

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 15, 2008**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Mission Hill Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, 425 King St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Hashimoto

Absent: Student Representative Seynhaeve

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
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

Mission Hill Middle School Principal Dona Abrahams-Johnson welcomed those in attendance, and noted that the posters displayed on the front wall are student acknowledgement of the great academic programs at local elementary schools that prepare students for middle school classes. These poster-sized "Thank You Cards" will be mailed to the sites at the end of the week.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

SCCCE President Joan Lowe reported attendance at a CFT Workshop. Pacific Collegiate School Board President Deepika Shrestha-Ross read a letter to the Trustees calling for an open dialogue between PCS and SCCS to resolve conflicts and find solutions for negotiations regarding a site for the charter school. Gault Principal Molly Parks invited the Board Members and Community Members to the 60th Annual East Side Parade and Carnival. Principal Parks also reported more than 80 Gault students are enrolled in after school enrichment and education classes until 6:00 p.m. on school days. Santa Cruz High School Principal Karen Edmonds assured the community and the Trustees that parent

groups have the right to voice concerns regarding planning and the intentions of the charter school administration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent detailed district and community meetings attended since the last Regular Board Meeting on September 10, 2008. These meetings included: Executive Board of the City of Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce; Children's Health Network; Community Television; Retirement Gathering for SCCCE President Joan Lowe; Schools Services presentation on the new California State Budget; Presentation at Gault Elementary by the Elks Lodge to deliver dictionaries for every grade 3 student in each of the Santa Cruz City Elementary Schools; Annual Celebration of the Small Schools; a visit with incoming SCCS Trustee Claudia Vestal; Without a feasible plan to move the Dos Alas program from DeLaveaga to another location starting with the 2009-10 school year, the program will stay at its current location. Additionally Superintendent Pagano, Ms. Morgenstern and Gault Principal Ruth Smith will establish a committee to examine what steps might be taken in the best interest of all students. At an upcoming Board meeting, the Superintendent will present a report on the extension of student services and staff to accommodate the increasing student population.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President

Board President Cynthia Hawthorne reported the Wellness Committee would resume meeting on a regular basis. A food consultant will evaluate the district programs, and SCCS will collaborate with UCSC also. Small Schools Principal Coleman is leading a Staff Wellness program, and Adult Ed Principal Powers is promoting staff exercise. The Green Schools Committee will hold the first meeting of the year tomorrow night.

Board Members' Reports and/or Referrals

Board Member Ken Wagman commended Branciforte Middle School Principal Munro for the tour of the site and explanation of programs available for students. Mr. Wagman and Ms. Hawthorne will give a presentation at the CSBA meeting.

Board Member Felix Robles attended the Small Schools Celebration, and enjoyed seeing the camaraderie of the students of varying ages. Mr. Robles reminded the Superintendent and other Trustees that a new SCCS representative for the Delta School Board would be needed in December.

Trustee John Collins attended the Soquel/Harbor football game. Mr. Collins asked for a rotation process for Board Member attendance and participation for the various district committees, and also to decide on a permanent space for the Regular Meetings of the Board of Education. Board Member Collins visited the Small Schools campus and Gault Elementary School.

Board Member Wendy Strimling reported the Academic Excellence Task Force would meet on October 27 at Branciforte Middle School. Ms. Strimling would like to discuss

Board Member Committee participation in January 2009, and establish a procedure for rotation and participation.

Board Member Rachel Dewey Thorsett thanked Mission Hill Principal Abrahams Johnson for providing materials for her regarding the Academic Task Force. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended a meeting at UCSC concerning simplifying procedures for Math and Science majors in order to encourage enrollment in these disciplines.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Collins/Strimling) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2008.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

The Board Members had several comments concerning the items contained in the Consent Agenda. Ms. Dewey Thorsett would like to investigate whether future conflict resolution classes could be conducted via in-house instructors. Mr. Moss provided information regarding the Purchase Order for the Certificates of Participation to Trustee Maxwell. Ms. Morgenstern assured Trustee Robles that proper paperwork was in place for the Out-of-State field trip. Ms. Strimling acknowledged the Business Office for the process regarding the RFQ. Mr. Collins was pleased to see the School Resource Officer is in place for Soquel High School. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 50); Warrant Register; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 51); Revised Change Orders (Ex. 52); Notices of Completion (Ex. 53); Gifts; Standards Based Textbooks & Instructional Materials Adoption for Grades 9-12 (Ex. 54); Adult School Certificated Personnel Actions and Course Outlines (Ex. 55); Consultant Services Agreements (Ex. 56); Out-of-State Field Trip for Soquel High School; Resolution #5-08-09 Change of Trustee/Custodian of 403(b) and 457(b) Plans (Ex. 57); Agreement w/Wald, Ruhnke & Dost for Architect Services (Ex. 58); Agreement w/SCC Sheriff to Provide a SRO at Soquel High School (Ex. 59); Award Contract for DSA Inspector of Record; Disposition of Surplus Property (Ex. 60). The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, receipt of the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools: *Mission Hill Middle School* – Omega Nu of Santa Cruz has donated seven teacher grants totaling \$1400; *Alternative Family Education* – Susan Cooper has donated a sheet metal bulletin board valued at approximately \$10. **Total value of gifts: \$1,500.** Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Action Report

1. Student 02: HHS student -expelled to the COE through the end of the 2008-09 school year.
2. Student 03: HHS student -suspended expulsion through the end of the 2008-09 school year. Student to remain at Harbor.

3. Student 04: SCHS student -suspended expulsion through the end of the 2008-09 school year. Student to remain at SCHS
4. The Board heard an update and provided direction to staff Re: Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)
Property: 255 Swift Street Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement
5. The Board took no action and will reconvene this item on 10/22 - Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Session (Govt. Code Section 3549.1(d) Executive session between the public school employer and its designated representative, Alan Pagano, for the purpose of giving direction regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2007-08 – Adult Education

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED

Old Business: Superintendent Search Organization Selection

Superintendent Pagano reported the Board of Education previously heard presentations from two search firms, and tonight the opportunity is provided to take action to hire a firm. MSP (Collins/Robles) 7-0, the Trustees selected Leadership Associates as the search firm for the Superintendent's position at Santa Cruz City Schools. (Ex. 62)

Staff Report: Proposition 39 – Timeline & Calendar

Superintendent Pagano reported that Proposition 39, passed by California voters in 1998, requires school districts to provide facilities for charter schools that timely request them. On February 28, 2008, the Office of Administrative Law approved amendments to regulations that govern how school districts allocate facilities. The regulations are set to be enforceable for the facilities requests received by school districts in the fall of 2008 for the 2009-2010 school year. The Superintendent presented the amended timeline, and explained how these dates might affect the SCCS Board Meetings that are scheduled for the remainder of the 2008-09 Fiscal Year. Mission Hill Middle School student Justin Szasz reported that students can get an excellent education at SCCS, as evidenced by his brother, who graduated from Santa Cruz High School and now attends Harvard College. Dr. Jim Logsdon reported that he has observed PCS for the last 10 years, and has not seen any significant changes in enrollment regarding Minority or Special Education students.

Break: Board President Hawthorne called for a short recess at 7:51 p.m. Student Hashimoto left the meeting at this time.

Reconvene: Board President Hawthorne reconvened this Regular Meeting at 8:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials Fiscal Year 2008-09

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Asst. Supt. Diane Morgenstern introduced Ms. Mary Anne James to report on this item. Ms. James explained that the purpose of this hearing was to determine whether each pupil in the district has or will have sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards. Students have materials consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum frameworks adopted by the California State Board of Education.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 8:04 p.m.

New Business: Resolutions #6-08-09 Elementary Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials and #7-08-09 Secondary Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of Resolution #6-08-09 Elementary Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials, and Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 63)

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

Student Hashimoto – Yes

Mr. Wagman moved approval of Resolution #7-08-09 Secondary Sufficiency of Textbooks & Instructional Materials, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 64)

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

Student Hashimoto – Yes

PUBLIC HEARING: 2008 Academic Performance Index & Adequate Yearly Progress Results

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Asst. Supt. Diane Morgenstern introduced Ms. Mary Anne James to present this information to the Board Members and Members of the Audience. Ms. James reported that the CDE has released the 2008 Academic Performance Index (API) and growth targets for all California public schools. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 mandates an Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) report for all public schools and districts. An analysis of the 2008 Santa Cruz City Schools API and AYP was presented, including implications for Program Improvement schools in both districts. Current district practices to address accountability measures and recommended next steps were reviewed. Additional summative test results and accountability data was provided under separate cover.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for SCCCE Contract Proposals for the 2008-09 School Year

Superintendent Pagano reported that these contract proposals are submitted for “Sunshining” in accordance with the Employees Relations Act for public notice of

contract proposals before official negotiations may begin. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board Members approved the opening of the Sunshine period for the SCCCE contract proposals for the 2008-09 school year.

New Business: 2008-09 Budget Development Calendar for the 2009-10 Budget

Mr. Moss presented two versions of the 2008-09 Budget Development Calendar to help the Trustees choose a calendar for the 2009-10 school year. Following Board Members' comments, questions, and discussion - and input from various staff members and administrators present at this Regular Meeting – Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the 2008-09 Budget Development Calendar for the 2009-10 Budget, Option A, with Amendments to move the ZBB Budgets for Grade-Level Groups and Ed Services from January to February 2009. Mr. Wagman seconded the motion, with a friendly amendment to consider a possible second Regular Meeting of the Board of Education in February 2009. The motion was approved with a vote of 6-0-1, and Mr. Collins abstained from this vote.

New Business: MOU w/SC Community Counseling Center for Head Start Facilities at Natural Bridges and the Small Schools Campus

MSP (Wagman/Collins) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the MOU w/SC Community Counseling Center for Head Start Facilities at Natural Bridges and the Small Schools Campus. (Ex. 65)

Old Business: Resolution #8-08-09 Authorizing the Sale of a Portable Building

Mr. Moss reported this Resolution will approve the sale of portable #4 at Bay View School to Campus Kids Connection (CKC) for \$35,000. The portable will remain at Bay View for exclusive use by CKC. CKC has received a grant to purchase the building. The Resolution, Sales Agreement, and Bill of Sale were drafted by the District Legal Counsel. GSCFT President Kirschen expressed concern that the portable is still needed by the district, and that due to lack of space, classes previously held in this portable had to be moved to the Live Oak School District. Ms. Dewey Thorsett acknowledged that overcrowding at the elementary sites is the real issue here. Competing needs in the district are difficult, but the needs at the elementary sites preclude others. Ms. Strimling moved approval of this Resolution, and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded this motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows: (Ex. 66)

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes
Maxwell – Abstain Robles – Yes Strimling – Yes Wagman – Yes

Information

The Board of Trustees will hold a Special Closed Session Meeting on October 22, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m., DeLaveaga Elementary School, 1145 Morrissey Blvd., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting on November 12, 2008, is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at Gault Elementary, 1320 Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education