

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
August 20, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 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 6:36 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Cynthia Hawthorne	Patricia Threet	Deborah Tracy-Proulx
Steve Trujillo	Claudia Vestal	Ken Wagman	

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational 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

None

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz City Schools Classified Personnel Director Summers reported on an opening for District Personnel Commissioner. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Logsdon reported that former Student Board Representative Nick Morris was presently an intern at KQED Public Television in San Francisco, CA. Soquel High School Athletic Director Stu Walters expressed concern with the lack of funding for athletics and also inquired as to why Ms. Threet was removed as Board President on June 25, 2014. Parent Ed Chun inquired as to why Ms. Threet was removed as Board President on June 25, 2014. Parent Brad Breerton advocated for increased funding for athletics and asked the Trustees to revisit this discussion as indicated during the budget discussion at the Regular Meeting on June 25, 2014. Santa Cruz Education Foundation Board Member Janet Swann clarified

that the funds discussed on June 25, 2014 for athletics were funds that would be transferred from Food Services to Athletics; the motion to transfer these funds was not successful.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro welcomed Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks to their respective Cabinet posts and to this meeting. Last Saturday, 50 coaches participated in our first Positive Coaching Alliance Training. The next training will be in November. Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership Teams met all day Monday and Tuesday for learning and collaboration. This is the 5th year of SCIL and we are proud of the impact that this teacher-led work has on student learning. The Administrative Retreat was held on the August 8th. Thanks to our HR team for all of the hiring work this summer. Tomorrow is the New Teacher Orientation. The first round of interviews for the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services position is complete, and we hope to have someone in place by late September. I want to thank all of the classified Directors who have been working hard to keep everything moving forward without a CBO in place. The M&O team has done outstanding facilities projects and summer maintenance, our finance team has been hard at work shifting to a new software system and closing the books, and our unsung heroes in transportation and food service have been ensuring our students get to and from summer programs safely and have great meals each day of their programs. We are all looking forward to the first day of school and having students return to our campuses. It is going to be a great year.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Tracy-Proulx welcomed Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks and thanked them for being here.

Board Member Hawthorne welcomed Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks. Ms. Hawthorne reported attending the PCS Charter Renewal Meeting held at the COE and was pleased to be able to speak in support of the PCS agenda.

Board Member Wagman welcomed Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks and remarked that the current SCCS Cabinet members' backgrounds and experience make it clear that classrooms and students will always be at the forefront of their focus and work. Mr. Wagman will work to help PCS get their new building. Trustee Wagman met with Special Education Director O'Farrell for one hour last week regarding the former COE programs that SCCS now administers.

Board Member Trujillo looks forward to working with Superintendent Munro, as well as Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks, and is pleased to continue to serve the school community through the end of his term in December, 2014.

Board Member Threet welcomed Ms. Meeker, Ms. Parks and Superintendent Munro. Trustee Threet attended the PCS Charter Renewal meeting and was pleased to see that our relationship with PCS is changing. Ms. Threet acknowledged Soquel High School graduate Sam Walters, a three sport student athlete with a 4.406 Academic GPA who was named Co-MVP in Boys Basketball by the SCCAL Coaches for the 2nd straight season as well as the Santa Cruz Sentinel Athlete of the Year. Ms. Threet thanked the Athletic Directors who are working collaboratively to host the Santa Cruz HS football season – and the Soquel HS classified staff who will do extra work to ensure that the site is ready to host extra games. Trustee Threet has had many community members express a desire to have the district provide athletic stipends, and would like to discuss moving \$100,000 from the Cafeteria Fund carry-over to fund athletic stipends by giving each of the comprehensive middle schools \$12,500 and each of the comprehensive high schools \$25,000. Board Member Threet extended her thanks to those in the community who have reached out to offer her support.

Board Member Coonerty welcomed Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks. Dr. Coonerty attended a county-wide board member meeting hosted by Senator Monning regarding the state of ROP classes and a recent Santa Cruz City Council meeting at which the new building for PCS was discussed. Dr. Coonerty has been working to increase her understanding of our budget and has found that the Local Control Funding Formula is not a friend to Santa Cruz City Schools. Dr. Coonerty requested information regarding how district or board committees are chosen, expiration dates decided, etc. – this process affects which projects are focused on by District Staff and the Board of Education. Dr. Coonerty has had inquiries about the removal of Ms. Threet as Board President and feels the Board of Education needs to provide a response to these queries. Dr. Coonerty is seeking information regarding the correct legal procedure for the release of Closed Session minutes when necessary; also seeking a process for a second legal opinion on matters. Dr. Coonerty would like to have a report that evaluates the program changes in Special Education – specifically, the services that Santa Cruz City Schools has acquired from the COE most recently.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal looks forward to working with Ms. Meeker and Ms. Parks. Ms. Vestal attended the Delta Charter School student/parent orientation, and it was a successful event. Delta Charter School will be working on accreditation this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 18, 2014. Mr. Trujillo abstained from this vote.
2. Following revisions brought forward by the Recording Secretary and Dr. Coonerty, MSP (Wagman/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 25, 2014.
3. MSP (Trujillo/Wagman) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Closed Session Meeting on July 17, 2014.

Consent Agenda

Board Member Trujillo asked to have items VII.1.13.8 (b) Anderson Christie, Inc. lease listing agreement for 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz; and VII.1.13.8(c) MACRO Lease of Suite 103 at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz - pulled for a separate discussion and vote.

Following some clarifying questions regarding the items on the Consent Agenda (less Items 1.13.8(b) and 1.13.8(c)) Ms. Hawthorne moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: 1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; 1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; 1.3 Purchase Orders; 1.4 Warrant Register(s); 1.5 Budget Transfers; 1.6 Gifts; 1.7 Resolution 01-14-15 Sr. Management Classified Positions; 1.8 Resolution 02-14-15 Volunteer Workers' Compensation Coverage; 1.9 Agriculture Incentive Grant 2014-15; 1.10 Williams Quarterly Report; 1.11 Resolution 04-14-15 Reduction of Classified Positions; 1.12 Local Control Accountability Plan; 1.13.1 CSAs – Ed Services – a) CPM Educational: Karen Arth-Curriculum; b) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Laura Besser – Curriculum; 1.13.8.2 Contract Agreement – Ed Services – a)DTS-SARC Services; 1.13.8.3 NPA/NPA Contracts – Ed. Services/Special Education – a) Developmental Learning Solutions; b) Encompass Community Services; c) Pediatric Therapy Center Occupational Therapy; d) SpeechRighter, Inc.; 1.13.8.4 Contract Agreement – Ed Services/Special Education: a) Pediatric Therapy Center services; 1.13.8.5 Contracts/Consultant Services Agreements – Ed. Services/Student Services – a) Encompass Community Services; b) Hearing Conservation West; c) Santa Cruz County Sheriff/Coroner; 1.13.8.6 CSA – HR – a) Scotts D. Hamill; 1.13.8.7 Consultant Services Agreement – Business Services; 1.13.8.a – Contract Agreements Business Services – a) Belli Architectural Group; d) SCI Consulting, Inc.; e) Sector Point, Inc.; f) Moore Twining

Associates; g) Wasinger Inspection. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gift donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Costanoa Continuation High School* - An anonymous donor has contributed \$4,000 to Positive Discipline Community Resources for Costanoa High School staff training. Staff will be trained in Positive Discipline for the classroom by Lysa Tabachnick and Stephanie Tam Rosas. This training is also open to Monarch Alternative Elementary School staff members, Trustees and District Office staff members if there is an interest. Mr. Wagman seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes
Trujillo –Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Consent Agenda Item(s) 1.8 (b) Anderson Christie, Inc. and 1.8(c) MACRO Lease

Board Member Trujillo expressed concern about the district owned property at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA. Mr. Trujillo asked if the building was fully occupied, and if SCCS was earning income from the leases – after maintenance, renovation and other expenses were factored in. Superintendent Munro reported that the building was full, most of the improvements were done by the tenants, and SCCS was earning income from the lease agreements at this property. The Superintendent will bring additional information to a future meeting. Ms. Hawthorne moved approval and Mr. Wagman seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows;

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes
Trujillo –Abstain Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
3. The Board of Education heard information and provided direction and next steps regarding significant exposure to anticipated litigation.
4. The Board of Education heard information and provided direction regarding real property negotiations for: 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA; 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Board of Education reviewed the Superintendent’s annual goals and objectives.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: Merit Academy

District Staff reported that the Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College provided a technology training to 16 K-12 teachers at the Branciforte Middle School Innovation Center from August 4-8, 2014. This workshop offered participants new tools and strategies for incorporating technology in lessons and unit planning. Attendees used the tools to create projects they plan to share with colleagues and students in the coming year. Specific site goals for students included: technology curriculum to teach digital literacy from grades 6-8; a Google platform for email and documents; a network for digital citizenship and collaboration; a concrete tool for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) implementation through Google forms and wordle (word clouds). This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.2 Staff Report: Budget Update

District Staff reported on the current status of the District Budget and State Funding. Staff are working to finalize the ending balances for 2013-14 and to correct the STRS rate for 2014-15. It is not yet clear how the Special Education Base Proration Factor will impact our total Special Education funding and we

are also awaiting receipt of Mandated Costs funding. Ms. Lacey provided key elements of the 2014-15 enacted budget, as well as multi-year budgeting challenges, multi-year projection assumptions, and a summary of the general SCCS financial outlook. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.3 New Business: Resolution 03-14-15 College Awareness Week

Superintendent Munro recommended adoption of the first annual Resolution for College Awareness Week. Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C) Executive Director Ray Kaupp reported on some of the activities and resources that would be made available to celebrate college and career readiness during the first full week prior to Cabrillo College’s College & Career Night on Monday, November 3rd. Mr. Wagman moved approval of the resolution and Ms. Threet seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Hawthorne – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes
Trujillo –Yes Vestal – Yes Wagman – Yes

3.4 New Business: Opening of the Sunshine Period between SCCS and SCCCE

Ms. Parks asked the Trustees to receive the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees (SCCCE) 2014-15 contract proposal to SCCS for “sunshining”. **Article X – Health and Welfare Benefits**
The SCCCE reserves the right to open up to three articles of the contract. MSP (Wagman/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education received the SCCCE 2014-15 contract proposal for “sunshining”.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 10, 2014, 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 September 24, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on October 8, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on October 22, 2014, 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.
5. The Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on December 10, 2014, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on January 14, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Regular Meeting on February 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on February 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
10. The Regular Meeting on March 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on March 25, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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 items of business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education