**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS**  
**October 19, 2016**

**Convene Closed Session**  
Board Vice President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**  
None

**Convene Open Session**  
Board Vice President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:33 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**  
Sheila Coonerty  
Deedee Perez-Granados  
Jeremy Shonick  
Patty Threet  
Deb Tracy-Proulx  
Claudia Vestal

Absent: Alisun Thompson

Absent: Student Representative Steve Munoz: Soquel High School  
Absent: Student Representative Aaliyah Wilson: Costanoa High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Patrick K. Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human resources  
Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Members of the Audience

**Welcome and Format**  
Board Vice President Vestal welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Agenda Changes**  
None

**Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments**  
None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Gayle McCallum and Jason McCluskey spoke about the Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce Sister Cities Program. A sister city is a long-term based relationship between two cities from different countries which is officially approved by the local city councils and promotes cultural and commercial ties. Santa Cruz has five sister cities: Alushta, Ukraine; Jinotepe, Nicaragua; Puerto la Cruz, Venezuela; Sestri Levante, Italy; and Shingu, Japan. Ms. McCallum has submitted information to our Educational Services department for distribution to
our Grade 10 students about an upcoming opportunity to visit our Sister City in Shingu, Japan. Soquel High School Math Teacher Nick Morris urged the board to continue to support small class sizes in as many grades as possible. Dr. Jim Logsdon shared information about a wonderful educational transition from a comprehensive to an alternative high school program for one of our students; administrators, counselors and teachers worked together to support the student/family needs during a difficult time and it was truly appreciated. Dr. Logsdon has enjoyed his work supporting Measures A & B.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Trustee site visits included both middle schools this month. We visited wonderful classrooms with amazing teaching and learning, including visible learning, where focused learning targets and success criteria were evident. The Board Community Meetings on October 3 at Soquel High School and October 11 at DeLaveaga Elementary School were attended by supportive parents with lots of ideas and input. Thank you Trustees Threet and Perez-Granados for your attendance at the meetings. On October 4, a district Parent Leader meeting was held at Harbor High School. Mr. Gaffney presented a budget overview and LCAP input was solicited from attendees. These meetings will take place two times each year – currently, a meeting date for February 2017 is being investigated. On October 15, Facilities Director Miller led the Santa Cruz High School for community, parent and student leaders. District Administrators were able to share our master planning process, the beautiful and historic Santa Cruz High School site and the challenges of aging facilities. Cabinet continues to meet monthly with GSCFT and SCCCE leadership and we appreciate the opportunity to work collectively to address needs for the units.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS
Board Members’ Reports
Board Member Perez-Granados visited classrooms at Branciforte Middle School with the Superintendent this month. Dr. Perez-Granados enjoyed all the classes, but was particularly impressed by the math classroom. The teacher was very adept at scaffolding math language use, and students were engaged and responsive. Dr. Perez-Granados was also pleased to see the thoughtful perspectives and concerns of the DeLaveaga parents who attended the October 11 Community Meeting. Dr. Perez-Granados would like to become more informed about Special Education processes and parent support measures.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx invited all interested parties to attend the Technology Task Force Meeting on October 25 at the Branciforte Middle School Technology Innovation Center, 6:00 p.m.

Board Member Shonick was pleased to hear from Ms. McCallum and Mr. McCluskey from the Sister Cities Program this evening. Mr. Shonick is currently serving his final term on this program board, and is pleased that a Bay View Elementary and a Soquel High School teacher have become involved in this excellent program.

Board Member Threet visited three grades of science classrooms at Mission Hill Middle School with Superintendent Munro. The NGSS and the collaborative style of teaching and dialogue provided the students with an enjoyable learning experience. The Community Meetings at both Soquel High School and DeLaveaga Elementary School were valuable and renewed Ms. Threet’s awareness of her responsibility as a Trustee to share conversation with families to provide another perspective. Ms. Threet attended the County Office of Education screening of “Raising of America”, a documentary about early childhood education and the future of our nation. Trustee Threet attended the Soquel High School football game and also took the Santa Cruz High School tour led by Mr. Miller. The tour provided an excellent illustration of the case for Measures A & B. Ms. Threet noted that J. R. Blinkenberg passed away last week. J. R. was the number one Soquel High School
Softball fan and a supporter of GALS softball and Cabrillo softball for many years. He was a very generous man who will be sorely missed.

Board Member Coonerty has spent a great deal of time speaking about election measures with community members, but has little to report tonight. Dr. Coonerty is very proud of the steps Santa Cruz City Schools has taken to identify social-emotional well-being and issues among our students and to offer support in these matters.

Board Member Vestal attended the screening of “Raising of America” and found it inspiring. The movie screening was sponsored by the County Office of Education and Cabrillo Community College. In opening comments prior to the movie, Mr. Jimmy Panetta spoke about the high cost of living in our area and how many families cannot afford preschool for their children.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Threet/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 28, 2016, as submitted.

**Consent Agenda**

Board Member Threet moved approval of the Consent Agenda, with the stipulation that Item 8.1.6. Board Policies are adopted for “First Reading Only”, consisting of: Item 8.1.1. Personnel Actions – Certificated; Item 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – Classified; Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Quotes & Bids; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5. Gifts; Item 8.1.6. Board Policy Updates – First Reading; Item 8.1.7. Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Resignations and Appointment; Item 8.1.8. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.9.1.1. Contract: CRW Industries-DeLaveaga Elementary Shade Structure; Item 8.1.9.1.2. Agreement: Consultant Service Agreement-Russell Williamson-Transportation Dept. training and certifications; Item 8.1.9.2. Agreement-Educational Services/Special Education: Consultant Service Agreement-F.A.S.T. Translation Services. Dr. Perez-Granados seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes  Perez Granados – Yes  Shonick – Yes
Threet – Yes  Tracy-Proulx – Yes  Vestal – Yes

8.2 **Closed Session Actions**

8.2.1 **Reporting Out on Closed Session Items**

1. The Board took action on Certificated, Classified and Management leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments.

2. The Board Members heard information regarding Expulsion 01-16-17 and 02-16-17 in order to vote on these matters in Open Session later this evening.

3. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding GSCFT negotiations.

4. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding SCCCE negotiations.

5. The Board of Education heard an update on a Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.

8.2.2 **Public Vote on Expulsion(s)**

8.2.2.1 MSP (Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 01-16-17 as submitted by Mr. Wells. Dr. Perez-Granados abstained from the vote.
8.2.2.2. MSP (Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 4-0-1-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 02-16-17 as submitted by Mr. Wells. Dr. Perez-Granados abstained from this vote, and Trustee Threet recused herself from this discussion and vote.

**ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED**

8.3.1. **Staff Report: Illuminate Student Information System**

Information Technology Director Gomez reported to the Trustees on this matter. The Illuminate Student Information System is an all-access, cloud-based host for student information and data and assessment applications. Information included: the purpose of the transition; District Core Team; District Implementation Team; District Data Team; data migration information; Data and Core Team training timelines; District Staff training timelines. Mr. Curtis' presentation was followed by Board Member comments, questions and discussion, as well as comments and questions from the Public. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

8.3.2. **Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update: Process/Priority/Student Engagement**

**Social Workers/Counselors**

Student Services Director Brown reported that team members are working diligently to make improvements in LCAP Goal #13 – student engagement in school. Ongoing work/goals include:

- Reduce suspensions by 10 per year until rate = 0%
- Reduce expulsions 2 per year until rate = 0%
- Reduce chronic absenteeism rate by .5% per year in elementary school
- Reduce chronic absenteeism rate by .5% per year in middle school
- Reduce chronic absenteeism rate by .5% per year in high school
- Increase attendance rate to 100%

Elementary School Counselor Lisa Price reported on positive behavior interventions and supports, coordination of services teams, and foster youth supports. Secondary Social Worker Kimberly Prohaska reported on coordination of Services Teams, mental health crises, safety, Foster Youth Teams, Homeless Youth and Coordination with the District Nurses, Health Clerks and Attendance Clerks. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

8.3.2. **Staff Report: Preliminary CBEDS**

Mr. Gaffney reported that the California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) is an annual data collection administered the first Wednesday in October. This year CBEDS day was October 5th. The purpose of CBEDS is to collect demographic information on students, faculty and district employees. The District as a whole has decreased enrollment from 2015-16 to 2016-17. We had a districtwide decrease of 133 students. The elementary district (grades Pre-K – 6) decreased enrollment by 80 students from last year, and the secondary district (grades 7-12) decreased by 53 students. The Board Members asked questions, made comments and discussed the student enrollment with district staff members. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

8.3.4. **New Business: Budget Development Calendar**

Mr. Gaffney reported that the Budget Development Calendar establishes a timeline for the development, review and acceptance of the 2017-18 budget. The development of the annual budget is an important process that ensures fiscal solvency and the achievement of the District's educational
goals. The process begins early so that timely decisions can be made to adjust existing programs. There is no fiscal impact to the operating budget for developing a budget calendar. MSP (Threet/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Budget Calendar for the development, review and acceptance of the 2017-18 budget.

9. **Adjournment of Open Session**

There being no further Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board Vice President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on October 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held in The County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on November 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held in The County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on November 16, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on December 7, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on December 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held in The County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on January 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in The County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on January 25, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
8. The Regular Meeting on February 1, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on February 15, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
10. The Regular Meeting on March 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on March 29, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on April 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
14. The Regular Meeting on May 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
15. The Regular Meeting/Governance Session on May 31, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
16. The Regular Meeting on June 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
17. The Regular Meeting on June 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:

http://www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us/about-us/board-of-education/agendas-a-minutes.html

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Alisun Thompson, President
Board of Education