

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
December 8, 2010**

Convene Open Session

Board President Dewey Thorsett called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, 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 Rachael Quintero, Student Representative Nicole David

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Alvaro Meza, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Kris Munro, 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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Rick Linzer, Director, Young Performers Showcase, along with Santa Cruz Educational Foundation Board Members Suz Howells, Bill Maxfield, Isabelle Tuncer and Janet Swann presented a check in the amount of \$13,000 to Santa Cruz City Schools. These funds were raised at the March 2010 Showcase, which took place at the Rio Theater in Santa Cruz. Board and Community Members were invited to a performance by middle and high school bands at Santa Cruz High School on December 15th and to the next Young Performers Showcase on April 9, 2011.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

Oath of Office

County Office of Education Superintendent Michael Watkins provided the Oath of Office for returning Trustees Rachel Dewey Thorsett and Cynthia Hawthorne, and new Trustees Deborah Tracy-Proulx and Steve Trujillo.

Election – Board President

MSP (Wagman/Collins) 7-0, the Trustees approved Cynthia Hawthorne as the Board President.

Election – Board Vice President

MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Trustees approved Claudia Vestal as the Board Vice President.

Approval – Board Clerk

MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Collins) 7-0, the Trustees approved Superintendent Gary Bloom as the Board Clerk.

Board Committee Assignments

Board President Hawthorne suggested that each Trustee provide a preference for 2 committee appointments for the 2011 year. The committee assignments are as follows:

Rachel Dewey Thorsett – Budget Advisory Committee and Goals & Metrics Academic Committee
John Collins – The Goals & Metrics Academic Committee and Santa Cruz City/Santa Cruz City Schools
Deborah Tracy-Proulx – Santa Cruz City/Santa Cruz City Schools and the Wellness Committee
Claudia Vestal – Wellness Committee and the Delta School Board
Ken Wagman – Santa Cruz City/Santa Cruz City Schools and the Green Schools Committee
Steve Trujillo – Green Schools Committee, BASTA, Legislative Action

Recess: Board President Hawthorne called for a short recess at 6:51 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Hawthorne reconvened this meeting at 7:02 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent thanked outgoing Board Member Maxwell for his service to the District, and welcomed new Trustees Trujillo and Tracy-Proulx. Superintendent Bloom also thanked Ms. Dewey Thorsett for her insight, perspective, and leadership as Board President during a very difficult year, and presented her with a commemorative plaque acknowledging her service. On December 9th, there is a PENS fundraiser at the Seymour Discovery Center, Long Marine Lab. Trustees who are interested in attending can pick up a ticket at the Superintendent’s office. Mr. Bloom acknowledged the service of Classified Director Toni Hyland and announced the appointment of Mariana Ochoa to fill Ms. Hyland’s position in January 2011. Personnel Commissioner Martha Tiedman has resigned and the search for her replacement will begin in January 2011. The Superintendent concluded his report by thanking the school community and law enforcement for the excellent handling of the lockdown situation at DeLaveaga Elementary and Harbor High School last week. Student Services Director Brown has done an excellent job of providing leadership and training for emergency situations.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President’s Report

Board President Hawthorne participated in the trip to Salinas to observe AVID classes, and was very impressed with the many resources and paths to success offered to students through this program. Ms. Hawthorne thanked Ms. Dewey Thorsett for her leadership and dedicated service through a year of fiscal challenges.

Board Members’ Reports and Referrals

Board Member Tracy-Proulx extended thanks to friends, family and community for support of her interest in serving the district.

Board Member Trujillo acknowledged outgoing Trustee Maxwell and all his supporters for encouraging his interest in serving the district.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett thanked everyone who made her year as Board President a pleasure, as well as those who worked very long hours beside her.

Board Member Vestal reported that Delta Charter School is fully enrolled and has a waiting list. Ms. Vestal attended the CSBA conference in San Francisco, the BAC meeting, and the Go-For-Health steering committee meeting.

Board Member Wagman acknowledged the considerable impact Ms. Dewey Thorsett has made on the District over the past year. Mr. Wagman met with County Board Member Hinde and County Superintendent Watkins, and is also looking forward to reconvening the Green Schools Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Wagman) 5-0-2, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2010. Ms. Tracy-Proulx and Mr. Trujillo abstained from this vote, as they were not Board Members at the time of the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Personnel – Certificated Actions; Personnel – Classified Actions; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Change Orders; Gifts; CSA – Professional Development Gault Elementary; PE Waiver Soquel High School; Notice of Completion; CSA – Professional Development Bay View Elementary; CSA – Supplemental Education Services. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Bay View Elementary* – Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,000 to be used as designated by site administrator; *DeLaveaga Elementary* – Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,000 to be used as designated by site administrator; *Mission Hill Middle School* – Wells Fargo Bank donated \$1,000 to be used as designated by site administrator; Santa Cruz Rotary Club donated \$280 to the Cycling Advisory Grants Program; *Santa Cruz High School* – The Robert N. and Florence Slinger Fund @ the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County donated \$3,000 for operating support; Mike and Marie England donated \$1,000 to the Athletics Department. Mr. Collins seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved Certificated Leaves, Retirements, and Resignations with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education approved Expulsions 09-10-11 and 10-10-11 with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the GSCFT K-12 for 2011-12.
4. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2011-12.
5. The Board of Education deferred the Public Employee Appointment/Employment (Govt. Code Section 54957) Title: Principal – Branciforte Small Schools Campus until June 2011.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Old Business: District Goals and Metrics

The Superintendent reported that the vision statement, core values, goals and metrics were reviewed at the Board Meeting on October 27, 2010, and have been revised as a result of Board and Staff input. Metrics and 2010-11 Metrics Targets have been developed and revised with additional input from the Board of Education. This is a “living” document which will be updated and revised on a regular basis. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Vestal) 7-0, the Board approved the revised vision statement, core values, goals and metrics.

Staff Report: Counseling Services

Ms. Munro and Ms. Brown introduced members of the counseling teams from the secondary sites to report to the Board Members regarding the different services provided to students to help them successfully access post-secondary educational and career opportunities. The presentation included items such as: Career Day and Counseling Seminars; Future Financial Planning and Career Exploration; Running Start and Parent Information Night; Student Success Workshops and the Interactive Four-Year Planner; mandatory junior PSAT testing (sophomores are encouraged to test also); Four-Year Planning Workshops and Review of A-G Requirements. As this was a Staff Report, no action was taken by the Board of Education.

New Business: 2010-11 1st Interim Financial Report

Mr. Meza provided information regarding the four required reports each year; certification; approved budget vs. 1st interim; Basic Aid revenues; multi-year projections; and factors that will change the budget in the future – including changes that will occur as a result of a new State Governor in January 2011. MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2010-11 1st Interim Report with a Qualified Certification.

Old Business: Highway 1 – La Fonda Overpass Project

At the November 10, 2010 meeting, the Trustees received information on the proposed acoustic measures and temporary construction easement offered to SCCS while this project is completed. After discovering other mitigation options are not available to SCCS at this time, Mr. Meza recommended approval of these items. MSP (Wagman/Trujillo) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the acoustic mitigation measures as proposed at 310 La Fonda Avenue and 319 La Fonda Avenue, and the temporary construction easement at 344 La Fonda Ave.

PUBLIC HEARING: Developer Fees

The law requires the District to make a public report of the 2009-10 Annual Report of the Collection and use of Developer Fees in SCCS. Members of the public are offered an opportunity to ask questions and express opinions and/or concerns regarding the report.

Open: Board President Hawthorne opened this Public Hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Hawthorne closed this Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Staff Report: Developer Fees Report

Mr. Meza reported to the Trustees on the receipt and uses of Developer Fees. The 2009-10 Capital Facilities Fund (CFF) will account for these funds. Revenues and Expenditures were discussed, as well as the amounts SCCS receives from feeder districts for Developer Fees. As this item was presented for information only, no action was taken by the Board of Education.

Staff Report: Facilities Master Plan 2020-First Reading

The Facilities Task Force was reconvened in October 2009 with the goal to provide the Superintendent with recommendations that will meet the District needs over the next ten years, while ensuring that limited funds address the greatest needs and place students as the focal point of the decision making process. The draft of this Master Plan was presented to the Trustees by Mr. Meza. Priorities were identified and facilities were categorized to help shape the framework of the project. Architect John Fry was available for questions from the Board Members. As this item was presented for information only, no action was taken by the Trustees.

** Note: Mr. Collins left the meeting at this time – 8:45 p.m.

Staff Report: Policy Revision Process

Superintendent Bloom reported that one of the goals over this past year has been to update our board policies and to move to an online policy book in collaboration with CSBA. The Board Policy committee and cabinet have worked with CSBA to develop a new policy book. A draft of that book is provided to trustees on a CD. This draft is based almost entirely on CSBA recommended policies, revised to suit local needs. Our current plan is to have a board study session for the purpose of hearing board input on any of the proposed policies. Kevin Brown, an attorney from CSBA will be in attendance to respond to your questions and suggestions. Board input from the study session will be integrated into the book, and we will ask the board to make a blanket adoption at a subsequent meeting. This item was presented for information only, and no action was taken by the Board of Education.

Old Business: CSBA Delegate Nomination

MSP (Wagman/Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education nominated Ms. Dewey Thorsett for the California School Board Association's Delegate Assembly. Candidate materials are required to be submitted by January 7, 2011.

Information

1. The Board of Education will have a Special Closed Session on Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m., District Office Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on January 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. There will be a Budget Study Session on January 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m., in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on January 26, 2011, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education