

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 20, 2015**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:39 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

GSCFT Political Coordinator Carlson commented on the higher productivity and lower turnover rate of employees who are adequately compensated. GSCFT President Kirschen reported that the Governor's May Budget Revises proposes additional funds for education in the form of new, ongoing money and also one-time money. Mr. Kirschen asked the Trustees to encourage a swift resolution to negotiations in order to meet deadlines for possible benefits changes, COLA and salary increases for the impending new fiscal year.

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:40 p.m. in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Jeremy Shonick	Alisun Thompson
Patricia Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal

Absent: Deedee Perez-Granados

Sarah Drozen – Student Board Member, Costanoa High School

Absent: Carla Diaz – Student Board Member, Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational 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.

Agenda Changes

The Trustees agreed to the following sequence of actions:

1. The Board will hear the information in Item VII.3. New Business: Grand Jury Response – Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) but will not vote on the item at the time the information is provided.
2. The Board will then hear the information in Item VII.3.4 Old Business: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) Bylaws and vote on this item.

3. After the completion of Item VII.3.4, the Board will return to Item VII.3.3 and vote on this item.
4. If Green Schools Committee Member Ken Wagman is not present at the time this item comes up for discussion and action, the Trustees will move to the next agenda report and wait for Mr. Wagman to arrive at this meeting.

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

Recognition of Student Board Members

Board President Vestal acknowledged the tonight is the final 2015-16 meeting for our Student Representatives. Both Ms. Drozen and Ms. Diaz have been valued members of this Board of Education. Their insights, opinions and service have proved to be valuable resources for our Trustees and District Administrators. Ms. Drozen was presented with flowers and a Certificate of Service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bay View Elementary School teacher Kathy Mitchell expressed her displeasure at hearing that the SET Program for English Learners at Gault Elementary will not be used beginning with the 2015-16 school year. Harbor High School Science teachers Heather Murphy and Chris Carlson, representing the Harbor Science Department and teacher leaders in secondary science, asked the Trustees to support a proposal to fund one science Teacher-on-Special-Assignment (TOSA) for 2015-16 and 2016-17 to support district teachers as they transition to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro attended the El Sistema concert on May 7th at Gault Elementary School and it was an amazing celebration of both students and music. Thank you Student Services Director Brown for organizing our district table at the Queer Youth Leadership Awards on May 9. The evening was inspiring and our county middle and high school students are working to ensure that their schools and community provide safe and welcoming environments for all. The first ad hoc marketing committee meeting took place on May 13. Ideas were shared on how we can best tell our story to potential and current parents and to our greater community. We will meet once more this school year to plan some summer projects. The first three Community Board Meetings were held over the last two weeks. The small group conversations at these gatherings have been valuable and I look forward to our opportunity to debrief them at the study session on the 28th. The Superintendent thanked the elementary teachers, support staffs and principals for their outstanding Open House events that showcased the many great things happening in our schools. More than 3,000 people attended our 10th annual Guelaguetza on Sunday, May 17. It was a wonderful celebration of dance, music, art, food and culture and the student performances were outstanding. Special thanks to Fe Silva, Nereida Robles, and all of the staff volunteers who made the day such a success. Cabinet members and union presidents attended a May Revise Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 19. Mr. Monreal will provide more detailed information in his May Revise report later this evening. The Branciforte Middle School Innovation Center will host a professional development opportunity for science teachers and the Next Generation Science Standards on May 21 and May 22. This new curriculum provides a significant shift in both content and instruction – our teachers will need resources and training opportunities.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Drozen reported that students from the Small Schools campus have competed at the State Level in a Science Fair competition. The Santa Cruz Warriors Basketball Team brought their D-League Championship Trophy to the campus to share with the students. Sports programs for the Small Schools campus are very

competitive this year. Costanoa students have begun the process of signing up for classes at Cabrillo College and some students have received Rotary Club Scholarships. *Board Member Threet reported that student Drozen is one of the students to receive a Rotary Club Scholarship for her Cabrillo College program.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Thompson/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 6, 2015. Student Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Threet asked for Item VII.1.9.3.b Verde Design to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Tracy-Proulx moved approval of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 1.1 Personnel – *Certificated Actions*; Item 1.2 Personnel – *Classified Actions*; Item 1.3 Purchase Orders; Item 1.4 Warrant Register; Item 1.5 Budget Transfers; Item 1.6 Gifts; Item 1.7 Resolution 35-14-15 Revision 2014-15 Signatures; Item 1.8 Resolution 36-14-15 2015-16 Signatures; Item 1.9 Contracts and Consultant Agreements-1.9.1 CSA’s/Ed Services/AECP-a. Dientes Dental Care for Migrant Students 5/1/15-6/30/15-b. Dientes Dental Care for Migrant Students 7/1/15-8/20/15. Item 1.9.2-CSA/Ed Services/MHMS-a. Shakespeare-to-Go for 7th grade students. Item 1.9.3-CSAs/Bus Services/Facility Services-a. Belli Architectural Group for water damage repair at Harbor HS. Item 1.10 Algebra Waiver-Special Education; Item 1.11 Disposal of Surplus Property; Item 1.12 Resolution 37-14-15 SCHS Scholarship-AG Wilson Family Scholarship. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts donated to Santa Cruz City Schools: *Harbor High School* - The Santa Cruz County Community Foundation provided a grant that was made possible by Linda Charman, donor-advisor of The Charman Fund, in the amount of \$250 to the Harbor High School Swim Team; Charles and Susan Hawley donated \$3000 to Harbor High School, which will be utilized to support “Float Your Boat” projects, equipment and supplies. *Santa Cruz High School* - Joyce Kamimura donated \$100 to the arts and sports programs at Santa Cruz High School. Ms. Threet seconded this motion, and the motion was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Shonick – Yes	Thompson – Yes
Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Drozen did not make a recommendation on this matter.

Item VII.1.9.3.b Verde Design – replacement of synthetic turf on the athletic field at Soquel High School

Board Member Threet and Dr. Coonerty expressed concerns brought to them by community members regarding the content of the filler material for the artificial turf. The rubber tire materials used in older versions of the artificial turf (like the ones currently in SCCS sites) may not be suitable material to use for fields. Following question and discussion, Facilities Director Miller assured the Trustees that different types of filler material, including organic materials, would be investigated and assessed. Ms. Threet moved approval of this item, with the knowledge that the district will seek alternative filler materials, and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. This item was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Shonick – Yes	Thompson – Yes
Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Drozen did not make a recommendation on this matter.

Closed Session Actions Report

1. The Board of Education took action on the Certificated, Classified and Management leaves, retirements, resignations and appointments.
2. The Board of Education heard about Expulsion 18-14-15.

The Board of Education will return to Closed Session at the conclusion of the Open Session to discuss Closed Session Items 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Public Vote on Expulsion 18-14-15

MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Threet) 4-0-2, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 18-14-15. Dr. Thompson and Mr. Shonick abstained from this vote.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.2. New Business: Goals and Metrics

Curriculum and Assessment Director Wildman reported to the Board of Education regarding this matter. Ms. Wildman reported that the set of metrics (specific measurable targets) that are monitored for evidence of year-to-year progress have been significantly updated based on newly developed assessments and data. The focus is on objectives that will be most meaningful to staff and have the most impact on student learning, and selected data points that are measurable and easily obtained. The goals and metrics presented in this report represent increasing relevance to our current practices. Following questions and discussion among Trustees, District Staff and members of the audience, MSP (Thompson/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the new Goals and Metrics. Student Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

3.1 New Business: Green Schools Committee Report and Bylaws

Green Schools Committee member Ken Wagman delivered the Committee report to the Trustees. Information included: committee members; executive summary; district operations; district conservation projects; student subcommittee; transportation; curriculum; plans for the future. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Green Schools committee annual report was accepted by the Board of Education. Student Drozen did not make a recommendation on this matter.

Mr. Monreal reported that in conjunction with the District's efforts to create clear operational procedures for its Brown Act Committees, Bylaws have been drafted for the Green Schools committee. Following questions and discussion among Board Members, District Staff, Committee Members, and members of the audience, a motion to approve the bylaws did not move forward to a vote. The Board directed District Staff to bring this item back to the Regular Meeting on June 17 for a final reading and vote.

*Note – Student Representative Drozen left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

3.3 New Business: Grand Jury Response: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC)

Superintendent Munro reported that the District received a report from the Civil Grand Jury on April 14 regarding their investigation on the procedures and work of our Parcel Tax Oversight Committee. From the investigation, several findings and recommendations were issued. As a District, we take this feedback from the Grand Jury very seriously. The investigation prompted us to examine our practices and procedures, and when we received the report, we found that we had already addressed many of their procedural findings and concerns. Others were addressed through additions to the website or

through the PTOC bylaws brought forward this evening. We also found findings we disagreed with and we have provided evidence and documentation of our position in our response packet. The Superintendent asked the Board to approve the response packet as presented.

As agreed upon at the beginning of this meeting, the Board did not vote on this matter at this time. After they hear Item 3.4, Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and Bylaws, the Trustees will continue this item and vote on the Grand Jury response for PTOC.

3.4 Old Business: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) Bylaws

District Staff brought a recommendation for bylaws to the Board of Education on May 6, 2015. At that time, the Board was not ready to vote on this matter, and directed staff to bring this item back to the Regular Meeting on May 20. During this time, District Staff solicited the input of the PTOC and received a set of bylaws recommended by the PTOC Committee members. Tonight, these recommendations are included in for the Board of Education to review (Exhibit A). Mr. Monreal reported that the bylaws recommended by staff tonight (Exhibit B) have been revised from those presented on May 6th, and include the recommendations from the committee members that legal counsel felt could be incorporated and meet the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report.

Following questions and discussion among Board Members, District Staff, PTOC Members and members of the audience, Ms. Threet made a motion to delay a vote on these bylaws until the Regular Meeting on June 17, and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This motion was not passed. The vote was 2-4-0. Mr. Shonick, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Coonerty and Board President Vestal voted no.

After further discussion, Dr. Thompson moved approval of the staff recommended PTOC Bylaws (Exhibit B) as presented to the Board tonight. Mr. Shonick seconded this motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-2-0. Ms. Tracy-Proulx and Ms. Threet voted no.

3.3 Return to Item for Vote: Grand Jury Response: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC)

Following a continued discussion of this item by the Trustees, District Staff, PTOC members and members of the audience, MSP (Thompson/Shonick) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the District's Grand Jury Response Packet and Exhibits as presented.

Recess: Board President Vestal called for a short recess at 8:40 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Vestal reconvened this meeting at 8:46 p.m.

3.5 New Business: 3rd Interim Report

Due to the District's positive certification of its ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years, the filing of a third Interim Report is optional. The District Finance team uses this opportunity to refine the estimated ending balances for the current fiscal year, to confirm the District will have sufficient cash at hand to meet its financial obligations, and to expand the multi-year projections to include a draft of fiscal year 2017-18. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education accepted the 3rd Interim Report.

3.6 Staff Report: May Revise Update

Mr. Monreal reported one of the most positive State Budget Revisions in California in several years. Gains have been fueled by the California Real Estate Market and a record level of return on stocks, bonds and capital gains taxes. Education is projected to receive 90% of new revenue. However, even

with higher proposed funding, the Governor does not meet the commitment to restore 2007-08 purchasing powers. Also, SCCS must be prepared to prioritize possible expenditures tied to additional one-time monies and Proposition 30 taxes are slated to terminate. Last, the Governor does not propose any dollars to facilities needs for schools. In spite of these challenges, the news from the State is good – more money will be delivered to school districts. This report was informational in nature, and the Board of Education did not take any action regarding this matter.

3.7 New Business: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Ms. Parks recommended the Trustees adopt the annual Declaration of Need as submitted. This declaration allows for credentialing flexibility for both elementary and secondary schools. It should be noted that the estimated number of permits needed refers to the number of permits applied for – not FTE. MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

3.8 New Business: CSBA Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Munro reported that these policies are submitted through the District's GAMUT online board policy updating process, which sends policies for review to participating districts three times per year. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and case law and will not have significant new impacts on Santa Cruz City Schools programs or practices.

During discussion, Ms. Tracy-Proulx recommended that the new proposed Board Policy 0440 District Technology Plan include the following sentence (carried over from the current policy): "The Board is committed to the development and maintenance of a districtwide infrastructure and to providing staff professional development that will allow the implementation of existing and new technologies".

Ms. Threet moved final approval of the policies, including the suggested additional sentence to Board Policy 0440 as suggested by Ms. Tracy-Proulx. Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded this motion. The motion was carried with a vote of 6-0.

3.9 Old Business: Revised Stipend Salary Schedule

Mr. Monreal reported that on November 13, 2013, the Board approved the 2012-13 agreement between SCCS and the GSCFT. At that time, the increased percentage was not applied to the Extra Pay Stipend Schedule. The attached revised schedule reflects the current bargaining agreement. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the revised stipend salary schedule as submitted.

3.10 New Business: Revised Salary Schedules – Classified

Mr. Monreal reported that on February 12, 2014, the Board approved the 2013-14 agreement between SCCS and the SCCCE. The salary schedules approved at that time did not include two positions which should have been on the schedule: the Program Coordinator ASES; the 2.5% Stipend for the employee designated as Certified Driver Trainer in the Transportation department. This information is now included. MSP (Threet/Thompson) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the revised classified salary schedule as submitted.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Coonerty attended Community Meetings at Soquel High School, Bay View Elementary School and Branciforte Middle School. Dr. Coonerty attended and greatly enjoyed the Queer Youth Leadership Awards and the Bay View Elementary School Carnival! Dr. Coonerty loved the singers, dancers and the Mercado at the Guelaguetza Santa Cruz. Dr. Coonerty served at the Santa Cruz High School PTA Teachers' Luncheon today and was touched by the number of teachers who remembered my daughter and asked about her. Dr. Coonerty had an opportunity to meet with both Superintendent Munro and Ms. Meeker over the last week. Busy time!!

Board Member Threet reported attending the following events since the last meeting: the Celebration and Proclamation of the Santa Cruz County Parent Participation Preschool Day; Santa Cruz High School Campus Clean Up; The Santa Cruz Education Foundation Eddy Awards; the Soquel High School Golf Tournament Fundraiser honoring the late Soquel High alum and District Attorney Bob Lee; The El Sistema Spring Concert; The newly formed Community meetings at Soquel High School and Bay View Elementary School; the meeting of the Personnel Commission; the Santa Cruz Rotary Scholarship Luncheon financially recognizing and supporting some of our brightest students in their pursuit of further education; the last class of *Inside Education*, an innovative look at Santa Cruz County Schools. I would like to thank Cheryl Brothers for hosting this very informative series and County Superintendent Michael Watkins and the C.O.E. for sponsoring this class. I invite any and all who are interested in learning more of our counties educational landscape to enroll in this program.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal attended one of the Board Community Meetings and found the parent comments and questions very interesting. The Board President participated in the Monarch student exit presentations and enjoyed it. Board President Vestal learned a great deal from watching the video of the April 15th board meeting, and is wondering how other board members felt about the experience. Viva Oaxaca Guelaguetza was a colorful, fun, educational, entertaining opportunity for our community to celebrate diversity. Each of our high schools was well represented at the Santa Cruz Art League's all student art show – and one of the Santa Cruz High School students was the winner of the "Best in Show" award.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 9:28 p.m.

Return to Closed Session

The Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education returned to Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

Closed Session Action Report

3. The Board of Trustees heard an update and provided Assistant Superintendent Assistant Molly Parks with direction regarding GSCFT negotiations for 2013-14.
4. The Board of Trustees heard an update and provided Assistant Superintendent Assistant Molly Parks with direction regarding SCCCE negotiations for 2014-15.
5. The Board of Trustees conferred and provided direction to staff regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA, and at 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Board of Trustees conferred and provided direction to staff regarding anticipated litigation at 133 Mission Street.

Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned the return to Closed Session at 10:20 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