

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
April 15, 2015**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in 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 6:41 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Deedee Perez-Granados	Jeremy Shonick	Alisun Thompson
Patricia Threet	Claudia Vestal		

Absent: Deb Tracy-Proulx

Sarah Drozen – Student Board Member, Costanoa High School

Carla Diaz – Student Board Member, Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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.

Agenda Changes

A revised Agenda with a change of address for Closed Session Item 4 was provided.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

Library Department Recognition

Ms. Parks acknowledged the hard work of our Library Media Teachers and Media Assistants, as well as the appreciation for these services from our students and the school community. Ms. Parks and Superintendent Munro distributed Certificates of Recognition to the Library Department Team Members who were present at this Board Meeting. Cookies were provided for meeting attendees. Superintendent Munro thanked the public for honoring the important work of these team members through parcel taxes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harbor High School Librarian Shannon Greene invited everyone to the HHS Pirate Festival on Friday, May 8, 3:30-8:00 p.m. This annual event raises funds for college scholarships for English Learners (ELD). Santa Cruz Parent Education Preschool representatives invited interested folks to help celebrate the start of the Week of the Young Child at the Louden Nelson Center on Friday, April 17th, 4:30-6:00 p.m. The County Board of Supervisors will present a proclamation celebrating the Adult Schools Parent Participation Preschools – honoring their excellent work and valuable history. Classified Personnel Commissioner Dr. Jim Logsdon commented on the excellent Santa Cruz Sentinel article about the upcoming annual Oaxacan celebration at Harbor High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro extended her appreciation to our Teacher Librarians and other Library Team Members. These folks collaborate and partner with our classroom teachers on a regular basis in service to our students. We are fortunate to have community support through parcel taxes that provides these rich programs. Ms. Meeker is absent tonight due to her presence at the American Educational Research Association Conference where she is presenting her research on the characteristics of effective teacher training programs that support recognition of the *Funds of Knowledge* that our English Learners bring to their schools and learning. The Local Revenue Task Force committee met last night and the Clifford Moss team was introduced. Initial work to prepare for potential bond and parcel tax measures was discussed. Superintendent Munro and Ms. Meeker met with Cabrillo College President Laurel Jones and Vice President of Instruction Kathie Welsch to discuss opportunities for collaboration. County SELPA Director Harriet Maglin is retiring and interviews are currently taking place to find a successor for this position.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Diaz is pleased to see our Librarians recognized this evening. Soquel High School Economics Classes have been hosting educational planning workshops for Cabrillo College and it is very nice to get this information.

Student Representative Drozen reported that the Alternative School Prom date will be May 2nd and the theme will be "Masquerade Ball". Students from Delta Charter, AFE, Costanoa and Cypress Charter will attend. Smarter Balance Testing for Monarch Elementary and AFE has begun. Monarch will celebrate *Dia del Niño/Children's Day* on April 25th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Costanoa seniors are working hard to complete their senior projects, which are required to graduate. Soccer and Softball seasons have begun for Costanoa. Bookshop Santa Cruz will donate 15% of all purchases made by "friends and family" on April 16 will be donated to the Small Schools campus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Thompson/Threet) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Closed Session Meeting on March 18, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.
2. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 25, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

to safe student sustainable transportation and guide future transportation developments and interventions at 10 city schools. Complete Streets are designed and managed to enable safe and efficient access for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Key elements of the County CS Program include the Monterey Bay Area CS Guidebook, public education and training, and a framework for evaluating the economic impacts of CS investments. The complete plan can be found by following the link below:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/public-works/environmental-programs/transportation-programs>

This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take any action regarding this matter.

3.3 Staff Report: Impact Resulting from Large Elementary Populations

Background:

Elementary Principals Hernandez, Quevedo and Robb reported to the Trustees on this matter. Current site enrollment numbers and the impact/footprint of these large populations on grounds, instructional services, resources, custodial services, and access to support from leadership were discussed. A recommendation to determine a base level for all site services was proposed, as well as some ideas on how to determine supplemental needs for sites above the baseline. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take any action regarding this matter.

3.4 Staff Report: Personnel Commission Annual Report

Background:

As required by Education Code Section 45266, Personnel Director Summers delivered the annual report describing Personnel Commission activities from the 2014 calendar year to the Board of Education. Information included identification of the Commission Members, the Commission Goals, the description of the Merit System and the Merit System Laws, the Commission Activities to date for 2014, the names of new employees in 2014 and the names of those classified workers who received a promotion in 2014. This report was informational in nature and the Board of Education did not take any action regarding this matter.

3.5 New Business: Resolution 30-14-15 Classified Layoffs 2015-16

Recommendation:

Ms. Parks recommended approval of this resolution to layoff/reduce hours/months in the classified service in order to meet 2015-16 budget reductions, necessitated by lack of work or lack of funding. Ms. Summers was also available for questions from the Trustees. Following discussion, Dr. Thompson moved approval and 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
Thompson – Yes	Threet – Yes	Vestal – Yes

Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

3.6 New Business: Side Letter Agreements between GSCFT and SCCS

Ms. Parks reported that side letter agreements between the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers and Santa Cruz City Schools were reached for both Certificated Layoffs and Monarch Alternative Elementary School for the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Parks recommended approval of these agreements. MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the side letter agreements as submitted. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation regarding this matter.

3.7 New Business: Superintendent's Contract

Recommendation:

The Board of Education announced on March 25, 2015, their intention to appoint Kris Munro as the Superintendent of Santa Cruz City Schools. As the Superintendent's contract must be approved at the Open Session of a Regular Board Meeting, it has been brought forward this evening for approval. Copies of the contract were made available for review by the public. There were no comments from the public regarding this item. MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the contract for Superintendent Kris Munro was approved. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Thompson will attend the "Day of Silence" rally after school on Friday, April 17. This event will feature students from several sites coming together to "break the silence" after participating in the LGBT Anti-Bullying and Anti-Harassment event during the school day. The rally will be followed by a Diversity Dance at Santa Cruz High School. Dr. Thompson will be a rally speaker and will proudly recognize many of the active Gay/Straight Alliance clubs at SCCS schools.

Board Member Perez-Granados attended the April 7 Personnel Commission Meeting and the April 7 joint Board/Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Board Member Threet attended: The March & April "Inside Education" series visiting Alternative Pathways and different county classes offered here in Santa Cruz, including visiting different Special Education classes to learn of their unique challenges and needs; the April 7 Personnel Commission Meeting; the April 7 joint Board/Budget Advisory Committee meeting; the Santa Cruz High Cardinal Club Calamari Feed and Fundraiser.

Board President's Report

Board President thanked Mr. Monreal for his leadership on the Budget Advisory Committee. The Board President feels SCCS is on a good path. Cabrillo College is encouraging concurrent enrollment for high school students. The process has been simplified and Board President Vestal hopes that some of our students take advantage of this opportunity.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on May 6, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on May 20, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
3. The Governance Session on May 28, 2015, 1:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

4. The Regular Meeting on June 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on June 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Return to Closed Session

The Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education returned to Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

Closed Session Action Report

4. The Board of Education conferred regarding the property at 255 Swift Street, CA.

Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned the return to Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

- * ***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

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education