

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

**November 12, 2008**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Gault Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

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**

None

**SITE WELCOME**

Gault Principal Molly Parks welcomed all in attendance to the school, and remarked that since her arrival to this site in August she has enjoyed each opportunity to become better acquainted with staff members, students, and the Gault school community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eight parents, some of whom represented students at SCCS and PCS, and one student from Pacific Collegiate Charter School addressed the Board of Education to urge them to seek a resolution regarding the lease of a facility for the school. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Trustees to remove wireless technology from the district. GSCFT President Kirschen and Soquel High School Teacher Riley asked the Board of Education to read a summary of the changes in the Third Party Administration of the Retirement Funds for district employees, and a proposal for new management of these benefits. Santa Cruz City Schools community members encouraged the PCS Board to submit a more reasonable offer to lease a facility for students, and also encouraged the County Office of Education to demonstrate more leadership and oversight. Delta Charter School

AGENDA ITEM:  
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Principal Mary Gaukel Forster thanked the Trustees for sustained support, and reported that students who had been disengaged from learning have been given an additional opportunity to graduate from high school. Gault parent Suzanne Williams provided the Trustees with a school newspaper, and invited the Board Members to visit and observe the after-school programs offered by the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiatives.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Pagano attended two sessions at Community Public Television to participate in strategic planning discussions concerning how the CTV can support education in Santa Cruz County. The Superintendent has agreed to continue in the position of Chair of the Children's Health Network through February 2009. Mr. Pagano plans to attend a county-wide meeting to discuss efforts to improve the health of children on November 13. The Superintendent will attend the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce awards at the Coconut Grove on November 14. Superintendent Pagano expressed thanks to Ms. Tanya Krause, Asst. Supt. HR, Ms. Diane Morgenstern, Asst. Supt. Ed. Services, and DeLaveaga Principal Ruth Smith for facilitating the Unity Task Force and inviting stakeholders to come together with a unified vision to serve all 630 DeLaveaga students. Superintendent Pagano concluded his report with information regarding the installation of solar panels on the roof of Soquel High School, and the significant actions of Board President Cynthia Hawthorne, Trustee Don Maxwell, and Mr. Dick Moss, Asst. Supt. Business and consultant Carl Peckman to bring this project to fruition. The Superintendent acknowledged community member Bill Maxfield for organizing the media attention to this project.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS**

#### **Board President**

Board President Hawthorne reported that the contracts for the solar panel installation have proceeded in spite of the worsening financial conditions in the state and beyond, and acknowledged Mr. Moss for his diligence to move these projects forward. President Hawthorne and the Wellness Committee acknowledges the leadership of Superintendent Pagano and the Board of Education for support of the link between proper nutrition and academic performance, including the current work of a Food Service consultant assessing district practices

#### **Board Members' Reports or Comments**

Board Member Ken Wagman commented on the excellent Food and Nutrition Program here at Gault Elementary School. Mr. Wagman thanked the community for their support on Election Day. Mr. Wagman attended the Santa Cruz High School PTA Meeting on Monday November 10. The Homecoming Celebration Parade will take place in Downtown Santa Cruz prior to the "Stump" Football Game between Santa Cruz High School and Soquel High School.

Board Member Don Maxwell thoroughly enjoyed being part of the celebration of the solar panels project at Soquel High School, and is looking forward to both the environmental impact and the cost savings associated with these district projects. Mr. Maxwell attended a workshop on Career and Technical Education in California, and the

SCCS VAPA Committee meeting on November 10. Trustee Maxwell concluded by asking for a future report on the employee 403(b) and 457(b) programs.

Board Member John Collins encouraged the Trustees to find a more permanent place for Regular Meetings of the Board of Education. Mr. Collins is pleased to report that free resources are available for the SCCS school community to learn more about technical careers. Trustee Collins noted that he appreciates the different perspectives on the matter of the facility needs of Pacific Collegiate School.

Trustee Wendy Strimling congratulated Mr. Wagman and Mr. Collins on re-election to the SCCS Board of Education. Ms. Strimling offered thanks to all who came to this meeting to address the Trustees. Board Member Strimling requested more information on the changes in the Employment Retirement Funds Management.

Board Member Rachel Dewey Thorsett offered congratulations to Mr. Wagman and Mr. Collins for being elected to serve as Trustees once again. Ms. Dewey Thorsett is aware of the problems with the vendor that handles Employee Retirement Funds, and believes that issues could be resolved by moving to another vendor.\

### **Student Representative Report**

Ms. Hashimoto reported that Small Schools, led by the Costanoa Student Leadership Team, had a “Mock Election”. Older Students were able to answer questions from Monarch students and others regarding the voting processes, as well as the Ballot Propositions and Candidates. The Waste and Recycling Committee will be providing a field trip to the Buena Vista Landfill to help make students aware of eco issues.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSP (Strimling/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 29, 2008. Student Hashimoto voted yes.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 80); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 81); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 82); Warrant Register; Change Orders; Gifts (Ex. 83); Consultant Services Agreements (Ex. 84); Adult School Certificated Personnel Actions & Course Outlines (Ex. 85); Board of Trustee Election Ballot Language. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools Districts: *Santa Cruz High School* – Thomas Burke of Thomas Burke & Others has donated \$1,000 on behalf of his son. *Branciforte Small Schools Campus* – Meghan Thomas, M.D., has donated staff first aid training for emergency response, valued at approximately \$900. **Total value of gifts: \$1,900.** This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

### **Closed Session Action Report**

1. The Board of Education approved the Stipulated Suspended Expulsion of Student 05-08-09 through the end of the 2008-09 school year.
2. The Board received information and will reconvene to continue discussion of the following items in Closed Session scheduled 11/19/08

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

3. The Board received information on the Public Employee Appointment/Employment(Govt. Code § 5495.7), Title: Interim Superintendent

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

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: 2007-08 Tentative Agreement w/GSCFT for Adult Education Teachers & Disclosure of Costs of Agreement**

**Open:** Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Moss reported GSCFT and SCCS have reached a tentative collective bargaining agreement regarding 2007-08 Adult Education teachers. The Board of Education is required under AB1200 to make this agreement available to the public, to publicly disclose costs, and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the agreement prior to approval. Multi-year projections indicate transfers from the General Fund to Adult Education Fund as follows: 2008-09 - \$6,100; 2009-10 - \$69,272; 2010-11 - \$100,742. (Ex. 86)

**Public Comments:** GSCFT President Kirschen remarked that this agreement was a long time in coming, and the union is pleased to finally have a resolution.

**Close:** Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

#### **New Business: Tentative Agreement w/GSCFT Adult Education for the 2007-08 School Year**

Ms. Krause reported to the Trustees, and MSP (Wagman/Collins) 6-0, the Board approved the Agreement with GSCFT and Adult Education for the 2007-08 school year. Student Hashimoto voted yes on this item. (Ex. 87)

**New Business: Parcel Tax Expenditures Recommended by the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee**

Mr. Moss reported the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) met on 10/20/08 to review the 2007-08 expenditures and 2008-09 budgets for parcel tax measures A, B1, B2 and P. PTOC recommends the following expenditures: 1) Designate \$22,080 from the B1 carryover for art supplies for VAPA teachers in 2008-09; 2) Allocate \$15,000 from B1 carryover for Outdoor School for Bay View and Westlake. Approval of these items will reduce the B1 carryover to \$150,257. Superintendent Pagano extended thanks to Janet Swann and Amy Spiers for their continued leadership and work on this committee on behalf of SCCS students. MSP (Wagman/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Expenditures recommended by the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. Student Representative Hashimoto voted yes on this item. (Ex. 88)

**Staff Report: Proposition 39 Charter School Facility Requirements**

Mr. Moss reported on the requirements of Proposition 39 to provide facilities to a charter school. Facilities must be provided to house students that reside within the districts' boundaries if the charter school has more than 80 in-district students. Facilities must be reasonably equivalent – same capacity or loading standards as comparison schools; similar condition of facilities as comparison schools. Capacity is determined by dividing ADA by numbers of classrooms. Capacity is determined for regular as well as specialized classrooms. Access to non-teaching facilities must be provided. Schedules for shared use space must be coordinated between host school and the charter school. Space offered to the charter school must be on the same site unless the District makes a finding as to reasons why contiguous space is not available. The facilities must be furnished and equipped reasonably equivalent to comparison schools. Proposition 39 allows the District to charge the charter school for a pro-rata share of General Funds facilities costs based on the number of square feet that the charter school occupies. This item was presented for information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

**Recess:** Board President Hawthorne called for a short recess at 8:14 p.m.

**Reconvene:** Board President Hawthorne reconvened this Regular Meeting at 8:24 p.m. Student Hashimoto did not return to the Regular Meeting after the recess.

**New Business: New Job Description: Assistant Principal/Elementary**

Ms. Krause reported that at the October 22, 2008 Board Meeting, the Trustees approved the .5 FTE position of Assistant Principal for an elementary school. Prior to recruiting for the position, the Board must approve a job description. This job description is not specific to one site. Following Board questions, Mr. Wagman approved the job description for final reading, and Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion. This motion was approved without dissent. (Ex. 89)

**Staff Report: 2007-08 Year-End-Report on Receipt & Expenditure of Developer Fees**

Mr. Moss reported that the District collects Developer Fees that are assessed on a per square foot basis on new residential and commercial construction within the District. These funds are used to provide school facilities to house and service the growth in student enrollment generated by the new construction. The District must make a public report of the receipt and use of these fees within 180 days of the end of the school year. Included in the report is a 2007-08 year-end report of the Capital Facilities Fund, the fund used to account for the receipt and expenditure of Developer Fees. This report was intended to provide information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

**Staff Report: Status of Solar Projects**

Mr. Moss reported that the District has five solar projects that are in the planning or construction phases. The PPA for Soquel High School is with MP2 Capital Fund. The project has been under construction since September and is expected to be generating power by January 2009. The PPAs for Santa Cruz High School, Branciforte Middle School, Bay View Elementary, and Westlake Elementary are with SolarCity. The PPAs were approved and signed last June. In late September, SolarCity approached the district with PPA revisions proposed by Morgan Stanley, who is financing the projects. After reviewing the proposed amendments with legal counsel, SCCS counter-proposed to these revisions. All counter-proposals were rejected by Morgan Stanley. The Morgan Stanley PPA amendments are not being recommended to the Board for approval. The District Solar Committee is exploring alternative financing options with SolarCity. The renewable energy tax credits due to expire in December 2008 were extended for eight years as part of the federal financial bail-out bill. The District is hopeful that it can get an extension on the PG&E rebates for the projects. This report was presented to the Trustees for information only, and no action was taken.

**Information**

The Board of Education will meet for a Special Closed Session on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Room 312 District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz HS Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., SC.

The Special Study Budget Session scheduled for December 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. in Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on January 14, 2009, will take place at 6:30 p.m. in a location to be determined at a later time.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President  
Board of Education