

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STUDY SESSION OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY
SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 21, 2009**

Convene Open Session

Board President Wagman called this Special Study Session to order at 6:36 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: John Collins

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

Welcome and Format

Board President Wagman welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Curriculum and Assessment Director James acknowledged the diligent efforts of SCCS Art Teachers for the wonderful display of student art works, and reported that providing venues for student art is one of the SCCS district goals.

STUDY SESSION REPORTS

Special Education: Review of Consultant Report and Action Plan

Special Education Co-Directors Torp and Seibel and Program Specialist Gladstone provided the Board Members with an update on the district requested audit of this program, and the plans for moving forward with efficiencies that will provide costs savings to the General Fund. Topics included recent program changes, program enrollment information, and current roadblocks to continued progress. Audit information, including SIA report recommendations, and an action plan outlining the department response to recommendations was also presented. Public comments and questions, and comments and questions from the Board Members were invited. As this item was scheduled for information and review only, no actions were taken by the Board of Education.

Food Services: Review of Current Program Status and Implementation

Mr. Meza provided information regarding the Food Services Fund, and projected revenues and expenditures in 2009-10 and 2010-11. The fiscal impact of continuing the current average weekly operating loss was provided. Food Services Manager Smith detailed current menu offerings and service contracts, as well as different scenarios for the transition to fresh, healthy, sustainable food prepared from scratch by district employees using locally purchased items. Public comments, as well as questions and comments from the Trustees were included in this discussion. As this item was for review of information only, no actions were taken by the Board of Education. Mr. Bloom clarified that action items may be brought to the Board at the 10/28/09 Regular Board meeting.

Information

The next Regular Meeting for the Board of Education is scheduled on October 28, 2009, 6:30 p.m., Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

The Regular Meeting scheduled on November 18, 2009, will be held at 6:30 p.m., in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Wagman adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken S. Wagman, President
Board of Education

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools