MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS October 3, 2018

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:15 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

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:39 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty Cynthia Ranii Jeremy Shonick Patty Threet

Deb Tracy-Proulx Claudia Vestal

Absent: Deedee Perez-Granados

Absent: Student Representative Selvartham, Soquel High School Absent: Student Representative Rodriguez, Costanoa High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

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

Vote on Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing

The Board of Education reviews each hearing packet with respect and carefully considers each situation and family. If the voting result tonight does not allow your student to enroll in Santa Cruz City Schools, our staff is here to help you transition to your new district/school.

 Vote on Hearing Student #1
 MSP (Ranii/Threet) 4-0-2, the Board of Education upheld the denial of the Interdistrict Transfer. Board Members Shonick and Coonerty abstained from the vote, as they were not present for the hearing.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Since the last Board Meeting on September 26, Superintendent Munro participated in the District Principals' site visits and enjoyed the second annual District PAL (Partnership between Administration and Labor) meeting. The Superintendent was present for the Branciforte Small Schools playground structure ribbon cutting ceremony and was pleased to host the City of Santa Cruz/City Schools meeting on October 2. Superintendent Munro sent the final draft of the annual State of Our Schools message to print on October 2.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Small Schools playground ribbon cutting ceremony and noted that it was great fun to see all the children playing on the new structure. Ms. Tracy-Proulx visited grades 6 and 8 Science classrooms at Mission Hill Middle School and attended the joint Santa Cruz City Schools/City of Santa Cruz Meeting.

Dr. Ranii reported that since the last meeting, she had visited both Happy Valley and Mountain Elementary Schools and enjoyed meeting each of the Principal/Superintendents of these Santa Cruz City Schools feeder districts. Dr. Ranii was impressed with the programs that these K-6 sites provided for students. Dr. Ranii attended the Schools Plus Reception and acknowledged Board President Vestal for her leadership role in this fine organization. Dr. Ranii attended the PAL Meeting and thanked GSCFT President Carlson for making her feel very welcome at the event.

Ms. Threet had the opportunity to attend some District Water Polo matches and had great fun. This October the Inside Education Meeting at the County Office of Education focused on Pre-School education and we visited the Buena Vista and Cabrillo College Head Start programs, as well as the Cabrillo College Early Education Certificated classroom. Some additional Federal funds may be available for the Cabrillo College Head Start program soon. Trustee Threet visited Soquel High School with Board President Vestal, Superintendent Munro and Principal Atlansky. Ms. Threet was reminded on her visit that this high school has the largest enrollment of students and she looks forward to the completion of bond projects to meet the needs of these students.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal was pleased to be a part of the Schools Plus event to honor teachers and provide grants and opportunities for classroom programs. Now that the event has passed, a new cycle of grants has begun — so please encourage your Principals and Teachers to apply. The Board President visited Soquel High School with Trustee Threet and acknowledged the important ongoing work at this site focused on improving the school climate. The Santa Cruz City Schools/City of Santa Cruz joint meeting was very collaborative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Meeting on September 26, 2018. Ms. Tracy-Proulx abstained from this vote, as she was not present for the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

Board Members Threet and Shonick commented on Item 8.1.5. Resolution 12-18-19 Santa Cruz High School Bytheal Ratliff Humanitarian Scholarship. Bytheal Ratliff spent his entire life in Santa Cruz. He attended Santa Cruz High and Cabrillo College. Bytheal was an athlete of multiple sports and an all-star football player and football coach at Santa Cruz High. He was the Campus Supervisor and coached multiple sports at Shoreline Middle School for 18 years. Bytheal was a caring mentor to many Santa Cruz children. Mr. Ratliff's family honors Santa Cruz City Schools with this memorial scholarship. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 8.1.1. Personnel Actions – *Certificated;* Item 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – *Classified;* Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5. Resolution 12-18-19 Santa Cruz High School Bytheal Ratliff Humanitarian Scholarship; Item 8.3.1. Change Order #3: CRW Industries-Concrete Repair for Natural Bridges Gym modernization Phase I project; Item 8.3.2. Change Order #2: CRW Industries-Groundwater Intrusion and Mitigation for Branciforte Small Schools Relocation of Playground and Lunch Shelter; Item 8.3.3. Contract: Enviroplex: Natural Bridges modernization; Item 8.3.4. Change Order #1: Fresh Start Painting-Natural Bridges Gym modernization and repairs. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Ranii – Yes Shonick – Yes
Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes

Closed Session Items

8.4.1. Report of Closed Session Actions

- 1. The Board of Education heard information on the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal for Student #1 in order to vote in Open Session.
- 2. The Board of Education did not take action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
- 3. Mr. Gaffney did not have any information to report to the Board of Education regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
- 4. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Mr. Gaffney regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2018-19.
- 5. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Mr. Gaffney regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2018-19.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Food Services Update

Mr. Gaffney introduced Food Services Director Hedrick-Farr to report to the Board of Education regarding this matter. Ms. Hedrick-Farr shared a presentation that reflected current program successes, showed the five-year trend of decreasing contributions to the Food Services Department from the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) base revenue, and provided a budget comparison for the last two years. Also included was an overview comparison of like districts locally and statewide. Following questions, comments and discussion, the Board of Education thanked Ms. Hedrick-Farr for her report and her service to the District. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.5.2.2. Staff Report: Bond Budget Update

Mr. Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture provided an update on the bond program budgets and expenditures by site. Information included funds available to site, allocation based on latest cost estimates and prioritized projects by site teams, expenditures to date for a given project from November 2016 through April 2018 and percent expended by site per total site resource. Board members asked questions and provided feedback and comments. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.5.2.3. <u>Staff Report: Parcel Tax Update</u>

Mr. Gaffney provided a brief overview of the current District Parcel Tax Measures I, J, O and P. The next steps for the District are to seek a consultant in January 2019 to assist the District with a plan for renewing parcel taxes, conduct a community poll regarding parcel taxes and identify renewal options. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.5.2.4. New Business: Contract-SCCS/SCCOE for new financial system ESCAPE

Mr. Gaffney reported that the Santa Cruz County School Districts (SCCSD's) collectively identified a need to review other financial software systems to replace the existing system known as Digital Schools (DS). The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the SCCSD's began reviewing systems in June 2018 with the intent to find a replacement and implement by July 2019. After initial presentations and a conversation with the current system's new owner, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued and distributed in July 2018. Simultaneously, the districts reviewed the most prominent systems in the State, which are Escape Technology and QSS. The initial reviews included mini demos by the vendors and two site user visits. The site user visits were with North Monterey Unified School District, a user of Escape Technology, and with San Benito County Office of Education, a QSS user. The demos were done in August 2018. After the RFP closed, the three vendors that submitted RFP's were evaluated – QSS, Escape Technology and Tyler Munis. All three were invited to present to a broader group of users from the districts. Tyler Munis declined the offer. The other two vendors presented in the month of September. After discussion, a unanimous decision was made by the Districts to move forward with Escape Technology. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the contract for the new financial system ESCAPE.

8.5.4.1. New Business: Board Policies Updates: Final Reading and Adoption

The Board of Education reviewed and approved these policies for first reading on September 26, 2018. They return tonight for final adoption. 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 have reviewed the policies to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the policies for final reading and adoption.

8.5.4.2. New Business: Resolution 13-18-19 in Support of the Soquel Union Elementary District Parcel Tax Measure B in the November 6, 2018 Election

Superintendent Munro shared that our neighboring feeder district, Soquel Union Elementary School District (SUESD), will bring to voters Parcel Tax Measure B on November 6, 2018. Measure B will support the retention of high-quality teachers and staff and the recruitment of new high-quality teachers and staff. Measure B will support enhanced gardening and life lab opportunities and fund music programs at each SUESD elementary school and at New Brighton Middle School. Measure B will help foster the development of well-educated and well-rounded students as they matriculate from SUESD to high school in Santa Cruz City Schools. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the resolution and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Ranii – Yes Shonick – Yes
Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes

8.5.4.5. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

The Trustees would like to have a discussion at one of future Board Study Sessions regarding Open vs. Closed Campus for District comprehensive high schools.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

- 1. The Regular Meeting on October 17, 2018, 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 7, 2018, 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 November 28, 2018, 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 December 12, 2018, 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 January 16, 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 January 23, 2018, 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 February 6, 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 February 20, 2019, 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 March 6, 2019, 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 20, 2019, 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 April 17, 2019, 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 May 15, 2019, 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 June 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board
14.	Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA. The Regular Meeting on June 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent Santa Cruz City Schools Claudia Vestal, President Board of Education