

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 12, 2010**

Convene Open Session

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

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representative Medeiros
Student Representative Morris

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

Donation Acknowledgment

Superintendent Bloom was pleased to introduce this presentation to Bruce and Mary McPherson. SCCS Athletic Directors Steve Kopald, Stu Walters, and Erik Redding accepted on behalf of our three comprehensive high schools the very generous athletic scholarship money the McPhersons have donated through the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz. Bruce reported that he and Mary appreciate the difficult fiscal situation of our schools at this time, and are very pleased to donate \$25,000 on behalf our their late son, Hunter McPherson, a former Harbor High School basketball and baseball player, to provide financial assistance for students who might not otherwise be able to participate in SCCS “donate to play” athletic programs at the high schools. The McPhersons were presented with a basketball signed by the Athletic Directors, the Superintendent, and the Trustees.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Fe Silva-Robles, Olivia Fuentes, and Branciforte Middle School Principal Munro invited everyone to the Oaxacan Celebration, Guelaguetza in Santa Cruz, on May 23, 2010 at Harbor High School. Parents Miriam Greenberg, Shelley Stamp, Bill Spencer, and Kathy Griffith asked the Trustees to consider all possibilities to retain the elementary school Library Media Teachers

and Library Media Assistants. Santa Cruz City Council Member Tony Madrigal announced a quarterly joint SCCS/SC City Council meeting, and invited SCCS Board and Cabinet Members to attend an upcoming meeting to hear community concerns regarding immigration authorities and the police department. Gault LMT Barbara Lawrence thanked Board President Dewey Thorsett for the many donated books for students at Gault Elementary. Harbor High student Hannah Golden reported that the Fair Trade Club has helped this site purchase PE clothes only from companies that do not exploit workers in other countries, and will expand this practice for all athletic uniforms and other school apparel items. Ms. Golden will work with Superintendent Bloom and Student Representatives Medeiros and Morris to bring a resolution to the Board Members in support of all district sites purchasing apparel only from Fair Trade companies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom wished to publicly apologize to Bay View teacher Beth Landry for a misstatement at the Regular Meeting on April 28. With the exception of the one-school districts in Santa Cruz County, every school district, including Santa Cruz City Schools, does have some form of Binding Arbitration in place.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Dewey Thorsett was pleased that the books for Gault were well received. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended a festival with the Mission Hill Choir on Saturday. On one hand, it is great to be part of a school district that can still participate in such endeavors; on the other hand, very few public schools can do so. Board President Dewey Thorsett expressed gratitude for the community groups who fundraise tirelessly for SCCS.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Collins thanked Bruce McPherson for the athletics scholarship, and Tony Madrigal for extending an invitation to the community meeting. The Trustees received a letter from the COE indicating SCCS is very close to receiving a Negative Budget Certification, and it may be difficult to submit an approvable budget for 2011-12. Mr. Collins thanked Harbor High School student Hannah Golden for bringing the Fair Trade Club to SCCS.

Board Member Maxwell participated in a 12-minute Community Television program segment with Scotts Valley USD Trustee Jondi Gumz to discuss the duties and role of Board Members in public education. Mr. Maxwell encouraged everyone to see the Student Art Show at the Santa Cruz County Art League.

Board Member Vestal reported that SCCS Delta Charter School is participating for the first time in the Student Art Show at the SC Art League. Ms. Vestal attended the final meeting of the year for the Wellness Committee last week, where the year-in-review was reported.

Board Member Hawthorne attended the 3rd annual Strawberry Blast at the UCSC Farm and Garden today. Approximately 300 SCCS students were in attendance. A report from Food Services will be presented at the Regular Meeting on May 26, 2010.

Board Member Wagman reported that he, Board Members Hawthorne and Dewey Thorsett, and Superintendent Bloom attended a County School Board Meeting. The County passed a resolution similar to SCCS Resolution 29-09-10 to Demand Adequate Funding for Public Education. Mr. Wagman attended a Monarch School grade 5 Student Exit Interview and the Branciforte Middle School Carnival.

Board Member Strimling would like to see the Fair Trade issue on a future agenda for Board discussion. Ms. Strimling would like to have a short report on the AP classes at a future meeting. Trustee Strimling would like the district to provide information on how much money would be needed to employ 2 elementary LMTs.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Medeiros reported he had met with Hannah Golden and Teacher Advisor Jeremy Shonick regarding the Fair Trade Club.

Student Representative Nick Morris presented a video he had made to showcase the Food Services Department at Santa Cruz City Schools – “Driving Food Forward”. It was very well received by those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Collins moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2010, and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0. Student Morris voted yes, and Student Medeiros abstained due to absence from the meeting.

Mr. Wagman moved approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2010, and Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-1, as Mr. Maxwell abstained from the vote due to absence from the meeting. Student Medeiros voted yes, and Student Morris abstained due to absence from the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wagman asked to pull Item 1.8, 2nd Reading and Adoption of Board Policies for a separate discussion. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the remaining seven items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – Certificated; Personnel Actions – Classified; Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids; Warrant Register Batch Numbers 197-200; Ratification of 2010-11 CIF/CCS Representatives; Bid-Demolition of SCHS Pool; 3rd Quarter Investment Report. Ms. Vestal seconded this motion. The motion was approved 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

2nd Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

Mr. Wagman suggested an edit to Board Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials. Under “Agenda Preparation”, paragraph 2, sentence 3, replace the words “one week” with the words “twelve days”. Also, in the same paragraph, delete sentence 4. These changes were approved by the Trustees. Following this discussion, MSP (Wagman/Hawthorne) 7-0, the Board approved the Adoption of: BB9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials; BB9323 Meeting Conduct; BP1112 Media Relations. Students Medeiros and Morris voted yes.

Closed Session Action Report

Board Members received information from COE Superintendent Michael Watkins, COE Associate Superintendent of Business Services Mary Hart, and SCCCE President Robert Chacanaca during Public Communications for the Closed Session.

1. The Board approved Expulsion 27-09-10 with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 for 2010-11.
3. The Board received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT Adult Education for 2010-11.
4. The Board received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2009-10.
5. The Board approved the Certificated Leaves, Resignations, and Retirements as recommended with a vote of 7-0.
6. The Board gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with PCS for the property at 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Board approved the Negotiation with Unrepresented Employee Purchasing Manager with a vote of 7-0.
8. The Evaluation of the Superintendent is ongoing.

Ms. Hawthorne reported the Trustees accepted the resignation of Tanya Krause, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. Ms. Krause has worked in the district since 1997 and has provided services ranging from Counselor to Deputy Superintendent.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: 2010-11 Addenda for Management Supervisory Contracts

New Business: 2010-11 Addenda for Assistant Superintendents’ Contracts

New Business: 2010-11 Addendum for Superintendent’s Contract

The Superintendent introduced Items 3.1, 2010-11 Addenda for Management Supervisory Contracts; 3.2, Addenda for Assistant Superintendents’ Contracts; 3.3, Addendum for Superintendent’s Contract. These items represent the 9 day work calendar and accompanying salary reduction for Santa Cruz City Schools Management. Mr. Bloom acknowledged all members of the Management team for voluntarily taking a 4% reduction without consideration or ties to any other items, and also acknowledged and thanked the Trustees for the consistent expressions of gratitude to the Management team for taking this action. Mr. Wagman moved to approve all three items with one vote, and Ms. Hawthorne seconded this motion. The Trustees approved all three items with a vote of 7-0. Students Medeiros and Morris voted yes.

New Business: Resolution 34-09-10 Ordering Election, and Requesting Consolidation of Election and Specifications of the Election Order

Superintendent Bloom reported this Resolution was necessary to meet the requirements for the Board of Trustee election on November 2, 2010, and recommended approval. Mr. Wagman moved approval and Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The motion was approved 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

Old Business: Revised Certificated Layoffs Sideletter for Adult Education

Ms. Krause reported the revision to the previously approved Sideletter was in regards to a requested change from teachers in Item 1. Ms. Krause recommended approval. MSP (Wagman/Collins) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Revised Certificated Layoffs Sideletter for Adult Education. Students Medeiros and Morris voted yes.

Information

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 26, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz. The meeting scheduled for June 16, 2010 will be held at the District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Dewey Thorsett adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Rachel Dewey Thorsett, President
Board of Education