

Revised MINTUES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
January 8, 2020

Convene Open Session

Board President Cindy Ranii called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Jeremy Shonick Patty Threet Deb Tracy-Proulx
Cindy Ranii Claudia Vestal Sheila Coonerty

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Provisional Board Member Candidates
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

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

Agenda Changes

The following items were removed from the agenda because there was no Closed Session: 4., 4.1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session, 7. Return to Closed Session, and 8. Closed Session Action Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz High parent Rocco Cappella attended the Schools Behavioral Health Integrated Initiative, whose main goal is to support school systems in working with county mental health. Mr. Cappella reported great attendance, and shared that Dr. Sabbah thanked Superintendent Munro for her leadership and organization.

Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers President Casey Carlson asked a question to clarify when members of the public would be permitted to make comment regarding the Provisional Board Member interviews. It was confirmed that public comment would take place following the panel interview questions.

Approval of Minutes

MSP(Vestal/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of Meeting December 18, 2019.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED OR DISCUSSED

4.1.1. Interview Applicants for Provisional Board Member Appointment

The Board President and each Trustee presented one question to both applicants. Each applicant was provided three minutes to answer the question, and the first respondent rotated with each question. Following the responses to all six questions, Superintendent Munro offered each candidate three

minutes to provide a closing statement to the Trustees and provide additional information regarding their qualifications for the position.

Public Comments

Many people in the audience spoke to advocate for a particular candidate.

4.1.2. Discussion and Deliberation by the Trustees regarding Applicant Trustees

Board President Ranii opened the discussion and deliberation with a statement that the district is in the wonderful position of having two qualified applicants for this appointment. Each Board member would be given the opportunity to individually make a statement on each candidate.

Trustee Vestal remarked that she was impressed by the candidates' willingness to represent and serve the community and District. She commented that it would be beneficial for a new Board member to be personally familiar with the District.

Trustee Shonick thanked both candidates for their interest and participation.

Trustee Threet thanked both candidates and remarked that both had much to offer the District.

Trustee Coonerty commented that both applicants were excellent candidates. She noted that being able to bring experience from outside the district, as well as having expertise within the District, were both highly beneficial.

Student Representative Edwards thanked the candidates and suggested that the District would benefit from a person with outside perspective, such as a parent.

Board President Ranii stated that she was impressed with the applicants' education and backgrounds, and that the District would be fortunate to gain a candidate with creative problem solving, knowledge of the budget, and potential knowledge and perspective from outside organizations.

4.1.3. Vote on Provisional Appointment and Announce New Board Member

Board President Ranii explained the voting process. Each Board member has several numbered ballot cards. At this time, each Trustee will write the name of their candidate of choice on Ballot #1. The ballot cards will be passed to Superintendent Munro and she will read them. If there are four votes for one individual, voting is over. If not, deliberations will continue and voting will take place again. The Superintendent extended her gratitude to each applicant for their interest in being a part of the governance team.

After collecting the ballot cards for Round #1 Voting, the Superintendent announced that voting was concluded, as one candidate did have majority votes.

Votes:

Student Representative Recommendation: John Owen

Board Member Coonerty: John Owen

Board President Ranii: John Owen

Board Member Threet: John Owen

Board Member Tracy-Proulx: John Owen

Board Member Shonick: Mark McConnell

Board Member Vestal: Mark McConnell

Board President Ranii thanked both candidates for their commitment to the provisional process and their willingness to serve.

Trustee Vestal made a motion to approve John Owen as the newly appointment Provisional Board Member. Trustee Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion.

MSP(Vestal/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved John Owen as the newly appointed Provisional Board Member.

Board President Ranii welcomed Mr. Owen to the newly appointed position of Provisional Board Member. Mr. Owen will be sworn in for his position at the Regular Meeting on January 15, 2020.

4.1.4. Board Policy Updates

Policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updating process, which uses CSBA recommendations for review and change approximately six times per year in participating districts. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and/or case law. The policies have been reviewed by staff to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included.

Regarding Board Policy 4119.22 Dress and Grooming, Trustee Shonick requested a follow up conversation with the Board to understand how administration supports staff to meet professional dress standards and expectations. He also asked that something be added to the new employee orientation in August.

Public Comments:

GSCFT President Casey Carlson noted that we currently have this policy and the update is to make an amendment that avoids discrimination of certain hairstyles. She suggested administrators be provided with training to have effective conversations about dress/grooming with staff. She agreed that the union and District will discuss the policy and make plans to better educate employees about the policy expectations.

Parent Tina Brown expressed surprise for the current District policy, and felt strongly that staff should dress professionally.

MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the policies for final reading.

5. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education for this Open Session Meeting, Board President Ranii adjourned the Open Session of this Special Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. A Special Meeting of the Board will be held on January 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for the Provisional Appointment of a new Trustee; will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

2. The Regular Meeting on January 15, 2020, 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/Study Session on January 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on February 5, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on February 19, 2020, 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 March 4, 2020, 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 on March 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Governance Retreat on March 22, 2019, 9:00 a.m., will be held at the District Office, Room 5, 133 Mission Street Suite 100, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on April 15, 2020, 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/Study Session on April 29, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on May 6, 2020, 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/Study Session on May 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting on June 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA. **Meeting Date Change Noted Here.**
14. The Regular Meeting on June 17, 2020, 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

Cynthia Ranii, President
Board of Education