

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 6, 2015**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

One elementary teacher, one parent and one high school teacher spoke to the Board of Education regarding Personnel matters.

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:35 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	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	

Sarah Drozen – Student Board Member, Costanoa High School

Carla Diaz – Student Board Member, Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

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

A revised cover sheet for Item VIII.1.6 Tentative Agreement on 2016-17 School Calendars with a correction in the date of the calendars in the “Recommendation” paragraph was submitted to the Board of Education.

Superintendent’s Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

Finance and Human Resources Departments Recognition

Ms. Parks, Mr. Monreal and Superintendent Munro acknowledged the diligent work of our Finance and Human Resources teams, especially acknowledging the duplication of efforts required to keep accurate records for the last two years and for a still undetermined amount of time in the future as we install and integrate the new county online information system for the district. Certificates of Recognition were

presented to the Team Members present at this Board Meeting. Cookies were provided for meeting attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AFE parent and former middle and high school teacher Lucia Paxton expressed her concerns regarding Senate Bill 277, which is intended to raise vaccination rates by eliminating the personal belief exemption for all currently required vaccinations. Ms. Paxton will send an educator information packet to the district for the distribution of more information on this matter. Food Services Director Hedrick-Farr reported that the City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department recognizes local businesses that have made special efforts to protect local creeks, the San Lorenzo River and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary by adopting practices that keep pollutants away from both storm drains and the sewer system and Santa Cruz City Schools has four school sites recognized as a Clean Ocean Business for 2015: DeLaveaga Elementary; Branciforte Middle School; Mission Hill Middle School Kitchen; Harbor High School. Dr. Jim Logsdon encouraged the Trustees to consider using any unanticipated additional revenues received by Santa Cruz City Schools from the State to reopen the Natural Bridges Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro attended the District Music Concert at the Civic Auditorium on April 22. The Superintendent was pleased to see the outstanding music programs provided by our district music teachers and grateful to the Santa Cruz community for their support of the parcel taxes that make our K-8 music programs possible. Branciforte Middle School 7th grade students visited CSUMB on April 14th to learn about college entrance requirements and educational opportunities after high school. On Friday, April 8, all of the Santa Cruz City Schools 4th grade students will visit Cabrillo College for the county-wide field trip that introduces students to community college programs. Superintendent Munro extended her appreciation to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for another wonderful awards event that recognizes the work of our employees and the collaboration with our community – thanks for the Eddy Awards on April 28. On May 1, Santa Cruz City Schools had three members of our leadership team honored by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 10: Principal Davis was recognized as secondary principal of the year; Assistant Principal Runeare was recognized as secondary co-administrator of the year; Stacy O'Farrell was recognized as Special Education Director of the year – congratulations to all! Ms. Meeker and Superintendent Munro met with Chancellor Blumenthal and Associate Chancellor Sahni last week regarding potential partnership and collaboration with UCSC. We have a meeting scheduled with the Dean of Social Sciences in the month of June. The board community meetings began on May 4th at Soquel High School, and the Superintendent looks forward to the next conversations. The Superintendent will email board members regarding conducting meetings with local opinion leaders. On May 1, Superintendent Munro attended the County Math Competition and Santa Cruz City Schools had several contest winners from both Westlake Elementary and Mission Hill Middle School. Trustees are invited to a celebration at the District Office on May 22 at 12:00 p.m. to honor our board-adopted recognition weeks for both certificated and classified. Week of the Teacher is May 10-16 and Week of the Classified Employee is May 17-23.

Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Diaz reported that the Soquel High School newspaper, the Lancer, is currently gathering information about where 2015 graduates will attend college or career opportunities and she will share this information when it is available. AP Exams are taking place this week and next week. Today is National Teacher Appreciation Day. The Culture and Climate Council provides an opportunity for students to share concerns and/or discuss problems in the Library Conference Room and this time is appreciated by many students.

Student Representative Drozen reported that Costanoa teachers are currently involved in Literacy training. AFE middle and high school students are planning a trip to Ashland, Oregon to attend the Shakespeare Festival. The Monarch student Exit Presentations will begin next week. Costanoa students are taking a camping trip this weekend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Shonick/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Joint Board/BAC Meeting on April 7, 2015. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.
2. MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2015. Board Member Tracy-Proulx abstained from this vote as she was not present at the meeting. Students Diaz and Drozen abstained from a recommendation on this matter.

Consent Agenda

Board Members Shonick and Threet both asked to have Consent Agenda Item VIII.1.6 Santa Cruz City Schools 2016-17 School Calendars pulled for a separate discussion and vote. Board Member Coonerty asked to have Consent Agenda Item VIII.1.14 Board Policy Update pulled for a separate discussion and vote. Ms. Threet moved approval of the remaining Consent Agenda items, 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 1.7 3rd Quarter Investment Report; Item 1.8 Resolution 32-14-15 SHS Dave Cox Memorial Scholarship; Item 1.9 Resolution 33-14-15 SHS Kaila Tindel Memorial Scholarship; Item 1.10 Out-of-State Travel – Special Education; Item 1.11 Contracts & Consultant Agreements: 1.NPA Agreement: Ed Services: Special Ed: a. Trumpet Behavioral Health-elementary IEP; 2. NPS Contract: Ed Services: Special Ed: a. Change Academy Lake of the Ozarks-secondary student IEP; 3. CSA:Ed Services: Harbor HS: a. accompaniment for spring musical; b. drum accompaniment for spring musical; 4. CSA: Ed Services: MHMS: a. professional photos of students in fashion unit for portfolios; 5.CSA: Ed Services: Curriculum: a. PD for secondary science teachers for Common Core; 6. a. CSA: Business Services: IT: a. SharpSchool-web hosting services and content management system for district websites 7/1/15 through 6/30/18; Item 1.12. Disposal of Surplus Property; Item 1.13 Budget Transfers; 1.15 SCCS CIF Designees for 2015-16. The Board acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gifts received by Santa Cruz City Schools - *DeLaveaga Elementary School* - Kara Bowman donated games, toys, books, art supplies, puppets, figurines and prizes to this site; *Santa Cruz High School*-The City of Santa Cruz Information Technology Department donated the following equipment to the Photography program: Sony FDMavica 2 MP, Kyocera Finecam m410r 4 MP, Sony Digital HandyCam, Pelican waterproof/dustproof camera case, tripod, Sony AC adapter/charger, camera bag and batteries. Mr. Shonick seconded this motion, and the motion 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 did not make a recommendation on this matter.

Item VIII.1.6 Santa Cruz City Schools 2016-17 School Calendars

Mr. Shonick reported that he would vote against this item, as he feels it behooves our district to bring our calendar into line with the other Santa Cruz County school districts. Ms. Threet thanked Ms. Parks and GSCFT President Kirschen for planning ahead, but she feels that these calendars conflict with the district vision and with the fiscal fiduciary responsibility of the Trustees. Following board comments, questions, and discussion

with staff members, union personnel and members of the audience, Dr. Thompson moved approval of this item and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. This item was approved by roll call vote as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Perez-Granados – Yes	Shonick – No	Thompson – Yes
Threet – No	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes	

Student Diaz recommended a “no” vote on this matter, and Student Drozen did not make a recommendation on this matter.

Item VIII.1.14 Board Policy Update

Dr. Coonerty reported that while she asked for this item to be pulled for a separate discussion and vote, she does not have any real objections to the changes noted in this policy revision, she felt a discussion of the general state of the Food Services budget, revenues and expenditures might be in order prior to a vote on the 2015-16 SCCS Budget in June. Following board comments, questions, and discussion with staff members, union personnel and members of the audience, Dr. Thompson moved approval of this item and Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. This item 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 did not make 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.
 - a. Robert Ellingsen was appointed as Elementary Summer School Principal.
 - b. Rishi Lal was appointed as Middle School Summer School Principal.
 - c. Lisa Storer was appointed as High School Summer School Principal
 - d. Derek Kendall was appointed as Assistant Principal at Soquel High.
 - e. Suzanne Trincherro was appointed as Interim Director of Finance.
2. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided Assistant Superintendent Molly Parks with direction regarding GSCFT negotiations for 2013-14.

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

*Note – Ms. Parks left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

3.1 Staff Report: District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross and School Community Coordinator Switzer introduced DELAC Committee members Maria Martinez, Mireya Gaona, Patty Estrada, Antonio Lopez and Lucy Herrera to the Trustees and interpreted their comments. The primary responsibility of the DELAC committee is to advise the Board on programs and services for English Learners (ELs). DELAC meets monthly to discuss required issues as well as optional topics. The committee members requested free or low cost after-school programs, especially those that would increase academic English skills; a program for middle and high school students who are newcomers to this country that

would offer cultural and academic support; increased middle and high school counseling services for English Learners; physical education and proper nutrition outreach services. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.2 Staff Report: English Learners' Progress

Academic Equity and Categorical Programs Director Gross reported to the Trustees on the Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) derived from the results of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) that is administered annually to all English Learners in our district. Following the development of a student's original proficiency, progress is tracked over the years and the results are used by the district to develop program and curriculum. Next steps for EL Programs include the "EL Coach" and the expansion of the "Newcomers Program". This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

*Note – Student Diaz left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

3.5 Staff Report: Guelaguetza

Retired Principal and Vive Oaxaca Board Member Curt Coleman and student participant Eric Venancio reported to the Trustees on this annual event. In the last fourteen years Vive Oaxaca has grown from a Santa Cruz City Schools club with seven members to more than 300 children, youth, and adults. Vive Oaxaca is now a multi-service nonprofit focused on strengthening the Santa Cruz community and creating cross-cultural connections locally and abroad. Latino culture is celebrated through dance and music classes and performances. Our members are participating in pro-social after-school activities (an alternative to street gangs) and celebrating their countries of origin with pride. Tutoring, classes, and scholarships support biliteracy and academic success. Vive Oaxaca serves children, youth, and adults, is run entirely with volunteers, and charges no fees. Vive Oaxaca operates in strong partnership with Santa Cruz City Schools, the Mexican Consulate, and the Museum of Art and History (MAH). A calendar of upcoming events was also provided to the Board Members. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.3 Staff Report: Summer Projects – Facilities

Mr. Monreal reported to the Board Members on the variety and scope of the projected summer projects. The projects will be funded by a combination of routine maintenance, deferred maintenance, Elementary and High School Bonds and capital facility funds (developer fees). These funds are restricted to capital projects and cannot be used for operational purposes. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

3.4 New Business: District Technology Plan

Directors Wildman and Gomez reported to the Trustees on this matter. Although there is no official requirement for a technology plan, and no federal programs depend on having one, district leadership feels that a strong technology plan will support the ongoing efforts of the district to improve technology integration. Information for the 3-5 year plan included: process and timeline; needs assessment; tech plan priorities; technology needs; phases of implementation; funding and resources; 2010 vs. projected 2016 comparison chart. The Trustees received the actual technology plan in the board book prior to the meeting. Following discussion and questions among board members, staff members, and members of the audience, MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Thompson) 6-1, the Board of Education approved the District Technology Plan. Mr. Shonick voted no on this matter.

*Note – Student Drozen left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

3.6 New Business: Resolution 34-14-15 Final Certificated Layoff 2015-16

Superintendent Munro recommended that the Board of Education approve this resolution, including some clarifying changes in the wording suggested by GSCFT President Kirschen, which will reduce or eliminate services pursuant to the attached Side Letter Agreement and direct administration to issue final layoff notices pursuant to the Side Letter Agreement. Dr. Thompson moved approval, and Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion 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

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board Members’ Reports

Board Member Thompson visited the El Sistema program at Gault Elementary and attended the spring performance at the Rio Theater. Dr. Thompson attended the Harbor High theatre production “Damn Yankees” and hopes to see the productions at Soquel and Santa Cruz High as well. Dr. Thompson attended the Eddy Awards and extends her thanks to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their continued support. Dr. Thompson attended the joint City of Santa Cruz/Santa Cruz City Schools meeting to explore ways that multiple agencies can support youth in our community – particularly ways to support active and safe routes to school for all our students through high school. Congratulations to Branciforte Middle, Mission Hill Middle and Harbor High School for the State Gold Ribbon Awards recognition – we have a lot to be proud of and great work to continue to support.

Board Member Tracy Proulx attended the Technology Task Force Meeting and the joint City of Santa Cruz/Santa Cruz City Schools meeting. Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Middle School Spring Fling and extends her thanks to all the parent, teacher and student volunteers for hosting a successful event that both raised funds and school spirit! Trustee Tracy-Proulx congratulates all of our Eddy Awards recipients on well-deserved recognition, and extends thanks to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their efforts to raise community awareness of our excellent schools and programs. Ms. Tracy-Proulx congratulates all the participants in the District Music Concert on their outstanding performances and thanks our music teachers for inspiring our students.

Board Member Perez-Granados attended the Branciforte Spring Festival, the Santa Cruz Education Foundation Eddy Awards and the first of the Board Community Meetings.

Board President’s Report

Board President Vestal attended the Wellness Committee meeting where the Wellness policy was updated and plans for next year were discussed. The Board President attended the District Music Concert and noted that it is nice for the elementary students to participate with our older students and see what lies ahead in the music programs. Ms. Vestal attended the Delta Charter School board meeting where the LCAP was reviewed. Board President Vestal enjoyed the Eddy Awards and acknowledged the formidable task of composing the District newsletter by Administrative Assistant/Board Recording Secretary Lentz.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 9:27 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 SCCCE negotiations for 2014-15.
4. The Board of Trustees conferred regarding property at 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Board of Trustees conferred regarding anticipated litigation.

Adjournment

The Board of Education adjourned the return to Closed Session at 9:55 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education