

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

May 13, 2009

Convene Open Session

Board President Ken Wagman called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Rachel Dewey Thorsett Cynthia Hawthorne Wendy Strimling
Claudia Vestal Ken Wagman

Student Representative Seynhaeve

Absent: John Collins Don Maxwell

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

SCCCE President Joan Lowe read a statement from Classified Employee Nick LeBarre asking the Trustees to use Federal Stimulus Funds to employ district workers. SCEF Member Suz Howell reported the "Don't Miss This Show" fundraiser at the Rio Theater on May 2 provided \$4000 to benefit the City Schools Music Programs, and the SCCS district student music performance at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium on May 5 raised an additional \$1600. Mission Hill Middle School Parent Amy Spiers invited the Trustees to the Spring Fair on May 19. Classified Employee George Sisson asked the Board Members to reconsider the reduction of the single IT position that provides computer and network support for six district schools. Gault Teacher Robert Ellingsen read a response to a newspaper opinion article regarding the proposed teacher furlough days. GSCFT President Barry Kirschen inquired about layoffs, retirements, and transfer notices. Library Media Teacher Joyce Smith asked the Trustees to consider reinstating hours for the Library Media Assistants when the fiscal situation for the district improves. GSCFT Vice President George Martinez objected to the handling of the Involuntary Transfer process by the District Office, and requested that the Trustees give direction to SCCS Human Resources Department to cease the transfer of employees. Santa Cruz High School Counselors asked for the reinstatement of counseling positions as funding

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becomes available. Soquel High School Humanities Academy Parent Bill Warner asked the Board Members to fund this outstanding program. School Psychologist Sheila Coonerty asked the Trustees to look again to find reductions further away from the classroom. Mission Hill Principal Dona Abrahams-Johnson congratulated the MHMS Math Team on their first place finish in the County Math Contest.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deputy Superintendent Tanya Krause reported Mr. Alan Pagano represented the SCCS Superintendent's Office at the May 5 District Music Performance at the Civic Auditorium. Congratulations to SCCS Delta Charter School for receiving a 3-Year Accreditation from the WASC review team. Deputy Superintendent Krause read correspondence from Superintendent Pagano regarding the Santa Cruz City Schools Athletics Programs budgets for the upcoming year. SCCS is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$20,000 grant for the Food Services Department. The annual CSBA Spring Fling honored SCCS Administrators Alan Pagano, Tim McGuire, and Dan Cavanaugh. Branciforte Middle School Principal Kris Munro was honored as Middle School Principal of the Year, and SCCS Human Resources Department employee Leslie Barrow received the HR Administrator of the Year award. The Deputy Superintendent continues to work on the district budget, negotiations, and needs assessment for Harbor High School, Mission Hill Middle School, and Bay View Elementary.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board President's Report

Board President Wagman offered congratulations to Ms. Krause for receiving the position of ACSA Statewide Human Resources Council. President Wagman attended the May 5 SCCS Music Performance at the Civic Auditorium; and visited the Santa Cruz Art League to view the student work on display.

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Cynthia Hawthorne attended the "Food, What!" Strawberry Blast at UCSC today. This event was a highly successful secondary student event hosted jointly by UCSC, SCCS, Life Lab, "Food, What!" The SCCS RFP for the Universal Breakfast program will be available May 18, and SCCS is eager to offer this meal to K-5 and Branciforte Middle School students in the Fall.

Board Member Rachel Dewey Thorsett attended the May 5 SCCS Music Performance and the Santa Cruz High School production of "Cinderella". Since 85% of the SCCS budget goes toward salary and benefits, it is difficult to make serious budget reductions without looking at positions. Until the State figures out how to stabilize funding and manage finances, the school budgets are in serious trouble. Between September 2008 and the anticipated revenue for September 2009, the District's state revenue for each student will decrease by at least 10%.

Board Member Claudia Vestal attended the "Don't Miss This Show" event and the Monarch Elementary Exit Presentations. Congratulations to Delta Charter School. There are many things to be thankful for at Santa Cruz City Schools.

Board Member Wendy Strimling is grateful for the two Music fundraising events. More than 600 students participated in the Music event at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Ms. Strimling expressed hope that Trustees and staff can pull together and weather the budget crisis together.

Student Representative Report

Student Lauren Seynhaeve reported the Soquel High School Benefit Tea and Silent Auction will provide funds for the 2009-10 school year. Tickets are \$10.

After her report, Ms. Seynhaeve was acknowledged by Ms. Morgenstern for her excellent work throughout the year not only at regular Board meetings but also at BFAC and Board study sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 5-0, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2009 were approved. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Vestal) 5-0. the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April. 22, 2009 were approved. Student Seynhaeve voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated* (Ex. 172); Personnel Actions – *Classified* (ex. 173); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 174); Warrant Register; Notices of Completion (Ex. 175); Gifts; Physical Education Waiver for Santa Cruz High School (Ex. 176); CSA Food Services Consultant (Ex. 177); Resolution #24-08-09 – 2009-10 Cash Flow Loan from County Treasurer (Ex. 178). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following donations to Santa Cruz City Schools: *De Laveaga Elementary* – Iwalani Faulkner has donated various items including a large assortment of office supplies and two CD Rom burners. The total amount of this donation is approximately \$2,696. *Santa Cruz High School* – The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Sunrise has donated \$250 to the Theater Committee in support of this year’s musical production “Cinderella”. *Alternative Family Education* – Allan Dyson and Susan Cooper have donated a new DVD/VHS player valued at approximately \$100. **Total value of gifts: \$3,046.** Ms. Vestal seconded the motion for approval. Deputy Superintendent Krause recognized Principal Cavanaugh for his twenty years of service as the Bay View Principal, and teachers Flora and Ghio for 28 and 38 years of service respectively. These retirements represent a combined total of 79 years of service to Santa Cruz City Schools. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Action Report

The Board voted to expel Student 18-08-09 through the end of the Fall semester of the 2009-10 school year.

The Board voted to expel Student 19-08-09 through the end of the Fall semester of the 2009-10 school year. He will be permitted to attend Harbor HS on a suspended expulsion for the Fall semester 2009 if this student is successful in their COE placement through the end of the 2008-09 school year.

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

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The Board gave direction on the AMA negotiations and an item later on in the Agenda will address this.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Green Schools

An Annual Progress Report for the Committee was presented to the Board of Education. The Committee has served SCCS for two years. This year, the Committee members would like to recognize Mr. Dick Moss and Ms. Lynn Barry for their participation for the district purchases, custodian training classes, and incentives for vendors who provide green products/services. Other significant achievements include: Soquel High School Solar Project; district wide lighting retrofit; collaboration with City of Santa Cruz to support green programs, bike-to-work-and-school program; waste reduction and recycling; and environmental health issues. Board President Wagman and Board Member Hawthorne attended the CSBA Conference in San Diego, and SCCS received State wide recognition for the district programs. The Committee also includes representation by students from the middle and high schools.

Staff Report: Facilities Services Department

John Bramlett, Director of Facility Services, presented this information to the Board of Education. The Facility Services Overview included: Organizational Chart; Work Order System; Work Order Requests; Grounds Department; Mowing/Landscape Maintenance; Irrigation; Field Maintenance; Exterior Facility Maintenance; Pest Control; Operations; Maintenance Department; Office Support Staff; Project Coordinator; Facilities Supervisor; Department Director; Vendor Services; SCCS Planning and Construction Projects; Local, State and Federal Required Safety Inspections and Reporting Responsibilities; Fleet Vehicles and Equipment; Thefts, Losses and Vandalism; Future Facility Needs; and Department Budgets.

Recess: Board President Wagman called for a recess at 8:39 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Wagman reconvened this Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

- Student Seynhaeve did not return to the meeting after recess.

Old Business: Job Description: Senior Management/Nutrition and Food Services

Deputy Superintendent Krause reported that in compliance with the Merit Rules, the Personnel Commission has included employment standards, salary, and recommended changes to the summary and examples of duties. The Board can choose to accept these changes or not. Following discussion, MSP (Hawthorne/Dewey Thorsett) 5-0, the Board approved the 2nd reading of this job description. (Ex. 179)

New Business: Administrative (AMA) ‘Meet and Confer’ Agreement

Principal Curt Coleman reported the AMA has unanimously agreed to a 2% pay reduction with a 5-day reduced calendar beginning on July 1, 2009 – contingent upon the reinstatement of 1.0 FTE secondary site administration (assistant principals at all the secondary schools). The AMA urges district certificated and classified workers to contribute to the well being of students and colleagues by embracing a 2% pay decrease through calendar reduction. Following discussion, MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Hawthorne) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the AMA ‘Meet and Confer’ Agreement.

Old Business: Resolution #23-08-09 Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees for the 2009-10 School Year

Deputy Superintendent Krause reported that the Board adopted a resolution on February 25, 2009 to reduce certificated staff by 40.1 FTE. Res. 23-08-09 will direct final layoff notices to fewer than 29.5 FTE after taking into consideration those positions affected by the side letter agreement, approved retirements, and the reinstated administrators contained in Item 3.4 this evening,. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval, and Ms. Strimling seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 180)

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

New Business: Resolution #25-08-09 To Establish the Week of May 17-23, 2009 as Classified School Employee Recognition Week

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Resolution, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 181)

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

Information

The Regular Meeting on May 27, 2009, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Branciforte Middle School, 315 Poplar St., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting on June 17, 2009 is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Krause, Deputy Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Ken S. Wagman, President
Board of Education