

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 27, 2011**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

John Collins	Rachel Dewey Thorsett	Cynthia Hawthorne	Deborah Tracy-Proulx
Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman	

Absent: Student Representative Nicole David Student Representative Yazmin Lopez

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Kris Munro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational 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 Change

Mr. Wagman noted that the audience this evening included a considerable number of students who would participate in presentations to the Trustees. To ensure that the children return home at a reasonable hour on a school night, Mr. Wagman suggested moving Item VII.3.4 Staff Report on Migrant Services to precede Item VII.3.1 Green Schools Committee Annual Report. The Board Members approved this change in the order of items presented.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Suz Howells reported that the foundation has received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Youth Fund to offset costs and increase numbers of students and mentors for the AVID program. Teacher Jenny Nixon invited the Trustees and District Staff to the 8th Grade AVID celebration at Mission Hill Middle School on Thursday, May 12th, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Mike Lloyd, resident and taxpayer in the city of Soquel, reported to the Board of Education about litigation he has filed against the County and City of Santa Cruz regarding the use of funds for redevelopment projects. Mr. Lloyd asked for the support of SCCS in his case. Dr. Jim Logsdon reported that former SCCS Student Board Representative Heidi Brockman has graduated from WestPoint and Major Brockman will receive her PhD from Harvard University this spring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bloom reported a "Work Day" on Saturday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at DeLaveaga Elementary School. The event is sponsored by Comcast, Inc., and all volunteers are welcome. A luncheon honoring Art Pearl, former 12-year SCCS Trustee, will be held on Friday, April 29, 12:00 p.m., at UCSC. Banners have been delivered to Harbor and Santa Cruz High Schools honoring their recognition as California Distinguished Schools, and CDS lapel pins have been distributed to the Trustees this evening. The first community conversation regarding creating a college-going culture in Santa Cruz City Schools took place on April 26th at Branciforte Middle School. It was a great conversation and community members provided valuable input. The Superintendent thanked SCEF President Howells for the work of the foundation on behalf of our AVID students and program. Superintendent Bloom anticipates two \$10,000.00 grants to support the online learning program in the near future.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

In the interest of ensuring that the children participating in presentations to the Trustees this evening return home at a reasonable hour, Board President Hawthorne deferred her report.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

In the interest of ensuring that the children participating in presentations to the Trustees this evening return home at a reasonable hour, the Board Members deferred their reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Trujillo/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2011.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Gifts. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, receipt of the following items donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Soquel High School* – Mr. Mark Bidelman donated \$1,506.50 to Soquel High School. Ms. Vestal seconded this motion, and the motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Trujillo – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the recommended Certificated Leaves, Retirements, Resignations, and Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education did not receive an update regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 Unit for 2011-12.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE bargaining unit for 2010-11.
4. The Board of Education discussed the Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the Superintendent.
5. The Board of Education approved the Public Employee Appointment/Employment for Branciforte Small Schools Assistant Principal, and is pleased to announce the appointment of Jenny Russell to this position.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Migrant Services

Speakers Patty Switzer, Margaret Rosa, and Veronica Cabrera reported to the Trustees on the Migrant Education Program (MEP). The qualifications, objectives and instructional components for the Home-Based Preschool program were presented, as well as information on Parent education, involvement and workshops, Portable Assisted Study Sequence (PASS), Out-of-School Youth (OSY), Summer Programs, and Health Services. Several students from the program brought art work describing their participation. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Green Schools Committee Annual Report/Solar Savings

Green Schools Committee Members and SCCS Teachers Stacey Falls and Helayne Ballaban reported to the Board of Education. The committee objectives, climate compact agreement, green purchasing policies, financial rewards of the solar panels for Santa Cruz and Soquel high schools, curriculum for 2011-12, and future projects were presented. A Representative from the Ecology Action Group, Gault Elementary Principal Parks, Gault parent Isabelle Tuncer, and the Gault students who received the 1st place award at the 2011 Earth Day Festival displayed their charts and graphs explaining the effectiveness of the Boltage program at Gault School. The system encourages students to walk or bike to school safely, measures savings in greenhouse gases, and allows students to track their personal environmental impact. Boltage is slated for installation at DeLaveaga School in 2011-12. The leadership of Trustee Wagman was acknowledged as essential for this committee since its inception in 2007-08. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Resolution 29-10-11 Green Business Certification

This resolution acknowledges the work of SCCS to achieve positive environmental changes, altered purchasing policies, the practice of teaching students to be stewards of the earth and its resources, and the resolve of SCCS to achieve the status of Green Business Certification for all school sites in the district. Mr. Trujillo moved approval of the resolution 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 Trujillo – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Staff Report: Budget Update

Superintendent Bloom reported the final actions on the State budget for 2011-12 could be months away. It is difficult to predict how the budget will evolve. The Trustees have been careful stewards of our funds, and staff, parents and students are focused on students and learning. The next information from the State will be communicated via the May Revise. A meeting of the organization “California Forward” will take place in Santa Cruz on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. On May 24th, Educate our State will host a state-wide campaign called “Awake the State”. On April 29th, folks will be participating in a walking campaign to let people know if their local state representative/legislator is actively supporting students and education. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

Staff Report: Facilities Master Plan Update

Superintendent Bloom reported that the Facilities Master Plan 2020, completed earlier this year, identified over \$10 million in projects to be completed over a ten-year period. The Board received information detailing projects being considered for completion during this summer. These projects will be funded by

Redevelopment Funds, Capital Facilities Funds, and Deferred Maintenance Funds. This report was informational only and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

New Business: Resolution 28-10-11 Seal of Biliteracy

Curriculum Director James reported that the Biliteracy Committee recommends approval of the resolution. Soquel High School teacher Roxana Jimenez, DeLaveaga Elementary teacher Adriana Lugo, DeLaveaga School Principal Ruth Smith, and Santa Cruz High School Counselor Terry Virostko presented information to the Trustees. The biliteracy award can be obtained at the end of grades 5 & 8, and biliteracy seal will be adhered to the high school diploma at the end of grade 12. Requirements for the recognition increase at each grade level. The first awards for fifth graders will be given in June 2011. In the fall of 2011, criteria for the award in grade 8 and the diploma seal in grade 12 will be presented to students in world language courses. In the winter of 2011 applications for recognition will be available to students. In the spring of 2012, awards will be given to students in grades 5, 8, and 12. The biliteracy seal will provide universities with a method to recognize & give credit to applicants, provide employers with a way to identify people with biliteracy skills, & affirm the value of multiple cultures. Mr. Collins moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Trujillo – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

New Business: Opening of Sunshine Period for the SCCCE and Contract Proposals for the 2010-11 Year

Assistant Superintendent Hendricks recommended approval of the SCCCE Local 6084 contract proposals to Santa Cruz City Schools for “Sunshining” as submitted. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCCE contract proposals for “Sunshining”.

New Business: Resolution 27-10-11 Reduction of Classified Services

Assistant Superintendent Hendricks reported that the affected positions lack secure funding for 2011-12, and recommended the Trustees to approve the reductions as submitted. Following discussion and public comments, Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Collins – Yes Dewey Thorsett – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Trujillo – No
Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Information

1. The Regular Meeting on May 25, 2011, will be held at 6:30 p.m., County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on June 15, 2011, will be held at 6:30 p.m., District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned the Open Session of this Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education