

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
February 23, 2011**

Convene Open Session

Board President Hawthorne called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Santa Cruz High School Theater, 415 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Representatives: Nicole David Yazmin Lopez

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

Agenda Changes

Ms. Hendricks asked to delete Item VII.3.8, Resolution 21-10-11 Non-Reelection of Certain Probationary Certificated Employees. This item is not necessary. The Board approved the deletion of Item VII.3.8.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Representatives from the Parent Education Nursery Schools acknowledged Superintendent Bloom for his assistance in developing a vision for the future of the program, and to Trustees Vestal and Hawthorne for their efforts to fundraise for the schools. PENS has raised \$75,000 so far this year and the program is on track to reach the established goal of \$100,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During a visit to Bay View Elementary, the Superintendent was excited to meet Tandy Beal, a world renowned dancer who is working with SCCS elementary school children. Superintendent Bloom expressed thanks to the County Office of Education for providing \$100,000 to support 2011-12 Adult Education GED classes, as well as the 2011-12 Beach Flats program and a 2011 Summer School credit recovery and/or academic referral program for high school students. Mr. Bloom has accompanied Board Member Trujillo on site visits this week.

BOARD REPORTS and REFERRALS

Board President's Report

Board President Hawthorne reported the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association met last week and every Santa Cruz County school district is supporting a resolution to place the tax revenue extensions on the June 2011 State ballot, as well as contact their local assembly members and senators to advocate for their support. The presence of the Soquel High School resident security person has reduced vandalism and graffiti, and Board President Hawthorne would like to investigate the possibility of using similar personnel at our other high schools.

Board Members' Reports and Referrals

Board Member Trujillo thanked Superintendent Bloom for his guided tour of school sites this week. Mr. Trujillo attended the Green Schools Committee meeting last week, and will attend a meeting at Branciforte Middle School next week to honor Latinos in our community.

Board Member Vestal attended the Delta Charter School Open House. The Delta students are currently preparing for an art exhibit. Ms. Vestal attended the County School Boards Association meeting and the Communications Meeting. The Wellness Committee is preparing to focus on lunch and recess activities for students. The Westlake Elementary Life Lab is the winner of the 2011 Youth Garden Lab award!

Board Member Wagman attended the Communications and the Green Schools meetings. The Green Schools Committee welcomes more secondary students – please pass the word for the upcoming March 15th meeting.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the County School Boards Association meeting last week.

Board Member Dewey Thorsett met with District Staff to discuss academics and communications with parents. At the secondary sites the need to communicate with parents regarding college readiness is a priority. Ms. Dewey Thorsett attended the Santa Cruz County Mock Trial Competition at the Watsonville Superior Court on Saturday February 12.

Board Member Collins attended the Academic Excellence Committee meeting and appreciated the shared insights from other committee members. Mr. Collins visited Harbor High School and the Small Schools Campus, and these visits highlighted the need for laboratories for high school students for chemistry and biology at the alternative schools.

Student Representatives' Reports

Ms. David reported on the week long Peace, Love, Unity, Soquel (PLUS) event at Soquel High School which will culminate on Thursday February 24 with live music performances and students signing pledges to respect diversity. Today Soquel High School hosted the first meeting of the Black Union Club for the site. There was also a fundraiser for a prom this week at Soquel.

Ms. Lopez attended a fundraiser this week for the alternative schools campus, and is also working hard to complete credits required to graduate this year from the ARK Independent Studies program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Dewey Thorsett/Tracy-Proulx) 5-0-2, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2011. Mr. Collins and Ms. Vestal abstained from the vote, as neither one was present at the meeting. Students David and Lopez voted yes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Mr. Trujillo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Wagman seconded the motion with a friendly amendment specific to Item VII.1.2 Classified Personnel Actions: *The Classified Personnel Actions are approved including the Paid Leave of Absence for Robert Chacanaca; however, this leave is contingent upon finding a suitable replacement for Mr. Chacanaca prior to his departure.* Mr. Trujillo accepted the friendly amendment. Other items on the Consent Agenda included: Personnel Actions – Certificated; Purchase Orders; Warrant Register; Budget Transfers; Resolution 16-10-11 Bus Grant Application; Gifts. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Alternative Family*

Education – The Anonymous Fund at Community Foundation Santa Cruz County has donated \$5,000 for the AFE Education Resource Center operations. *Mission Hill Middle School* – Sarah M. Burke donated \$250 to the school. *Santa Cruz High School* – Wharf to Wharf donated \$3,450 to support the Santa Cruz High School Track and Field Program; Big Creek Lumber donated \$351.72 to support the Santa Cruz High School Softball Program. The motion and friendly amendment were approved with a roll call vote:

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

Student David – Yes Student Lopez - Yes

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Certificated Leaves, Retirements, and Resignations were approved with a vote of 6-0-1.
2. Expulsion 14-10-11 was approved 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 did not receive an update from Superintendent Bloom regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2011-12.
5. The Board of Education discussed the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Govt. Code Section 54957) but did not take action on this matter.
6. The Board of Education approved the lease for 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA with a vote of 6-1.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Resolution 17-10-11 to Support Placing Revenue Extension Measure on the June 2011 State Ballot

Superintendent Bloom introduced this item. Mr. Wagman moved approval of this resolution and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. This motion was approved 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

Student David – Yes Student Lopez – Yes

Staff Report: Site Based Professional Development

Bay View Principal Robb, Mission Hill Principal Quandt and Harbor High Principal Davis presented information on the progress and impact of site based professional development at the sites. Process Goals, a Cycle of Inquiry focused on student learning, high quality instruction and intervention strategies that match student needs, and building professional learning communities were some of the areas included in the report. This report was provided for information only, and no actions regarding this matter were taken by the Board of Education.

New Business: Adoption of SCCS Board Policy Book

Superintendent Bloom asked the Trustees to adopt the new developed board policy book and administrative regulations to replace the current SCCS policy documents. The current manual is obsolete and out of legal compliance. The revised manual reflects a year of work by trustees and staff. Once adopted, the new manual will be available online through the CSBA's GAMUT Online service. A global adoption of the manual is recommended at this time, with the understanding that revisions and updates will be made on an ongoing basis. SCCS will receive updates and revisions from CSBA three times per year based on updates and changes to law. The revised policies will be discussed and voted on. The level of transparency to the public will be enhanced as the policies and regulations will be available on the web, and will have links to Education Code. Following discussion among Trustees, District Staff, and Members of the Audience, Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the new policy book and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. Ms. Dewey Thorsett offered a friendly amendment

to the motion to receive input from the Bargaining Units regarding any policies that are problematic to them by June 10, 2011. Ms. Tracy-Proulx accepted the friendly amendment. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Vestal) 5-2. Mr. Collins and Mr. Trujillo voted no. Students David and Lopez abstained from this vote.

New Business: Resolution 18-10-11 Release of Temporary Adult Education Certificated Employees

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44945, the Board is advised to release temporary adult education certificated employees at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Following discussion, Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student David – Abstain Student Lopez - Abstain

New Business: Resolution 19-10-11 Release of Temporary K-12 Certificated Employees

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44945, the Board is advised to release temporary adult education certificated employees at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Following discussion, Mr. Collins moved approval and Ms. Dewey Thorsett seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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

Student David: Abstain Student Lopez - Abstain

New Business: Educational Services Reorganization

Ms. Munro reported that the purpose of the reorganization is to support school sites and ensure that all students have equal opportunities. The departments in Educational Services were evaluated and reorganized to have a greater impact on student outcomes, and to support our district goal of eliminating the achievement gap among student demographic groups. The elimination of two Administrative positions (1.1 FTE total) and the approval of one new Administrative position (1.0 FTE total) results in a .1 reduction in Administrative FTE, which is a slight savings to the district. Following discussion, MSP (Collins/Dewey Thorsett) 7-0, the Board approved the Educational Services department reorganization. Students David and Lopez voted yes.

New Business: Resolution 20-10-11 Release Administrators

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code 44951, the Superintendent or designee must notify administrative employees of the Board's decision to release the employees for the 2011-12 school year on or before March 15th. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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

Student David – Yes Student Lopez – Yes

New Business: Resolution 22-10-11 Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Services

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955 the Board of Education is advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 particular kinds of services for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval and Mr. Trujillo seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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

Student David – Yes

Student Lopez – Yes

New Business: Resolution 23-10-11 Reduction of Adult Education Particular Kinds of Services

Ms. Hendricks reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955 the Board of Education is advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 particular kinds of services for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Dewey Thorsett moved approval and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student David – Abstain

Student Lopez – Abstain

New Business: 2011 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

The Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education may choose to nominate a candidate for the CSBA Representative Assembly. MSP (Collins/Wagman) 7-0, the Board nominated Ms. Dewey Thorsett for the CSBA Representative Assembly. Students David and Lopez voted yes.

Information

1. The Regular Meeting on March 9, 2011, will be held at 6:30 p.m., County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on March 23, 2011 will be held at 6:30 p.m., County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Board will host a Budget Study Session on March 30, 2011, 6:30 p.m., District Office, Room 312, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on April 13, 2011, will be held at 6:30 p.m., County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on April 27, 2011, will be held at 6:30 p.m., County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, Board President Hawthorne adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Bloom, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Hawthorne, President
Board of Education