

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

**February 11, 2009**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

John Collins	Cynthia Hawthorne	Don Maxwell
Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman	

Student Representative Seynhaeve  
Student Representative Hashimoto

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

**Agenda Changes**

None

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Costanoa Grandparent Joan Lowe expressed concern regarding student safety at Costanoa High School, located on the Small Schools campus. Small Schools Principal Curt Coleman thanked the Board Members for hosting one meeting per month at this new location. Principal Coleman publicly thanked the all site and district staff for the exemplary response to the incident at Costanoa High School on Tuesday, February 10. All SCCS Personnel, as well as Emergency Responders and SCPD personnel were professional, caring, and expedient in their work. Costanoa staff and students had a productive assembly today, and safety and security issues were discussed with the school community. Extra security is in place on the Small Schools campus, and measures will be taken to ensure the safety of all school community members. GSCFT President Barry Kirschen asked the Trustees to consider reconvening the Facilities Task Force to discuss what steps might be taken in the facilities area to help relieve the budget situation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deputy Superintendent Tanya Krause welcomed everyone in attendance to the County Office of Education. Ms. Krause reported negotiations with each of the Bargaining Units have been held in anticipation of the revised budget developments for 2009-10 and beyond. Deputy Superintendent Krause recognized the generosity of the Lund family,

Redtree Properties, Ray Borg, and Sal Locatelli for generous contributions to various Santa Cruz City Schools over the last two weeks. Total contributions reported at this meeting are \$15,850. Ms. Krause will be representing the District at the Superintendents' Council and SECA that will meet on Thursday, February 12. Regarding the incident at Costanoa High School – Ms. Krause recognized the expedient work of Principal Curt Coleman and Assistant Principal Lysa Tabachnick along with Ms. Diane Morgenstern, Ms. Eileen Brown, and the Harbor High School Administration Team for the excellent immediate support at the Small Schools campus. The Deputy Superintendent looks forward to working together with all SCCS employee groups to address the State and District budget concerns.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Ken Wagman noted that copies of the brochure being used in the search for a new SCCS Superintendent are on the back table. Mr. Wagman encouraged anyone who might know of a viable candidate to take a brochure. Board President Wagman attended both the Santa Cruz High School PTA meeting and the Santa Cruz High School Open House. Mr. Wagman recognized Principal Karen Edmonds, and Assistant Principals Dick Davis and Kristin Sharp for the great organization of the Open House. The Board President has attended several budget meetings in the last two weeks.

### **Board Members' Reports and Referrals**

Board Member Cynthia Hawthorne had the wonderful opportunity to work as a Parent Greeter at the Santa Cruz High School Open House, and met prospective students and parents from Aptos, Scotts Valley, PCS, Gateway, Georgiana Bruce Kirby, and more. The Wellness Committee will meet on February 12. The Committee will report to the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Hawthorne is confident the students and staff at the Small Schools campus will come together to decide on next steps at the site.

Board Member Claudia Vestal met with Elizabeth Schilling from Live Oak School Family Resource Center to discuss program needs in the mid-county area. Ms. Vestal will meet again to consider Adult School class offerings. Ms. Vestal visited the Small Schools campus, and was very impressed with the programs.

Board Member Don Maxwell attended the February 4 Visual and Performing Arts Professional Development training at Harbor High School. Elementary and Secondary teachers conferred regarding evaluation of student work, and had a rich discussion about various ways to deliver education. There was also discussion regarding program budget reductions.

Board Member John Collins is pleased to meet at the County Office of Education. Mr. Collins has received public correspondence regarding the softball fields at Soquel and Santa Cruz High Schools. Trustee Collins would like a file on the district website to hold correspondence received by the Board Members. Mr. Collins recognized the Harbor High School website for the fine communication tools available to the community. Board Member Collins will attend the Renewable Energy Conference in Monterey on

Friday, March 13. Interested parties can contact Mr. Collins regarding car pooling. Trustee Collins commended all involved for handling the difficult situation at the Small Schools campus very well. This campus is a rich resource for children who learn in special and different ways.

**Student Representatives' Reports**

Ms. Lauren Seynhaeve noted the several teachers were wearing blue ribbons today to show support for the bargaining units during these difficult budget negotiations.

Ms. Kiko Hashimoto reported that, as a Costanoa student, she encourages everyone to remember how great the schools and students at the Small Schools campus are, and not focus on the one negative incident.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 28, 2009, and Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The motion was carried without dissent. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes.

**GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Maxwell moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 125); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 126); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 127); Warrant Register; Notice of Completion (Ex. 128); Change Orders (Ex. 129); Gifts; Investment Report for the Quarter Ending 12/31/08; Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools Districts:

*Branciforte Middle School* – The Lund family has made a donation of \$3,000 to be used to set up the Truella Lund Theater Fund. Redtree Properties of Santa Cruz has donated \$150 to the Truella Lund Theater Fund. *Mission Hill Middle School* – Ray Borg has donated 2 ASL computers, Model Marqui-C100A. This donation is valued at \$200. *Santa Cruz High School* – Sal Locatelli has made the following donations: \$10,000 to the Santa Cruz High School Scholarship Fund to establish a Sons of Italy Scholarship; \$1,500 to the Cardinal Club Snack Shack; \$1,000 to the Swimming Pool Project. **Total value of donations: \$15, 850.** Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Collins – Yes            Hawthorne – Yes            Maxwell – Yes  
Vestal – Yes                            Wagman – Yes

Student Hashimoto – Yes                            Student Seynhaeve – Yes

**Closed Session Action Report**

The Board of Education approved the stipulated expulsion for Student 08-08-09 and Student 09-08-09 through the end of the 2008-09 school year.

The Board heard an update Re: negotiations with GSCFT and SCCCE and provided direction.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED**

**New Business: Classified Management Longevity**

Deputy Superintendent Krause reported that on February 21, 2008, the AMA Officers, representing the “Meet and Confer” Management Group, presented a request for a “remedy” for what has been unequal application of current management salary schedule language regarding longevity, and, most specifically, a request to grant longevity for classified administrators who might be eligible for such longevity. Ms. Krause recommended that the language presented regarding inclusion on the Administrative Salary schedule referencing longevity of District Classified Administrators be approved. Mr. Collins moved approval on the inclusion of the language as presented, but did not receive a “second” for his motion. Following further discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval contingent upon releasing the funds attached to this salary schedule change when the County Office of Education has approved the Santa Cruz City Schools Districts June 2009 Budget, including 3-Year Projections. This approval will trigger the release of both retroactive and future funds. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. This motion was approved without dissent. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes. (Ex. 130)

\*\* At this time, 7:25 p.m., Board Members Dewey Thorsett and Strimling arrived at the Regular Meeting of the SCCS Board of Education.

**New Business: Resolution #10-08-09 (Elementary) and Resolution #11-08-09 (Secondary) Accepting Special Education Behavioral Intervention Plans Mandated Cost Claims Settlement**

Mr. Moss reported the CSBA Education Legal Alliance reached a settlement with the State over Mandated Costs related to Special Education Behavioral Intervention Plans. Regarding additional costs incurred by school districts to provide a higher level of service mandated by State regulations than required by the federal government, funding will become available when: 1) 85% of LEAs adopt resolutions accepting the settlement; 2) the Claimants and the State will receive a Superior Court ruling that the settlement is final and binding; 3) the State includes funding for the settlement in the State Budget. The Governor has included funds for this in his 2009-10 proposed budget. Special Education Director Torp noted that if this settlement does not receive the required certification by LEAs, the funds would be lost and this item would not return to the Legislature for further consideration. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of Resolution #10-08-09 for the Elementary District, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote as follows: (Ex. 131)

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

Student Hashimoto – Yes

Student Seynhaeve – Yes

Mr. Collins moved approval the Resolution #11-08-09 for the Secondary District, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote as follows: (Ex. 132)

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

Student Hashimoto – Yes

Student Seynhaeve – Yes

**New Business: Single Plan for Student Achievement**

Deputy Superintendent Krause thanked the SCCS staff members for the diligent work to establish 2008-09 site goals at each of the elementary, middle, and high schools. Ms. Morgenstern reported the SPSA is annually required plan for those schools that participate in any state or federal program included in the State's Consolidated Application. The Principals asked for time to work with data received in August 2008, and the opportunity to receive input from Site Councils and Staff members regarding how to provide the most available services to students. Ms. Villalobos-Osey reported that the purpose of the site plan is to improve both academic services to students, and the academic performance of students. The District will continue to work closely with sites to ensure alignment with both annual and ongoing district goals.

During discussion, Board Members asked for a future report on outcomes of the work done in conjunction with site goals and plans. Ms. Dewey Thorsett inquired whether the Single Plan Site Binders could be available electronically, and Ms. Villalobos-Osey indicated these documents are linked through the Special Projects Department on the SCCS website.

MSP (Hawthorne/DeweyThorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement for each District elementary, middle, and high school. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes.

**Staff Report: Budget Update**

Deputy Superintendent Krause provided a current budget update and clarified the previous Board action of 1/28/09. Mr. Moss provided the Board of Education the most current information regarding State and Federal determinations, as well as the status of the budget development for Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Moss will bring figures to the BFAC Meeting on February 17 defining how much of the anticipated cost savings of \$900,000 received as a result of the proposed four employee furlough days will be generated by Certificated Personnel, Classified Personnel, and Administrative Personnel. Deputy Superintendent Krause reported that the SCCS Cabinet, in an effort to demonstrate its leadership role, is willing to reduce salaries by 2% through a reduction in calendar work days. Cabinet is willing to participate in this calendar reduction as part of a district-wide effort to address the significant budget crisis.

**New Business: Revised Santa Cruz/San Benito County Schools Insurance Group Workers' Compensation JPA Agreement**

Mr. Moss reported the District has been a member of the SC/SBCSIG JPA for Workers' Compensation Insurance since 1977. The JPA's auditor reviewed the JPA agreement and bylaws and recommended changes. Two thirds of member districts' governing boards must approve the JPA agreement revisions for them to become effective. MSP (Hawthorne/Collins) 7-0, the Trustees approved the revised agreement. Students Hashimoto and Seynhaeve voted yes. (Ex. 133)

**New Business: Revised Southern Peninsula Region Insurance Group JPA Agreement**

Mr. Moss reported SCCS has been a member of the SPRIG JPA for property and liability insurance since 1990. The JPA's auditor has recommended some revisions to the JA agreement and bylaws. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the revised agreement. (Ex. 134)

**Old Business: Superintendent Search Process and Timeline**

Board President Wagman announced that the closing date for applications for the position of SCCS Superintendent is 2/27/09. Interviews are scheduled for March 2009. This report was presented to the Trustees for information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

**Information**

The next Special Meeting of the Board of Education is February 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m., District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, Santa Cruz. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on February 25, 2009, is scheduled at Westlake Elementary School, 6:30 p.m., 1000 High St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Closed Sessions for the Board of Education may take place on:

1. February 17, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. following the BFAC Meeting in Room 312 of the District Office
2. February 24, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. following the BFAC Meeting in Room 312 of the District Office

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Krause, Deputy Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken S. Wagman, President  
Board of Education