

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
February 11, 2015**

**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, 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 6:43 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 Board Member, Soquel High School

Sarah Drozen – Student Board Member, Costanoa High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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**

None

**Introduction of New Student Board Representative**

Ms. Meeker introduced and welcomed new Student Representative Sarah Drozen, a senior at Costanoa High School. Student Drozen will provide some information about herself during her student report.

**Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Santa Cruz Education Foundation Representative Kathy Ferraro reported on SCEF activities and fundraising efforts and invited everyone to visit the organization’s new and improved website. SCEF President Lacie Gray

is seeking a confirmed date for the Annual Eddy Awards later in this school year. GSCFT Representative Casey Carlson invited everyone to the Together We Dream event on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Watsonville Campus for Cabrillo College. The event supports undocumented families and has three simultaneous workshops – one for educators in allies (English); one for students (English); one for parents (Spanish) – from 6-8 p.m. Please let GSCFT President Kirschen know if any Board Members are interested in meeting with teachers at a particular site. Representatives from the Freedom Forum invited interested members of the community to a presentation on the Common Core on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., 1900 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Santa Cruz. Four individuals addressed the Trustees with their concerns regarding the health and well-being of students and community members who are exposed to cell towers and wireless technology. Retired teacher Marilyn Garrett asked the Board of Education to take action and write letters to support the well-being of children by utilizing less wireless technology. Personnel Commissioner Dr. Logsdon reported on a successful community event to provide assistance for Spanish speakers to obtain a license to operate a vehicle and a Branciforte Middle School athletic equipment sale to support the athletics programs at this site.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent Munro welcomed new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Jim Monreal, to his first official board meeting and new Student Representative Sarah Drozen as well. In early February, the Superintendent was able to attend the ACSA Superintendents’ Symposium and appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with local colleagues and learn from leaders across the state. Last week, SCCS Principals spent two days working with one another and Dr. Eddie Fergus as they looked at our response to intervention models for both academic support and school culture and climate. Last night was the final secondary Open House for the season. I want to recognize all of our Certificated, Classified and Administrative staffs for showcasing the amazing things happening in our middle and high schools. It was a pleasure to attend the Latino Role Model Conference on the 31<sup>st</sup>. I want to commend Community Coordinators Fe Silva Robles and Nereida Robles and all of the staff who supported making this 5<sup>th</sup> annual event possible. I would like to acknowledge the considerable amount of time that each of our Trustees gave during the last several weeks to ensure a strong governance team. I will be following up with our agreements and looking for a date in June for us to evaluate our work this year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Governance Session on January 7, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from this vote.
2. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from this vote.
3. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the New Board Member Orientation on January 21, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from this vote.

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Coonerty 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; 1.5 Gifts; 1.6 Board Policy Update: Board Bylaw 9010 Public Statements; 1.7 Resolution 23-14-15 Designation of JPA Representatives; 1.8 Resolution 24-14-15 Designated Representative for the Office of Public Construction; 1.9 Revised Classified Management Salary Schedules; 1.10.1.a CSA Eddie Fergus – Staff Training; 1.10.2.a CSA Above Bar –CPR Training & Certification for students in GMEC; 1.10.3.a MOU with Pajaro Valley USD for transportation of students waiting for placement in foster care; 1.10.4.a Contract with PFM, Inc. for continuing disclosure services for district financings; 1.10.4.b Contract with Burton, Schmal & DiBenedetto, LLP for addendum for lease of 6/28/13; 1.11 Disposal of Surplus Property. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following



**Staff Report: Preliminary Enrollment Projections**

Mr. Monreal presented information comparing 2013-14 Certified CBEDS enrollment to 2014-15 Certified CBEDS enrollment, as well as enrollment on 2/11/15 and projected the preliminary enrollment projections for 2015-16. While enrollment has increased in 2014-15 from the 2013-14 school year, these numbers are expected to decrease slightly in the 2015-16 school year. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**Staff Report: Latino Role Model Conference**

Ms. Meeker reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Latino Role Model Conference took place at Harbor High School on January 31, 2015. This year's event was organized in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate in San Jose, the County Office of Education, and with support from the Chicana Latina Foundation, Monterey Bay Aquarium and various student organizations from UCSC. The program seeks to inspire secondary students to reach their college and career goals by exposing them to valuable resources and examples of success. Ms. Meeker also acknowledged the continued diligent work of Santa Cruz City Schools School Community Coordinators Fe Silva-Robles and Nereida Robles to coordinate this event and ensure its success each year. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

\*Note – at this time, Student Representative Diaz left the meeting.

**Old Business: Resolution 22-14-15 in Support of the Repeal of Local Reserves Cap**

On June 20, 2014, Governor Brown signed the 2014-15 state budget and a handful of budget trailer bills. One of those trailer bills was SB 858 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2014), which contained numerous provisions relating to public education. Section 27 of that bill added Education Code Section 42127.01, stating that in the fiscal year following a year in which the state transfers money into the Public School Stabilization Account, known as the Proposition 98 Reserve, school districts will be required to spend their assigned and unassigned ending balances down to no more than twice the level of their minimum recommended reserve for economic uncertainties. The Legislative Analyst Office (LAO) and the California School Boards Association Education (CSBA) have expressed that Code Section 42127.01 contains some language that could be damaging to sound fiscal policy and dangerous to local school board governance. Following questions, comments and discussion from the Trustees, District Staff, and Members of the Audience, Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of this resolution, and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. This motion was approved with a vote of 5-0-2. Dr. Perez-Granados and Mr. Shonick abstained from the vote. Student Representative Drozen abstained from making a recommendation on this matter.

**New Business: CSBA Delegate Assembly Representative**

The Trustees had the opportunity to vote for one candidate to Represent Subregion 9-A for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly provides policy direction for the association, elects officers and directors, and ensures that the association reflects the interests of school districts and county offices of education. The Delegate Assembly consists of: more than 270 elected board members from CSBA's 21 geographic regions; 32 members of the Board of Directors; past presidents of CSBA serving on local school boards; the immediate past president of the California County Boards of Education. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education cast their vote for Board Member George Wylie of the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District. Student Drozen abstained from making a recommendation on this matter.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' BOARD REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Shonick welcomed Student Representative Drozen to the Board of Education and thanked her for service to the district.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx welcomed Student Representative Drozen to the Board of Education. Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended: the Latino Role Model Conference; Harbor High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night; Branciforte Middle School Open House. One interesting note about the Latino Role Model Conference – listening to the English translation of the speakers reminded Ms. Tracy-Proulx of how difficult it is for English learners in our district.

Board Member Perez-Granados attended the Latino Role Model Conference. Dr. Perez-Granados' visit to the Westlake Elementary School Life Lab with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class demonstrated the great impact this program has on students. The Harbor High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night was very well organized.

Board Member Threet welcomed Student Representative Drozen to the Board of Education and congratulated Soquel High School Principal Atlansky on her permanent appointment to the position. Trustee Threet attended the "Inside Education" meeting and visited charter schools. The presentation from Delta Charter School this evening at the meeting was a wonderful demonstration of the exemplary program that can be presented at a charter school. Ms. Threet attended Soquel High School Parent Night and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Senior Bowl at Cabrillo College on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Soquel High School hosted the Winter Formal Dance and attendance at the event was significantly increased from last year. Santa Cruz High School hosted an event celebrating the 2005 State Championship Basketball Title and recognizing Coach Newell and many players from past teams. Board Member Threet requests a report on Athletics in the near future.

Board Member Thompson attended: the Latino Role Model Conference; visited the Westlake Elementary School Life Lab; the SCCS Library Media Teachers monthly meeting and the Professional Development training at the meeting from OPALS; the Harbor High School Escapades Dance performance on February 7. This youth led, student choreographed group was amazing and Dr. Thompson would like to recognize Harbor Theater teacher Kathy Warner for her amazing dedication to students in the arts.

Board Member Coonerty attended the Budget Workshop at the County Office of Education on January 20<sup>th</sup> and found it very useful. Dr. Coonerty visited Food Services and spent time with Director Hedrick-Farr. Dr. Coonerty has been learning about the history of our district parcel taxes. Yesterday, the County Office of Education selected a new Board Member. Trustee Coonerty thanked GSCFT Representative Casey Carlson for bringing forward the idea of meeting with teachers at school sites and Thanked Student Representative Drozen for being a part of the Board of Education.

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Vestal has been encouraging pre-school parents to attend the district Open Houses and become acquainted with our wonderful schools. The Wellness Committee meets tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. at Harbor High School. The Board President thanked Dr. Jim Logsdon for his "Letter to the Editor" this week acknowledging the Latino Role Model Conference.

### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 8:57 p.m.

### **RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education reconvened to Closed Session at 9:03 p.m.

### **Closed Session Action Report**

6. The Board of Education conferred regarding property at 355 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Board of Trustees discussed Superintendent Munro's performance evaluation.

### **Adjournment**

The Board of Education adjourned the return to Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education