

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
March 3, 2010**

Convene Open Session

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cynthia Hawthorne	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman
John Collins	Don Maxwell	Wendy Strimling	

Student Representative Medeiros
Student Representative Morris

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Diane Morgenstern, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Dewey Thorsett welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Special Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Mr. Wagman requested that a new item, Resolution 28-09-10 In Support of the March 4, 2010 Day of Action for Schools, be added to the Agenda and presented immediately after the Closed Session Action Report. This action was approved by the Board Members 7-0

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells announced that nominations for the 2010 Eddy Awards are now open, and nominations can be accepted via mail or online. Ms. Howells invited all community members to the District Music Program fundraiser at the Rio Theater on March 20.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Hawthorne/Wagman) 4-0-3, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 2010. Due to non-attendance, Board Members Hawthorne, Vestal, and Strimling abstained from this vote, as well as Students Morris and Medeiros.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

None

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. The Board of Education received an update from and provided direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2010-11.
2. The Board of Education received an update from and provided direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT Adult Education for 2009-10.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and provided direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education approved as recommended Certificated Leaves of Absence, Resignations and Retirements.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Resolution 28-09-10 In Support of the March 4, 2010 Day of Action for Schools

Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Resolution, and also detailed some of devastation experienced in the California public school system resulting from the more than \$17 billion in state budget cuts over the last two years. Mr. Maxwell 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	Strimling – Yes	Vestal – Yes
		Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

Superintendent’s Message

Superintendent Bloom reported to the Board Members, Staff Members, and Members of the Audience regarding the eight resolutions affecting certificated staff about to come before the Trustees for consideration. The Superintendent noted that these preliminary actions are unavoidable at this time, and it is the goal of Santa Cruz City Schools to avoid layoffs; however, maximum flexibility for the district is essential. These are valued people, valued positions, and valued programs.

New Business: Resolution 19-09-10 Determination of K-12 District Needs for 2010-11

Ms. Krause introduced this item to determine District needs in order to deviate from terminating certificated employees in order of seniority. Mr. Wagman moved approval, and Ms. Hawthorne 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	Strimling – Yes	Vestal – Yes
		Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 20-09-10 Notice of Intent to Dismiss K-12 Certificated Employees for 2010-11

Ms. Krause introduced this item to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of service for the 2010-11 school year. Following discussion among Board Members and public comments, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Ms. Vestal 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 Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 21-09-10 Determination of Tie Breaking Criteria for K-12 in 2010-11

Ms. Krause introduced the resolution, which is required to determine the District needs should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same day. Following discussion, Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Ms. Vestal 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 Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 22-09-10 Notice to Release or Reassign District Administrators for 2010-11

Ms. Krause reported pursuant to Education Code Section 44951, 2.2 FTE members of the Santa Cruz City Schools administration will receive notice of release from present positions. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Ms. Strimling 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 Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 23-09-10 In the Matter of Releasing K-12 Temporary Certificated Employees for 2010-11

Ms. Krause reported that many Certificated Temporary Employees are either STRS Retirees or are employed as placeholders for regular employees who are currently on approved leaves. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval, and Mr. Maxwell 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 Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 24-09-10 Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Adult Education Employees for 2010-11

Ms. Krause reported this resolution to dismiss Certificated Adult Education Employees for the 2010-11 school year allows for maximum flexibility at a later date when restorations are considered. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Wagman moved approval with amendments: (1) Following the second paragraph of the Resolution, the addition of: Whereas, it is the intent of the Board of Education to maintain a viable Adult Education Program that can be expanded when funding is restored; (2) Regarding Exhibit “A” – the word “eliminate” will be replaced

with “discontinue” in the exhibit. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the amended resolution, and Mr. Collins seconded this motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – No
Maxwell – Yes Strimling – Yes Vestal – No Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes

Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 25-09-10 Determination of Tie-Breaking Criteria for Adult Education for 2010-11

Ms. Krause introduced the resolution, which is required to determine the District needs should it become necessary to establish the seniority of employees who first rendered paid service to the District on the same day. Mr. Collins moved approval, and 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
Maxwell – Yes Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes

Student Morris – Yes

New Business: Resolution 26-09-10 In the Matter of Releasing Temporary Certificated Adult Education Employees for 2010-11

Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Maxwell 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 Strimling – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Student Medeiros – Yes

Student Morris – Yes

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is March 10, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting scheduled on March 24, 2010, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting scheduled for April 14, 2010 has been cancelled. The first Regular Meeting in April will be April 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Special Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President
Board of Education