

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 18, 2019**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. in the Board Room of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

GSCFT President Casey Carlson spoke about resuming salary negotiations this week. She commented on teachers' hard work and commitment, and remarked that the budget seems healthy enough to support another raise.

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:31 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
Claudia Vestal Sheila Coonerty Cindy Ranii

Absent: Board Member Deedee Perez-Granados

Violet Edwards, Student Board Representative, Santa Cruz High School

Jasmyn Lopez, Student Board Representative, Harbor High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Tracy-Proulx welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro reported her attendance at the S4C Steering Committee meeting, where the committee discussed college and career readiness goals for the year, organization actions, and preparation for the Fourth Grade Student Visit to Cabrillo. The Superintendent shared about the certificated professional learning needs input process, which included a survey distributed among certificated staff and voluntary staff lunch meetings. Superintendent Munro, Assistant Superintendent Coito, Director of Elementary Curriculum Calden, and GSCFT President Carlson met with teachers from each site for Cookies and Conversation, where

teachers expressed their professional learning needs, what they are excited about, what they are challenged by, and changes they would like to see. This week, GSCFT met with Cabinet for a collaboration meeting. The Superintendent shared about the two Elementary Redistricting Committee meetings that have been held, where members collectively reviewed 10 different proposed boundary maps. During the last meeting, members unanimously agreed for the need to move away from existing boundaries. The next meeting is on October 3, followed by an update for the Board. Superintendent Munro attended the Adult Education Board meeting, and expressed appreciation for the continuous collaboration with Cabrillo. They discussed working with Title 1 elementary students, and offering classes for parents on site campuses. The Superintendent rescheduled her meeting with PCS Head of School.

Student Representative's Report

Student Board Representative Edwards shared about Santa Cruz High's Club Rush day, which included over 25 clubs and had a high student participation rate, especially by freshmen. Ms. Edwards also addressed the upcoming global climate strike, and expressed concern regarding how school and administration will respond and support students participating in the walkout on September 27. She suggested informing principals and staff about students' plans to leave campus, to provide a field trip option to avoid unexcused absences, and to provide supervision and chaperones. Superintendent Munro shared that while the District values student voices for the environment, California state law does not allow the District to excuse absences from a walkout. The Superintendent conveyed that schools would be supporting on-campus student activities and opportunities for students to engage in activism. Trustees suggested that Ms. Edwards partake in a Green Schools Committee meeting to learn how we are improving our environmental mark as a community.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Vestal attended the Delta Charter Board meeting, and reported that unaudited actuals were approved and finances are healthy; however, the independent studies program still has 15 student openings. Ms. Vestal also shared that Cabrillo approved a 5-year extension on the lease for Delta. Ms. Vestal attended a county school boards' presentation from S4C regarding math and intervention, with a discussion on fourth year math course implementation. During a district check in, Ms. Vestal received information on enrollment updates, charter school issues, and full day kinder successes. Finally, Ms. Vestal shared about an Inside Education orientation where the County Superintendent gave perspective on challenges in education.

Board Member Threet thanked Student Board Representative Edwards for the information regarding the climate strike. Ms. Threet reported visiting Santa Cruz High and thanked Superintendent Munro and Principal Kline for the opportunity to see students engaged and working during a math support period. Ms. Threet also commended the leadership of the Soquel High football team.

Board Member Coonerty thanked Student Board Representative Edwards for speaking about climate change and encouraged her to continue her advocacy.

Board President's Report

None

Approval of Minutes

7.1.1. MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved the August 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

7.1.2. MSP (Ranii /Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the August 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

4. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE and GSCFT for 2018-19.

Vote on Expulsion Readmission

8.5.1. Vote on Readmission of Expelled Student 03-18-19

1. MSP (Threet/Ranii) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the readmission of expelled student 03-18-19.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.6.1.1. Staff Report: Summer Professional Development Update

Curriculum Co-Directors Calden and Hodges shared that many SCCS teachers use their summer break for professional learning in our four district strategic areas of focus: academic literacy, mathematics, English learner progress, and school connectedness. Approximately 100 teachers participated in summer professional development. Trainings were provided for the new elementary Benchmark Workshop curriculum, secondary NGSS curriculum for science teachers, the annual summer AVID institute, and PBIS. The directors also shared about the Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership (SCIL) training days, where teachers focused on PLCs and collective teacher efficacy. Trainings for both elementary and secondary staff will continue throughout the year, with attention to Benchmark Workshop, Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments, science FOSS kits and notebooking, SEPUP, and history-social science. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.1.2. Staff Report: Goals and Metrics

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the District's goals and corresponding metrics for this year. Metrics measure the district's success in meeting its goals. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.1.3. Staff Report: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress' Smarter Balanced Assessment is given to students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 to gauge performance in mathematics and English language literacy, including the ability to write clearly, think clearly and solve problems. CAASPP scores are part of the California student assessment system and scores are posted on the California Dashboard annually to determine both current ability and growth over time. Student performance data from 2016 through 2018 was provided, as well as preliminary data for 2019. Leadership and staff will study students' results to set program and plan goals based on areas of growth, and to celebrate areas of strength and build upon them. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.1.4. Staff Report: Professional Learning Feedback and Support

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented a report on professional learning feedback and support needs. The district is currently developing a system to gather teacher voices during the creation of the professional learning plan, and efforts for outreach have been made through site visits and surveys. Elementary and secondary teachers identified the most critical areas for their work, and Professional Learning delivery preferences were recognized. Based on data and

input collected thus far, the District proposed additional paid release time for teachers to address identified needs, exploration of additional PD days for the future, and dedication of resources to the Curriculum Master Plan. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.1.5. Staff Report: Program Fit and Feasibility Evaluation Tool

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced the program fit and feasibility evaluation tool, named the Hexagon Tool. The district will be training principals and teachers on the Hexagon Tool in an effort to make decisions regarding programs and practices that are secured in research and data, and that are fiscally responsible and sustainable. The Hexagon Tool uses the following areas to evaluate programs and practices: needs of student, fit with current initiatives, resource availability, readiness for replication, and the capacity to implement. Staff will use this tool moving forward as a way to adopt programs, and come to other decisions. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.2.1. Staff Report: Long Term Debt Report

Assistant Superintendent Gaffney reported that the total long-term debt of the District is \$268,634,872. The 2019-20 annual payment is 15,572,865. Of the total long-term debt, \$1,495,801 is funded by RDA funds. The remainder, \$267,139,071, is funded by property taxes. General Obligation Bonds, a Qualified School Construction Bond and Certificates of Participation compose the long-term liabilities. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.6.2.2. New Business: Unaudited Actuals 2018-19

Assistant Superintendent Gaffney reported on the 2018-19 unaudited actuals that represent the final fiscal year-end report for 2018-19. The General Fund was projected to end the fiscal year with an ending balance of \$15.7M, and the unaudited actual ending balance is \$15.9M. This reflects a \$335K decrease in the Unrestricted Ending Balance and a \$474K increase in the Restricted Ending Balance, a net increase of \$139K. The difference between the estimated balance and the unaudited actuals is approximately .23%. Board Members asked questions, made comments and discussed the matter.

Public Comments: GSCFT Elementary Vice President Helayne Ballaban commented that the Federation is pleased with the budget and is optimistic about negotiations between SCCS and GSCFT in making progress toward a shared vision of creating a better salary schedule. SCCCE President Jeanie Brown encouraged wage increases throughout the entire salary structure, and is hopeful for a smooth negotiation this week.

MSP (Coonerty/Ranii) 6-0, the Board of Education certified the 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals.

8.3.5. Elite Interactive Solutions: Contract: Equipment Purchase and Annual Monitoring Harbor High External Security

Facilities Director Miller provided information about the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external surveillance security at Harbor High School. Trustee Threet asked the Board to consider other options for campus safety instead of surveillance. Trustees asked questions and had discussion, and determined they would like to be presented with a data report on vandalism at the high schools before and after surveillance installation.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson thanked Trustee Threet for her suggestion to the Board, and commented the discussion was important to explore with a fit and feasibility tool.

Dr. Coonerty motioned to approve the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external security equipment and annual monitoring at Harbor High School. Dr. Ranii seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Vestal – Yes Shonick – Yes Threet – No Ranii – Yes
Coonerty – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes

8.3.6. Elite Interactive Solutions: Contract: Equipment Purchase and Annual Monitoring Soquel High External Security

Facilities Director Miller provided information about the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external surveillance security at Soquel High School.

Ms. Vestal motioned to approve the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external security equipment and annual monitoring at Soquel High School. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Vestal – Yes Shonick – Yes Threet – No Ranii – Yes
Coonerty – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes

8.3.7. Elite Interactive Solutions: Contract: Equipment Purchase and Annual Monitoring Santa Cruz High External Security

Facilities Director Miller provided information about the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external surveillance security at Santa Cruz High School.

Dr. Coonerty motioned to approve the Elite Interactive Solutions contract for external security equipment and annual monitoring at Santa Cruz High School. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Vestal – Yes Shonick – Yes Threet – No Ranii – Yes
Coonerty – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes

8.6.4.2. New Business: Board Policies: First and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions & Updates

Superintendent Munro reported that new/revised/updated 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. Staff has reviewed the policies and ensured that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. Trustee Shonick requested a review of the Food Services Operations policy to make cost neutrality the goal at the upcoming Budget Ad Hoc meeting.

MSP (Threet/Shonick) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Board policy updates for first reading.

8.6.4.3. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

Trustee Shonick requested a discussion regarding data projection comparisons for three years of ongoing professional development and three years for history adoption at the elementary level.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 18, 2019, 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/Study Session on September 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Annex at the County Office of Education, 399 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on October 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on October 30, 2019, 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 November 6, 2019, 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/Study Session on November 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on December 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. 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.
9. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on January 22, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. The Regular Meeting on June 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
19. 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:***

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deborah Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education