

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

October 29, 2008

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the DeLaveaga Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 1145 Morrissey Blvd., Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Seynhaeve

Absent: Student Representative Hashimoto

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

DeLaveaga Principal Ruth Smith reported on the committed and creative staff at the school site, the strong parent support, and the diligent collaboration of the Site Council and the DLAC team. Principal Smith is very pleased to be at DeLaveaga Elementary School.

Comments from Assembly Member John Laird

Assemblymember. John Laird provided an update to the Board of Education and the School Community regarding this year's budget process. In spite of the fact that a budget was passed 85 days after the deadline, legislators will return to work for a special session beginning November 5th to continue to work on the budget problems. Mr. Laird concluded his report with the comment that the New Legislature that begins on December 1st might be more flexible.

Superintendent Pagano acknowledged Mr. Laird for the tremendous gift his tireless dedication to public schools has been for students, especially those in this district, and presented the Assemblyman with a card and some tokens of appreciation.

Parent Kathy Ferraro also thanked Mr. Laird for working to ensure student safety to and from school with the installation of the new stop sign at the Morrissey Blvd. freeway exit from Highway 1.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

PCS School Board President Shrestha-Ross invited Superintendent Pagano and the Board of Education to accept the invitation from County Superintendent Michael Watkins to return to negotiations with PCS. Branciforte Parent Mr. Hernandez extended an invitation for all the community to attend the Tamalada on November 7 for a wonderful time of music and food. PCS Teacher Tara Firenzi read from her letter sent to the SCCS Board Members regarding the inclusion of special needs students and support programs available at PCS. Several PCS parents spoke regarding student experiences at PCS and to encourage discussion between the District and the Charter School. A DeLaveaga Dos Alas parent reported that parents and staff members have resumed the long-term planning committee to help establish what would best suit this program in terms of facility in the future.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pagano reported on activities since the October 15th Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Meeting; Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting; Special Closed Session of the SCCS Board of Education on October 22; Business Luncheon sponsored by the "Your Future is our Success" Technical Pathways to Success Program; SCCS Administration Leadership Team luncheon hosted by the UCSC Farming Program; Public Television Meeting; DLAC Meeting; and a meeting with Delta Charter School Board President and Delta Principal.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND REFERRALS

Board President

President Cynthia Hawthorne reported attending the Harvest Festival, a partnership between UCSC and the SCCS Wellness Committee to introduce food information to students. The La Familia Center is reaching out to offer help to community members with a new "credit card" that can be used at the local Farmers' Markets.

Board Members' Reports and/or Referrals

Board Member Felix Robles reported his involvement in setting transition to his new projects, which will focus on individual mentoring and help for students.

Trustee Ken Wagman reported attending the Wellness Committee Meeting and the Green Schools Committee Meeting. Mr. Wagman thanked members of the community for their input and emails. Board Member Wagman reported that former Student Representative Rebecca Clark is a National Merit Scholar Candidate.

Board Member Wendy Strimling reported attending a very productive meeting of the Academic Excellence Task Force.

Trustee Rachel Dewey Thorsett reported a subgroup of the Academic Excellence Task Force hopes to publish information in January 2009 for parents explaining the programs and opportunities available for students at the middle schools in Santa Cruz. Board Member Dewey Thorsett attended the PCS Facilities Forum last week, and the PCS Finance Committee meeting last night.

Student Representative Report

Student Lauren Seynhaeve reported “Pink Day” at Soquel High School today – an organized day to support breast cancer awareness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Collins/Robles) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2008. Student Seynhaeve voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated (Ex. 67); Personnel Actions – Classified (Ex. 68); Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids (Ex. 69); Warrant Register; Change Orders (Ex. 70); Notices of Completion (Ex. 71); Gifts; Williams Quarterly Report (Ex. 72); Consultant Services Agreement – Special Education (Ex. 73); Agreement w/SC Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women (Ex. 74); 1st Quarterly Investment Report; Personnel Commissioner Appointment (Ex. 75); Actuals vs. Budget Report (Ex. 76); Budget Transfers; Carl Perkins Grant Application. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to the Santa Cruz City Schools District: *Santa Cruz High School* – Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County’s Bright Horizons Fund donated \$10,000 to the “Make Your Dollars County” campaign. **Total value of gifts: \$10,000.00.** Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Action Report

1. The Board received information on a TA - 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
2. The Board okayed the transmission of a letter from our legal counsel to the PCS legal counsel regarding the real property negotiations for 255 Swift Street. In addition, the Board gave direction to the Superintendent to respond to COE Superintendent Watkins regarding the letter delivered to the Board at public comment before our October 22, 2008 Closed Session meeting.

3. The Board heard an update and provided direction to staff Re:
Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8)
Property: 2931 Mission Street - Under Negotiation: Lease Agreement
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ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Old Business: DeLaveaga Elementary School – Enrollment and Capacity

Superintendent Pagano updated the audience regarding elementary capacity and the impact on the Two Way Program for 2008-09 and 2009-10, and also the Unity Task Force for DeLaveaga Elementary School. Ms. Krause provided information on the seven positions approved prior to the start of the school year to provide additional site support. Mr. Pagano asked the Board Members to approve the recommendation for a .5 FTE Assistant Principal for DeLaveaga Elementary School.

Following Public and Board Members comments and questions, MSP (Collins/Wagman) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation for a .5 FTE Assistant Principal for DeLaveaga Elementary School. Student Seynhaeve voted yes. (Ex. 77)

New Business: Request for Funding of Bike Path

Mr. Moss reported that DeLaveaga Parents and the City of Santa Cruz have been collaborating on a Safe Routes to School project in this neighborhood. The parents are requesting District funding to install an asphalt bike path, from the back gate to the school at the intersection of Allerton Street and South Park Avenue, to the asphalt play area. The proposal from A&C Construction bids the project for \$28,200. Elementary RDA funds could be used for the project. Mr. Robles moved approval, and Ms. Strimling seconded the motion. Mr. Collins proposed a friendly amendment to allow for an alternate surface material for the project. The amendment was not accepted by the motion makers, and did not receive a second. The original motion by Mr. Robles and Ms. Strimling was approved without dissent. (Ex. 78)

New Business: Revision – P3410 – Revolving Cash Fund

Mr. Moss asked the Board of Education to approve revised Board Policy 3410 – Revolving Cash Fund – last revised in 1982. The proposed change would adjust the fund balance from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and not designate a balance by Elementary and High School District. Inflation in costs over the last 26 years causes the need to revise the fund balance. There is no fiscal impact from this change. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 6-0, the Board approved the revised Board Policy 3410 – Revolving Cash Fund. (Ex. 79)

Staff Report: CBEDS

Mr. Moss delivered the CBEDS information collected on October 1 to the Board of Education. K-5 enrollment increased by 34 students (1.7%) in 2008-09. 6-8 enrollment decreased by 5 students (.5%) in 2008-09. 9-12 enrollment declined by 77 students (2.3%) in 2008-09. Small Schools enrollment increased by 3 students (.7%). Overall, the

District declined by 45 students, or .7% from 2007-08. Total enrollment has declined 1,769 (20.59%) over the last nine years, for an average decline of 2.5% per year.

Staff Report: Summer School Report

Ms. Morgenstern delivered the report on the secondary summer school program for 2008, which was held at the Small Schools site. The program was designed for middle and high school students who needed additional academic opportunities. The focus this year was high pass rates, positive behavior, and timely attendance. The report featured information on Curriculum, Special Day Class, GATE, ELD, and Successes and Recommendations. Elementary Summer School Principal Mary Ann Robb delivered the report on the elementary summer school program for 2008. Three programs (Remediation Instruction for 1st through 5th graders, Extended School Year for 3 Special Day Classes, and a GATE class) were provided concurrently, and the CELDT was administered to more than 200 students during the summer session. The Board Members asked questions regarding Elementary Summer School recommendations. Ms. Dewey Thorsett suggested that an update for the Board could be provided in the spring to advise of scheduled activities for the upcoming summer session.

Information

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 10, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at the District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Rd., Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Pagano, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education