

Open: Board President Wagman opened this Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Director of Curriculum and Assessment James explained that the Instructional Materials are aligned with the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education, and also detailed the process used to come to a consensus regarding this material.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Wagman closed this Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

New Business: Adoption of K-5 Math Instructional Texts and Materials

Ms. Morgenstern introduced this item with commendations to Ms. James and the District Textbook Adoption Team. This instructional material is recommended for district wide adoption in all elementary schools. All teacher pilot materials have been compiled and reviewed by the Office of Curriculum and evaluated in collaboration with the Selection Committee. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 7-0, the Board approved the adoption of the K-5 Math instructional texts and materials. Student Hashimoto voted yes. (Ex. 102)

New Business: 2008-09 First Interim Financial Report

Mr. Moss reported on the First Interim Report for the General Fund; Three-Year Budget Projection; Board Certification of Interim Report; Budget Criteria and Standards; Projected ADA; Cash Flow Projection; First Interim Report for Other Funds. Mr. Moss recommended a Qualified Certification for the Budget, due to projections of less than the required 3% reserve for 2009-10 and 2010-11. As the State Budget will not be approved prior to the deadline for submission of this report, projection adjustments could be made prior to submitting the Second Interim Financial Report in March 2009. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2008-09 First Interim Financial Report. Student Hashimoto voted yes. (Ex. 103)

New Business: 2008-09 Mid-Year Budget Reductions

Superintendent Pagano reported that the November legislative session did not result in an approved State Budget. The Governor has called for an additional legislative session beginning December 1. The Superintendent reported that donated funds and parcel tax funds are not determined by the State budget process. The recommendations are a tangible step toward meeting obligations; however, without an adopted State Budget, it would not be prudent make adjustments beyond these parameters. Following public comments, and Board Members' questions, Ms. Hawthorne recommended approval of Recommendation Options A, B, & C, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. Following additional Board Members' discussions, the Board of Education approved the 2008-09 Mid-Year Budget Reductions 6-0-1. Mr. Maxwell abstained from this vote. Student Hashimoto abstained from this vote. (Ex. 104)

New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for the GSCFT, K-12 Unit, Contract Proposals for the 2009-10 School Year

Ms. Krause reported the 2009-10 Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers K-12 Unit 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. MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the opening of the Sunshine period for the GSCFT K-12 Unit contract proposals for the 2009-10 school year. Student Hashimoto voted yes.

New Business: CSBA Nomination for Delegate Assembly

Superintendent Pagano reported the Board may take action to nominate a Trustee to serve as a member of the CSBA Delegate Assembly 2009-11. Following discussion, no nominations were made and no action was taken by the Trustees.

New Business: Appointment of Personnel Commissioner

Superintendent Pagano reported that both Education Code as well as the Santa Cruz City Schools Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations establish (1) qualifications for membership on the Personnel Commission, (2) who appoints members to the Personnel Commission, and (3) the process and timelines for appointments. Ms. Copeland meets the requirements, and will fill the vacant position as of the February 3, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 7-0, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Christine Copeland as the Board Appointee to the Personnel Commission, effective January 1, 2009. Student Hashimoto voted yes. (Ex. 105)

Information

Superintendent Pagano reported that he will meet with the Executive Search Team on December 18, and will provide an outline with timelines regarding the search for a new Superintendent to the Board of Education in January.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled on January 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Bay View Elementary School, 1231 Bay Street. The Regular Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. will be held at Westlake Elementary School.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken Wagman, President
Board of Education