

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

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:32 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 and Chief Negotiator Brown made themselves available to the Trustees in case there were any clarifying questions regarding the proposal the bargaining unit submitted to the District.

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:42 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

Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

DeLaveaga Teacher Linda Aragon and DeLaveaga Parent Christen Morell offered the Trustees and District Administration their constructive feedback on the Classified Employee Evaluation Process. Santa Cruz Education Foundation Representative Kathy Ferraro invited everyone to make nominations for the annual Eddy Awards. The SCEF recently awarded \$12,000 to middle and high schools for library books and funds to

elementary schools for Outdoor Science School. The Spring 2015 fundraising campaign for the Education Foundation will generate funds for SCCS AVID programs.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Munro attended the second meeting of the Local Revenue Task Force, where past and future campaign efforts were discussed. The committee will report to the Board of Education on March 25. The District Advisory Committee (DAC) met on Monday to discuss LCAP and goals and data. Soquel High School hosted a mid-term WASC Committee visitation and led a thoughtful self-study effort. The Superintendent and Ms. Meeker attended the Harbor High School Boosters Retreat on February 28. Superintendent Munro attended the COE Regional Occupation Expo on March 5th. SCCS will continue planning for the transition of CTE and ROP programs with the County Office of Education and hope to bring the Trustees an agreement in the near future. The Superintendent continues to work with a county-wide district collaborative to explore a grant from the Gates Foundation.

Student Representatives’ Reports

Student Diaz reported that the Soquel High School daily announcements now contain “shout outs” for student accomplishments. Students feel supported and recognized – this encourages more students to become engaged in their academic community. Ms. Diaz thanked Teacher Ferejohn for leading the WASC self-study effort. Soquel High School will offer an assembly on drunk driving – students would like to request that assemblies to address safety concerns and behavior issues be less childish and more helpful to older teenagers.

Student Drozen invited the Trustees to the AFE Field Day on Friday, March 13. The ARK received a donation of 50 jackets from the California Conservation Core. The Small Schools campus has begun having daily announcements to improve communications between staff, students and schools on this campus. The grade 12 students at Costanoa High School took the Cabrillo Assessment tests last week and have already received their results. Students and Administrators are working to increase direct contact and communication between the School Resource Officer and the Small Schools campus students. One of the Costanoa teachers has been nominated for KSBW “Crystal Apple” award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Governance Session on February 4, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from this vote.

Consent Agenda

Board Member Threet 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 Gifts; Item 1.6 Board Policy: AR 5117 Interdistrict Transfers – 1st Reading; Item 1.7 Out-of-State Field Trip – AFE; Item 1.8 New Classified Job Description: Mental Health Specialist; Item 1.9 Contracts & Consultant Agreements. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Middle School* - Barbara Hellesoe has donated \$600 to the school through the Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program; *Soquel High School* - Laysha Ward has donated \$209.04 through the Target Corporation Rewards Program. Ms. Threet moved approval of the Consent Agenda and Dr. Thompson seconded this motion, which was approved 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

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

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education approved the Certificated, Classified and Management leaves, retirements, resignations, and appointments with a vote of 7-0.
2. The Board of Education heard information regarding Expulsion 14-14-15, 15-14-15 and 16-14-15.
3. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Assistant Superintendent Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Education received an update from and gave direction to Assistant Superintendent Molly Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15.

The Board will return to Closed Session following the adjournment of this Open Session Meeting to continue Closed Session discussions.

Public Votes on Student Expulsions

1. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 14-14-15. Board Member Shonick voted no on this matter.
2. MPS (Tracy-Proulx/Thompson) 6-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 15-14-15. Board Member Shonick voted no on this matter.
3. Dr. Thompson moved approval of Expulsion 16-14-15 and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:
Coonerty – Abstain Perez-Granados – Abstain Shonick – No Threet – No
Thompson – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes

The Board of Education will return to Closed Session at the conclusion of the Open Session items to discuss Expulsion 16-14-15 again to bring clarity to the issue and vote again on this matter.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

Staff Report: Overview of the SCCS Student Athletics Program

Retired SCCS Principal and Athletic Director Tim McGuire reported to the Board on this matter. Background information was provided to the Trustees prior to the meeting regarding facts about athletic programs, the role of the Athletic Director, and current prioritized needs for the SCCS Athletic Programs. Mr. McGuire's presentation focused on the history of Athletics in SCCS, current site and team fundraising efforts, fiscal requirements to maintain programs for future SCCS athletes, the responsibilities of SCCS Athletic Directors and the increased opportunities for all students if the Athletic Directors are increased to full time positions. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: PUBLIC HEARING: Delta High School Charter Renewal

The purpose of this hearing is to provide a public forum for community input regarding the five-year renewal of the Delta School Charter.

Open: Board President Vestal opened this Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Close: Board President Vestal closed this Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

New Business: Delta School Charter Renewal

Delta School was originally chartered by Santa Cruz City Schools in 1994. Delta offers a highly regarded small alternative high school program. The charter renewal application has been reviewed by staff and meets the requirements established by Education Code. This renewal is for five years, through the 2019-2020 school year. Delta Board Members, Staff Members and Students were present at this meeting and available for questions and/or comments. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the renewal of the Delta School Charter through the 2019-20 school year.

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

Staff Report: Academic Response to Intervention

Using the Response to Intervention program, Santa Cruz City Schools staff members build action plans that support our district goals of closing the academic achievement gap for all students. Ms. Meeker reported that Santa Cruz City Schools' principals dedicated two days, February 5th and 6th, to reviewing student outcomes, grounding their work in current research and developing action plans. Our collective SCCS focus is on aligned, continuous improvement efforts on behalf of all students and families. Principals Tabachnick, Curley and Robb discussed the current implementation of the program in our schools, guiding questions, grade-span action plan highlights and next steps for the program. Board Members made comments and asked questions. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

New Business: Second Interim Financial Report

Mr. Monreal introduced Finance Director Lacey to report to the Trustees. Ms. Lacey recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2014-15 Second Interim Report with a Positive Certification. A positive certification is assigned when District projections indicate that the district will meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. Mr. Monreal also reported that the financial state of the district is very fluid. For instance, within the last 24 hours the District had received a new Local Control Funding Formula calculator from the California Department of Education that might change these numbers once again. MSP (Threet/Shonick) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2014-15 Second Interim Financial Report with a Positive Certification. Student Drozen abstained from making a recommendation on this matter.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Threet attended: the Revenue Task Force meeting; the Second Interim Budget Overview meeting with Mr. Monreal and Ms. Lacey; the ROP Expo at the County Office of Education; the Principal's Coffee at Santa Cruz High School; the Meet the Author series at the Porter Memorial Public Library featuring local Historian and Soquel HS graduate Geoffrey Dunn. Ms. Threet expressed gratitude to COE ROP Directors Hodges and Howes for co-coordinating the Expo to educate the community on the value of ROP, and to Santa Cruz HS Principal Edmonds, Superintendent Munro and Santa Cruz PD Lieutenant Escalante for the opportunity to have parents' questions and concerns about campus safety addressed at the Principal's Coffee meeting.

Board Member Perez-Granados attended the Harbor High School Booster Club Retreat and the County Office of Education ROP Expo.

Board Member Thompson attended the County Office of Education ROP Expo and was impressed by the outstanding presentation. Dr. Thompson was contacted by community members who attended this event to share their support and their advocacy for these programs to remain a district priority. Dr. Thompson

attended the monthly meeting of the SCCS Librarians and commends our LMTs for their ongoing professional development and their attendance at the California School Library Association conference last month. In addition to their participation as attendees at the conference, LMTs Veronica Zeleha, Tony Augimeri, Kathy Griffith, and Martha Dyer presented on the subject of using non-fiction to teach Common Core State Standards. Trustee Thompson attended the Harbor High School Booster Club Retreat and the Monarch Elementary School auction.

Board Member Tracy-Proulx attended the Harbor High School Booster Club Retreat and extended thanks to Club President Rafael Granados and Athletic Director Matt Meachen for organizing the retreat and leading thoughtful discussion about athletics for Harbor High School. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the COE ROP Expo and commends the organizers and participants for a great event that was well attended. Trustee Tracy-Proulx attended the Gault Parent/Teacher organization monthly meeting and the Revenue Task Force Meeting. Board Member Tracy-Proulx acknowledges Casey Coonerty-Protti and Bookshop Santa Cruz for bringing authors to our schools. Most recently Katherine Applegate visited two of our elementary sites, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar spoke with students at Branciforte Middle School. We are so fortunate to have a community partner bringing inspiration to our students.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal attended the Delta Charter School Open House, and her 11th grade tour guide was enjoying her school experience and excited to be collaborating on the prom with other Santa Cruz City Schools alternative program sites. Ms. Vestal attended the Delta School Board Meeting and the Regional Occupation Expo at the County Office of Education

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Special Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education on March 18, 2015, 5:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. 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.
3. The Joint Study Session Meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) and the Board of Education will be held on April 7, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Room 312, District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 9:43 p.m.

RECONVENE CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Education reconvened to Closed Session at 9:46 p.m.

Closed Session Action Report

2. The Board of Education discussed Expulsion 16-14-15. The Board approved Expulsion 16-14-15 with the following vote:
Coonerty – Yes Perez-Granados – Recused Shonick – No Thompson – Yes
Threet – No Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal - Yes
5. The Board of Education did not find time to confer regarding property at 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Board of Trustees discussed Superintendent Munro’s performance evaluation.
7. The Board of Education did not conference with Labor Negotiators re: Superintendent.

Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned the return to Closed Session at 10:40 p.m.

* ***For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:***

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education