

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
December 10, 2014**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

SCCCE President Chacanaca asked to the Board to: direct district administrators to discontinue unfair labor practices; return deductions for health benefits collected from classified employees and discontinue collecting these funds; negotiate fairly.

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:38 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	Deborah Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	

Carla Diaz: Student Representative, Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Russell Miller, 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.

Oath of Office

Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools Michael Watkins delivered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Members Perez-Granados, Shonick and Thompson and to re-elected Board Member Tracy-Proulx.

Agenda Changes

None

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz High School Athletic Director Erik Redding spoke on behalf of all secondary athletic directors to ask the Board of Education to consider supporting athletics, especially the cost of coaching stipends, when prioritizing budget items. It is extremely difficult to hire competent coaches when the expectation is to fundraise for all needs, even their own salaries.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

1. Election of Board President: Prior to making a motion, the Board had a discussion on the roles and responsibilities of Board President. Board Member Threet nominated Board Member Vestal for President, and Board Member Perez-Granados seconded this motion. The Board approved Ms. Vestal for Board President with a vote of 7-0.
2. Election of Board Vice President: MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 7-0, the Board approved Board Member Threet for Vice President.
3. Approval of Board Clerk: Following a discussion on the role and responsibility of this position, MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board approved Superintendent Munro for the Board Clerk.
4. Proposed Date for Governance Study Session: Following a description of the intent of this meeting, Superintendent Munro proposed the date of January 7, 2015, and the Board of Education approved this date with a vote of 7-0.
5. Proposed Date for New Board Member Orientation: Following a description of the intent of this meeting, Superintendent Munro proposed the date of January 21, 2015, and the Board of Education approved this date with a vote of 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro welcomed new Board Members Perez-Granados, Shonick and Thompson and re-elected Trustee Tracy-Proulx. Santa Cruz City Schools is fortunate to have so many community members committed to service to schools and I look forward to working with each of you. The Superintendent presented information on SCCS goals and metrics, instructional focus and the local control funding formula to the Sunrise Rotary prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. It was a great opportunity to share school information with the wider community. SCCS students are participating in the 3rd annual Read-to-Achieve program sponsored by the Santa Cruz Warriors Basketball organization. In addition, the Warriors are bringing the Math Warriors program to our children. K-8 teachers have designed math curriculum about the math of basketball, with a primary focus on statistics and probability. This program will be implemented after Winter Break and all elementary and middle school students will take school-wide field trips to watch a D-League Showcase Tournament game on either January 15th or 16th. Buses and game admission for all SCCS students will be provided by the Warriors organization. The Santa Cruz Education Foundation has secured a \$15,000 grant from the Packard Foundation to continue the middle schools Arts Academies. The investigation into the threat made towards Santa Cruz HS is on-going. The Superintendent will keep the Trustees and the community updated of new developments. We continue to appreciate our strong collaboration with the Santa Cruz Police Department.

Student Representative's Report

Congratulations and welcome to our new Board Members. There are lots of holiday decorations on the Soquel HS campus and it provides a warm and cozy atmosphere. Club Week is next week and the club members are disappointed about the new federal guidelines that affect fundraising by making and selling food.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND/OR REFERRALS

Other Trustees

Board Member Tracy-Proulx welcomed the New Trustees and looks forward to doing good work for children. It is an honor to be back. Ms. Tracy-Proulx is excited to have the LCAP and parcel tax conversations. Trustee Tracy-Proulx commends Superintendent Munro, Santa Cruz HS Principal Edmonds, and all staff members for the great work revolving around the Santa Cruz HS incident. There will be a Technology meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Gault Library.

Board Member Perez-Granados congratulated her new colleagues and thanked current members for the warm welcome she has received. Trustee Perez-Granados is a parent to one student at Branciforte Middle School and one student at Harbor High School. She looks forward to impacting student educational experiences and is looking forward to getting to know teachers, students and parents district-wide.

Board Member Shonick made a campaign promise to have a different kind of school board and believes that tonight's meeting has been a good start. Mr. Shonick looks forward to positive experiences.

Board Member Threet welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight. Board Member Threet attended the Mission Hill MS Parent Safety Meeting and it was a positive experience. Ms. Threet commends Superintendent Munro and staff members for the handling of the Santa Cruz HS incident. Trustee Threet attended the Budget Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Threet is grateful for all the Athletic Directors and all who contribute time and money for student sports programs. Board Member Threet has heard from some community members who would like the district to review the default A-G curriculum requirement. Trustee Threet thanked Student Services Director Brown for the services that have been provided at Soquel HS as students and staff members cope with the loss of an SCCS student.

Board Member Thompson thanked everyone for the warm welcome; it has resulted in her increased dedication to her role as a Trustee. Dr. Thompson has students at Harbor HS – via Monarch Community School and Branciforte Middle School – and she is anxious to learn more about other district schools. Reading the School Site Plans to prepare for this meeting was inspiring. Dr. Thompson is excited to get to work and is grateful for the community support.

Board Member Coonerty has been very busy and is hearing a lot of rumors in the community regarding the transparency of decisions made by the Board of Education. Dr. Coonerty would like the public to know that starting tonight - this group will work as a group and keep the public informed about the direction they are moving in. Dr. Coonerty is learning a great deal about the budget thanks to Mr. Miller. Dr. Coonerty acknowledged Superintendent Munro for her unfailing ability to meet with all Trustees on a personal basis at least once a month and her desire to fully listen to each person. The Superintendent began these conversations the minute she entered the office and continues to be available to Board Members in every possible way to ensure that folks can work together and that each one is up to the responsibilities of the job. Balancing CTE/ROP with A-G curriculum is a major concern for Dr. Coonerty. The Santa Cruz HS Parent Safety Update/Meeting was very well-run by the Superintendent Munro. Dr. Coonerty was very happy with the Budget Study Session and was able to receive a response for each question she posed.

Board President

Board President Vestal looks forward to the CSBA Conference this weekend and continuing getting to know new board members. Board President Vestal attended the Board Budget Study session and the District Budget Advisory Committee meeting. The Go-For-Health committee is working towards community wellness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 12, 2014 as submitted. Student Diaz recommended a yes vote on this matter. Board Members Perez-Granados, Shonick and Thompson abstained from this vote.
2. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 3, 2014 as submitted. Student Diaz recommended a yes vote on this matter. Board Members Perez-Granados, Shonick and Thompson abstained from this vote.

Consent Agenda

Following clarifying questions and comments, Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Item 1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Item 1.3 Purchase Orders; Item 1.4 Warrant Register; Item 1.5 Budget Transfers; Item 1.6 Gifts; Item 1.7 Board Policy Update – BB 9270 & E 9270 Conflict of Interest; Item 1.8 Revised Budget Development Calendar; Item 1.9 Contracts and Consultant Service Agreements: 1.Contract Ed Services-Student Services-1.a Santa Cruz COE Medi-Cal Administrative Services; 2. Consultant Services Agreements Ed Services-Student Services-2.a Laurel Andres, LMFT: Crisis Counseling MHMS; 3. Consultant Services Agreements-Special Ed-3.a Erik Kaul, Supervision of intern for counseling services to HHS students; 3.b Chungmin Weng-Mandarin language translation services as required by law; 4.Contract Agreement-Business Services-4.a Public Economics, Inc.-consulting re: former RDA-extend through 6/30/15; Item 1.10 Disposal of Surplus Item(s). The board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Santa Cruz City Schools District*-Miller Maxfield, Inc. donated communication services: In-Kind Donation of Services-\$1,750.00; *DeLaveaga Elementary School*-Joseph and Heidi Fisher donated \$200 for classroom supplies; *Branciforte Middle School*-Barbara Hellesoe has donated \$350 to this school through the Wells Fargo Community Support Matching donation program; *Santa Cruz High School*-Cathy Stefanki donated \$300 to the SCHS Girls' Soccer Team; The Wharf to Wharf Race donated \$11,500 to the SCHS Track and Field Program; Julie McDaniel donated \$1,000 to the SCHS Boys' Basketball Program; *Soquel High School*-The Rudolph F. Monte Foundation donated \$1,000 to the school; Al Atlansky donated \$100 towards the purchase of an electric marquee for the site. Board Member Perez-Granados seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes Perez-Granados – Yes Shonick – Yes
Thompson – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes

Student Diaz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. Superintendent Munro administered the Oath of Office for new and re-elected Board Members to begin Closed Session.
2. The Board of Education approved the Certificated/Classified Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments as submitted with a vote of 7-0.
3. The Board of Education approved Expulsion 07-14-15 and 08-14-15 with a vote of 7-0 for each item.

4. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2013-14.
5. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to designated representative Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.
6. The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation: 1 case (Prop. 39)

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

New Business: Accept the 2013-14 Audit Report

Mr. Miller acknowledged Finance Director Lacey and her staff for an outstanding job of record keeping for the district finances. The written analysis of the audit prepared by Crowe Horwath reported two very small findings that will not impact the District's apportionment. No audit adjustments are required. A representative from Crowe Horwath was present to answer questions about the report. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the 2013-14 Audit Report as submitted. Student Diaz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Santa Cruz City Schools has adopted a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) in accordance with the changes in school funding brought about by the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). The LCAP annual template is used to provide local educational agencies' actions and expenditures to support pupil outcomes and overall performance. In November, 2014, the State Board of Education adopted an updated annual template, signaling the beginning of the annual LCAP revision process. Staff presented Santa Cruz City School's plan for refining this year's LCAP. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

** NOTE: Student Diaz left the meeting at this time.

New Business: Single Plans Report and Approval

Pursuant to California Education Code (EC) Section 64001 and the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), schools that receive state and federal funds will consolidate all school plans into the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The SPSA is a blueprint to improve the academic achievement of all students and coordinate all educational services at the school. Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross presented the cycle of development and revision for the SPSA process. Board Members asked clarifying questions. MSP (Shonick/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board approved the Single Plans as submitted.

New Business: Coordinated Early Intervention Services (CEIS)

As a result of a CDE finding of significant disproportionality in our special education population, Santa Cruz City Schools is required to review policies, procedures and practices to ensure compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and reserve 15% of our federal IDEA grant funds to provide coordinated early intervening services (CEIS) to children in our district. Special Education Director O'Farrell presented current data on our special education population and an amendment to the CEIS plan approved by the Board in January, 2013. MSP (Shonick/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the CEIS Plan.

New Business: 1st Interim Report

Mr. Miller and Finance Director Lacey reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. Mr. Miller recommended approval of the 2014-15 1st Interim Report with a positive certification. A positive certification is assigned when the district will meet its financial obligations for the current year and two subsequent fiscal

years. The 1st Interim Report is based on financial activity through October 31, 2014. On or before mid-January 2015, the Governor will release his Budget Proposal for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Staff will report its components to the Board of Education at a February board meeting. MSP (Coonerty/Shonick) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2014-15 1st Interim Report with a positive certification.

New Business: Revenue Task Force

Superintendent Munro made a recommendation to form a Revenue Task Force to explore the potential of a new secondary parcel tax and the potential of a facilities bond. This task force would also work on the renewal of Measure P, which is set to expire in June, 2017. Ms. Threet moved approval of the recommendation as submitted by Superintendent Munro, and Mr. Shonick seconded this motion. After clarifying questions and discussion among Trustees, District Staff and Members of the Audience, Dr. Coonerty made a friendly amendment to the motion, which was accepted by both Ms. Threet and Mr. Shonick. The new motion read: "Form a Local Revenue Task Force, with one or two Board members, 1 elementary and 1 high school principal, the Director of Maintenance, Operations, & Transportation, 3 teachers and 3 parent members to explore the potential of a new secondary parcel tax and a potential facilities bond. This task force would also work on the renewal of Measure P, which is set to expire in June of 2017. Provide direction to staff to seek bids for a firm to support the renewal of Measure P and explore the feasibility of a new secondary parcel tax and facilities bond." MSP (Threet/Shonick) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the amended motion.

PUBLIC HEARING: Annual Developer Fees Report

The Board is required to make the District's annual Developer Fees report available to the public and to conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the report prior to being approved. This public notice was posted at District sites and was published in the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

Open: Board President Vestal opened this Public Hearing at 9:51 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Vestal closed this Public Hearing at 9:51 p.m.

New Business: Annual Developer Fees Report

The District collects developer fees that are used to provide school facilities to house and service the growth in student enrollment generated by the new construction. Mr. Miller presented the annual report required by Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code 65995. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the 2013-14 Developer Fees Annual Report.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Special Closed Session Meeting on December 18, 2014, 10:00 a.m., will be held in Room 209, Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
2. The Board Governance Meeting on January 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m. will be held in the Soquel High School Library, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
3. 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.
4. The New Board Member Orientation Meeting on January 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Soquel High School Library, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
5. 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.
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. The Special Joint Study Session of the Board of Education/Budget Advisory Committee will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 4:30 p.m., March 24, 2014.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education