

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 10, 2017**

Convene Closed Session

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

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:36 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Deedee Perez-Granados	Jeremy Shonick	Alisun Thompson
Patty Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	

Absent: Student Representative Steve Munoz: Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Tracy-Proulx welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

Superintendent Munro requested that Expulsion 21-16-17 be pulled from the Agenda. Superintendent Munro requested that Item 8.1.11.1.3 Agreement Amendment: BCA-Soquel HS Pool be pulled from the Consent Agenda, and moved to follow Item 8.3.3. Staff Report – Bond Update. By moving this item it will become Item 8.3.4. Board Member Threet offered an amendment to move Item 8.3.2. Staff Report: Response to Intervention to follow the Agreement Amendment for the Soquel HS Pool. MSP (Threet/Perez-Granados) 6-1, the Board approved the motion and the amendment. Board Member Thompson voted No.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Hess, Aaron Jacobs, Tawn Kennedy, Mercedes Ross and Josh Ethrington were present to support the ROP Bicycle Technology Class at Santa Cruz High School. The group asked to have the SCHS ROP Bicycle Technology Class placed on the agenda for May 24, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro thanked the district music teachers and parent supporters for the two wonderful district music concerts last week, as well as the excellent performance at the SCEF Eddy Awards. These events celebrate the excellent music programs in our schools and we are grateful to the community for the support of these programs through parcel taxes. The Superintendent extended her gratitude to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for another heartfelt and inspiring celebration of public education and educators at the Eddy Awards on May 2. On May 21, the District will participate in the festivities of the annual Vive Oaxaca festival – the Guelaguetza. The merriment of traditional dance, music, food and arts from indigenous Mexico is sponsored by the Senderos Program to raise funds to support Senderos programs and provide scholarships to students. The Superintendent invited the Board Members to stop by Room 312 in the District Office on May 31, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and learn more about our Response to Intervention and Curriculum Coaching programs. Santa Cruz City Schools currently has 25 teachers who will participate in the S4C Summer Math Institute that is supported by the GATES Foundation, and recruitment for openings is ongoing. The Adult Education Consortium Board (AEBG) is in the process of hiring a new director, and is working on a governance calendar with a clear vision for the Collaborative supported by data that shows how to best meet community needs. Last week, Santa Cruz Instructional Leaders (SCIL) teams met to discuss an important new tool – the Northwest Education Association K-12 assessments (NWEA). We will use it to inform instruction and monitor student progress.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Perez-Granados felt the Eddy Awards were inspiring. Dr. Perez-Granados also saw the Harbor HS production of "Grease" three times. Dr. Perez-Granados was impressed by the fact that the Harbor and Soquel students traveled to each site to enjoy a different performance of this show and is pleased to see so many students passionate about the arts.

Board Member Shonick provided a Venn diagram that he received at the BaySci meeting he attended recently. Board Member Shonick advocates using the Common Core curriculum to promote connections between disciplines, as shown in the diagram.

Board Member Threet thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for the celebration of education at the Eddy Awards. It was heartwarming and delightful. Ms. Threet attended the community meeting regarding the Soquel High School pool project, and is thankful for an opportunity for all voices to be heard. Trustee Threet observed the Santa Cruz High School Auto Technology ROP class, and also participated in the job interviews for Soquel High School Portfolio students. Students found great opportunity in classes such as Photography and GMEC Academy.

Board Member Vestal reported that Schools Plus has budgeted \$15,000 for grants next year, and Ms. Vestal is pleased to note that every applicant received at least a partial grant last year. Trustee Vestal attended the *Together for Kindergarten* meeting at the County Office of Education. Student recreation programs, summer jobs and scholarships were some of the topics discussed at the City of Santa Cruz/Santa Cruz City Schools meeting. Ms. Vestal enjoyed the annual Eddy Awards and reported that teachers, staff members and community members were excited and touched by the awards they are received. Trustee Vestal attended the Santa Cruz County All-Student Art Show at the Santa Cruz Art League. SCCS schools were well represented. Board Member Vestal toured Soquel High School math classes – students were focused on math during a beautiful spring day – a testament to excellent teaching! Student guides for the Delta Charter High School

open house shared their stories, and they were moving. It is important to remember that students sometime need different options/models for their success story! Ms. Vestal invited all to attend the Delta Charter High School graduation on June 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Sesnon House in Aptos.

Board Member Coonerty requested information from Superintendent Munro regarding the Bicycle Technology Program. Dr. Coonerty advised everyone to attend the Guelaguetza – it is a wonderful and exciting event. Dr. Coonerty is always moved by the Eddy Awards, as one of the awards is given in her sister's name. It was touching to see how honored our teachers are to be recognized and honored. Thank you Santa Cruz Education Foundation.

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx congratulated all of this year's Eddy Award recipients on their well-deserved recognition and thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for a wonderful evening. The Board President attended the CSBA Roadshow hosted by the Salinas High School District; it was a great opportunity to hear about funding adequacy and the state's teacher shortage are affecting other districts in our region. Also, it was announced that CSBA Legislative Director Bryan Deblonk has been named the new Political Director to lead the new statewide grassroots advocacy campaign. Board President Tracy-Proulx looks forward to participating in the Harbor High School Regional Occupational Program (ROP) portfolio interviews this Friday. The portfolio interviews really highlight the hard work and talent of our graduating ROP seniors and underscore the excellence of our ROP programming. It will be an honor to participate once again as a judge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Thompson/Vestal) 4-0-3, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the IDT Appeals Hearings on April 12, 2017 as submitted. Trustees Shonick, Coonerty and Threet abstained from this vote as they were not present at the meeting.
2. MSP (Vestal/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 19, 2017 as submitted.
3. MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 7-0, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting/Study Session on April 26, 2017 as submitted.

Consent Agenda

Board Members Shonick and Threet asked that Item 8.1.6. Board Policies – First and/or Final Reading be pulled for a separate discussion and vote. Dr. Thompson moved approval of the Consent Agenda, minus Item 8.1.11.1.3. (pulled by the Trustees at the beginning of the meeting), and Item 8.1.6. Board Policies – First and/or Final Reading, (pulled by Board Members Shonick and Threet for a separate discussion and vote), consisting of: Item 8.1.1. Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Item 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Quotes and Bids; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5. Gifts; Item 8.1.7. Board Policy 6142.7 PE and Activity – Final Reading; Item 8.1.8. Field Trip: Costanoa to Big Sur; Item 8.1.9. Bond Oversight Committee – New Member; Item 8.1.10. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.11.1.1. Agreement Amendment: Covello and Covello Photography; Item 8.1.11.1.2. Agreement Amendment: Life Touch Photography; Item 8.1.11.1.4. MOU Amendment: Encompass Community Services; Item 8.1.11.1.5. Consultant Service Agreement: Finance-Jerene Lacey; Item 8.1.11.1.6. MADI Architects: Fee Proposal for Adult Education Portable; Item 8.1.11.1.7. Ifland Survey Proposal: DeLaveaga Sidewalk; Item 8.1.11.1.8. Agreement Amendment: Natural Bridges Children's Center; Item 8.1.11.1.9. Network Services Agreement Amendment: COE/SCCS 3 yr. ISP; Item 8.1.11.2.1. Consultant Services Agreement: Grant Writing-Jo Kenny. Dr. Perez-Granados seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes
Threet – Yes

Perez-Granados – Yes
Tracy-Proulx – Yes

Shonick – Yes
Vestal – Yes

Thompson – Yes

Item 8.1.6. Board Policies – First and/or Final Reading

Following discussion among Board Members, the board directed that these policies are accepted for a “first reading”. All policies will be put on the agenda for discussion at the May 31 Governance Session, and will come back to the Board of Education on June 14, 2017 for final reading and approval.

8.2 Closed Session Actions

1. The Board of Education conferred regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA.

The Board of Education will return to Closed Session at the Conclusion of the Open Session Agenda to continue Closed Session Items 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.3.1. New Business: Renaming the Soquel High School Softball Field

Superintendent Munro reported that for more than 10 years, JR Blinkenberg was an active supporter of the Soquel High School Softball Program. JR purchased jackets and sweatshirts for the players and coaches each year and participated in annual fundraisers for the team. He attended almost every game, both home and away, and provided water and sunflower seeds for the dugout. JR purchased and donated a golf cart to drag the field before every practice and game – and often performed this service himself. He often swept the dugouts and lined the fields before each game. Until he became too till to do so, JR operated the scoreboard for home games. JR not only supported the Soquel High School Softball team, he was a huge fan of all of Soquel High School team sports and attended many games for multiple sports. Per Board Policy 7310, Naming of Facility, Soquel High School Principal Atlansky convened a stakeholder committee. All eight committee members affirmed Mr. Blinkenberg’s exceptional commitment and service to the Soquel community. Further, on April 12, 2017, the Soquel High School Fund also discussed and voted endorsing the approval of the JR Blinkenberg Memorial Field. Renaming the softball field will keep JR’s legacy and dedication to Soquel High School Athletics alive for many years to come. MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the renaming of the Soquel High School Softball Field to the JR Blinkenberg Memorial Field.

8.3.2. Staff Report: Bond Projects Update-Harbor High School Field and Soquel High School Pool Projects

Mr. Gaffney introduced Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Director Miller to report to the Trustees regarding these matters. Mr. Miller provided details of the Harbor High School Field Project and also provided some data showing projections for different sizes of a new pool at Soquel High School. The data included estimated building, maintenance and utilization projections. Members of the Soquel High School community, including Soquel High School Athletic Director Walters, swim coaches, teachers, students and former students addressed the Board Members to ask for the installation of a 40 meter pool instead of the proposed 35 meter pool. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding these matters.

8.3.3. New Business: Agreement Amendment: BCA Architects – Soquel High School Pool

Based on the discussion during the previous staff report, Board President Tracy-Proulx asked for a motion to table this item. Dr. Thompson moved to table this item and move it to the agenda for May

24, 2017. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. Mr. Shonick offered a friendly amendment to the motion: solicit Mr. Gaffney to convene a group tomorrow to share alternative Soquel High School pool design options and ideas, to solicit input from the rest of the Soquel High School community members about how increasing the pool budget would affect the remaining projects on their list, and also to invite the Harbor High School aquatics community to offer their ideas regarding a 35 meter vs. a 40 meter pool at that site. The friendly amendment offered by Mr. Shonick was accepted by Dr. Thompson. The motion and friendly amendment were passed with a vote of 7-0.

8.3.4. Staff Report: Response to Intervention Academic Update

Curriculum Co-Directors Mekis and Wildman introduced Teachers Oatey (Bay View), Spiers (Branciforte MS), Nixen (Mission Hill MS) and McDowell (Soquel HS) to report to the Board. There is an Rtl Coordinator at each of our K-12 schools who is responsible for coordinating the multi-tiered system of supports available to all of our students. Students are monitored frequently (at least 4 times a year) according to multiple measures including universal screening and progress-monitoring tools, which allow students to be flexibly enrolled in intervention programs as needed. Elementary students participate in a 45 minute, 4-day a week model of reading intervention, instruction and enrichment called Walk-to-Read. All students are given specialized, targeted instruction at their instructional reading level. We use research-based programs and strategies to insure that every student achieves growth in reading. Some elementary students receive additional Tier 2 and 3 interventions in pull-out groups. In 2016-17, we also piloted iReady as a math intervention for students who are struggling in mathematics. Middle School students participate in a program that includes iReady for math, and Read-A-Go-Go for reading support, which are computer adaptive interventions, during their plus period. Student data is used for placement, progress monitoring, and exiting students from these intervention programs. Additionally, both schools use Read 180 and System 44 as Tier 3 supports for reading intervention. All secondary Rtl programs incorporate tutoring, small-group instruction, diagnostic assessment and goal-setting to improve student learning. High School students participate in a Math Plus model, which extends learning time for students who are struggling in their math classes, providing either Tier 2 or Tier 3 supports. Additional learning time is provided before school, after school or at other identified blocks of time during the school. Next steps for the programs include learning and supporting the implementation of the North West Education Association (NWEA) K-12 Assessments across all sites and the implementation of Tier 2 and Tier 3 Rtl programs across our three comprehensive high schools. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

8.3.5. New Business: Resolution 30-16-17 Classified Layoffs for 2017-18

Ms. Parks reported that Santa Cruz City Schools follows the procedures outlined in the S.C.C.C.E. Contract and the current Personnel Commission Rules and Regulations concerning layoffs and reduction of hours. With the passing of this Resolution, layoff and reduction of hours and/or months notices will be sent, employees bumping rights will be exercised and negotiating the effects of these decisions will take place. The Human Resources and Business Department met with each school site, including the principals and secretaries, to review all classified positions. They examined how each position was funded, the need for the position, and reviewed whether or not the funds were still available for each position. The District also worked with school site parent groups to confirm whether they could provide letters of assurance or postdate a check to fund the position that their organizations had voted to fund in the 2016-2017 school year.

Public Comments: SCCCE President Chacanaca appreciates the discussion around this item, and advocated for waiting until the new school year begins to see if the parent organizations could fund these positions.

Dr. Thompson moved approval of Resolution 30-16-17 and Dr. 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

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business for the Open Session Meeting, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Return to Closed Session

The Board of Education returned to Closed Session at 10:35 p.m.

Report of Closed Session Actions

2. The Board of Trustees heard an update regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
3. The Board of Trustees heard information on Expulsion 22-16-17 to prepare for a vote on this matter in Open Session.
4. The Board of Trustees took action on Certificated, Classified, and Management leaves, retirements, resignations, and appointments.

Vote on Expulsion 22-16-17

MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 22-16-17 as submitted.

Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to bring before the Board of Education, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on May 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting/Governance Session on May 31, 2017, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on June 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on June 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

* ***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

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education