

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:33 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	Cindy Ranii	Deb Tracy-Proulx
Jeremy Shonick	Patricia Threet	Claudia Vestal	

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh

Absent: Student Board Representative Xhu Lopez Guzman

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business 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.

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro reported the District is preparing for CAASPP Assessments. This state has not yet informed schools if CAASPP testing will take place this year, but the District will continue to prepare for testing. Local assessments continue to be administered at all school sites to monitor student learning. Santa Cruz City Schools will host the first SAT administration sites since last spring. Staff continue to prepare for

Hybrid instruction and continue to conduct home visits to support student engagement. Students continue to participate in athletics, and the first athletic competition, a cross country match, took place on February 18. Santa Cruz City Schools is collaborating with the County Office of Education to set up surveillance testing for students participating in high contact sports. The District is finalizing preparations for Hybrid Instruction with Professional Development for teachers, planning Hybrid technology orientation, and planning for the Elementary Online Academy. Cabinet and the facilities team met with DeLaveaga and Bay View staff to answer questions about site construction and facilities preparation for Hybrid Instruction. The District continues to engage with its community, most recently through the virtual Parent Leader Dinner, the City/Schools interagency meeting, the District Advisory Committee Meeting, and elementary staff and family webinars. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by acknowledging the passing of Don Maxwell, a former trustee and educator in the District. Superintendent Munro thanked Mr. Maxwell for his service and stated he will be greatly missed by the community.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh expressed excitement about the possibility of returning to school and shared that many students are looking forward to Hybrid Instruction. She shared that Leadership is making safety videos for students, as well as videos to help promote school sports. She also shared that many students are hoping for a more normal graduation.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Threet did not have a report to share.

Trustee Ranii reported attending the City/Schools interagency meeting. She was pleased to hear the positive update on the Distance Learning pod at Loudon Nelson Community Center. Trustee Ranii also attended the Adult Education Community Advisory Council. Enrollment in Adult Education has remained steady throughout the pandemic. Both staff and students reported a highly increased digital literacy.

Trustee Coonerty reported attending the City/Schools interagency meeting.

Vice President Tracy-Proulx commended Superintendent Munro and the central office staff for their efforts to get vaccines for staff. She expressed her gratitude for the effort and work that went into making this happen.

Trustee Owen reported attending the Adult Education committee meeting and found it very informative. Trustee Owen also thanked Superintendent Munro and County leadership for their efforts to get staff vaccinated.

Trustee Shonick acknowledged the passing of Don Maxwell and thanked him for his service to the community. Trustee Shonick shared that Mr. Maxwell was a strong leader and many members of the community learned from him.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal acknowledged the passing of Don Maxwell and commemorated his many years of service to the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Coonerty/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of January 27, 2021 meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.1.1. Physical Education Waiver, 8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. Budget Transfers, 8.1.2.4. Second Quarter Investment Report, 8.1.2.5. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.2.6. Bond Projects Notice of Completion, 8.1.2.7. Resolution 24-20-21: County Board of Supervisors Temporary Cash Loan, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.2.1.1. Memorandum of Understanding: Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, 8.2.1.2. Out of State Nonpublic School: Alpine Academy, 8.2.2.1. Facilities Use Agreement Amendment: Gateway School, 8.2.2.2. Santa Cruz Signs Proposal: Bay View Elementary School DROPS Signage, 8.2.2.3. Consultant Services Agreement: Jerene Lacey, 8.3.1 A & B Fire Protection and Safety, Inc. Proposal: Harbor High School Fire Hydrant Flow Testing, 8.3.2. A & B Fire Protection and Safety, Inc. Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Fire Hydrant Flow Testing, 8.3.3. A & B Fire Protection and Safety, Inc. Proposal: Westlake Elementary School Fire Hydrant Flow Testing, 8.3.4. Brannon Corporation Change Order 1: Branciforte Small Schools Alternative Family Education Campus Site Work for New Modular Classroom Buildings, 8.3.5. CDWG Quote: Bay View Elementary School Video Screens, 8.3.6. CDWG Quote: DeLaveaga Elementary School Video Screens, 8.3.7. CYS Structural Engineering Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Structural Engineering, 8.3.8. MADI 19six Architects Inc. Change Order 2: Soquel High School Modernization Phase 3, 8.3.9. Moore Twining Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Athletic Field Inspection and Testing Services, 8.3.10. Moore Twining Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School New Switchgear Inspection and Material Testing, 8.3.11. Moore Twining Proposal: Santa Cruz High School New Switchgear Inspection and Material Testing, 8.3.12. Moore Twining Proposal: Westlake Elementary School New Switchgear Inspection and Material Testing, 8.3.13. Peninsula Business Interiors Quote: Branciforte Small Schools Alternative Family Education Furniture

Vice President Tracy-Proulx motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Board Vice President Tracy-Proulx reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have information to share with Trustees regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Ms. Parks shared information and received direction regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Update on Expanding In-Person Services & Academic Interventions and Support

Superintendent Munro reported positive news as Santa Cruz County's COVID metrics continue to decrease. Staff are in the final stages of preparing facilities for Hybrid Instruction, and District staff completed the COVID Safety Plan. Superintendent Munro expressed her gratitude to the County Office of Education, Dignity Health, and the District's Human Resources Staff for their work in obtain vaccines for employees. TK and Kindergarten classes are scheduled to begin Hybrid Instruction on March 15, with grades 1st-5th beginning on March 22. If Santa Cruz County moves into the Red Tier within the next two weeks, the District plans for secondary schools to begin Hybrid Instruction after Spring Break. Assistant Superintendent Coito shared the District's plans for intervention and supports at all grade spans. The update concluded with liaison to County Health, Jennifer Buesing giving a report on the County Office of Education's role in the partnership between the schools and County Health. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was information in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment: Teacher and parent Andrea Hutson shared questions about virus transmission and public health guidance.

Public Comment: Teacher and parent Kali Campbell thanked the District for advocating for teacher vaccines. She also addressed the board asking them to consider smaller elementary class sizes in the fall. Ms. Campbell also voiced her support for programs such as Life Lab, Art and PE. Ms. Campbell expressed some concerns about communication to families.

Public Comment: Parent and pediatrician Dr. Nicole Marsico expressed her thanks to all who work with children. In her profession, she shared the side effect of children not being in school and stated the health risks of not returning to school are immense. Dr. Marsico requested that the community see quantifiable data around learning loss in the community. She also asked how parents can support the District and shared that the community is willing to meet resource needs.

Public Comment: Community member Bonny Masters addressed the board and thanked the District for their work and dedication to the community member. Ms. Masters suggested the schools consider adding rapid COVID testing to their safety protocols. She also expressed concerns about sending students into classes who are asymptomatic.

8.5.2.1. New Business: School Safety Plans

Director of Student Services Atlansky presented the annual Comprehensive School Safety Plans. Each site examines data, including review of local and national events, attendance and discipline reports, the California Healthy Kids Survey, the Social Emotional Health Survey, as well as ongoing input from School Safety Committees, School Site Councils and law enforcement. Plans are monitored and revised as needed. Principal Greenlee from DeLaveaga, Assistant Principal Cabrera from Mission Hill Middle, and Assistant Principal Quevedo from Soquel High, shared efforts, programs and plans in place at each of their sites to make their campus a safe place for all students.

MSP(Cooney/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the School Safety Plans.

8.5.3.1. Staff Report: Food Services Update

Director of Food Services Amy Hedrick-Farr presented and update on the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Food Service Program, including program achievements, participation, budget, and program

changes in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Director Hendrick-Farr's report also shared how the Food Service Program has been feeding families throughout the community since the start of the pandemic and provided meals for victims of the CZU Lightening Complex Fires in August. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the board.

8.5.4.1. Staff Report: Personnel Commission Annual Report

Assistant Superintendent Parks introduced Classified Personnel Director Houser to report to the Board of Education. Ms. Houser reported the responsibilities of the Personnel Commission and noted the commissioners currently serving terms are Mark Violante, Brian Murtha, and Pamela Hernandez. Ms. Houser shared data from the 2019-20 year including number of applicants tested and interviewed. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the board.

8.5.4.2. New Business: SCCCE 20-21 Sunshine Articles to SCCS District

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the contract proposals from the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees that were submitted to the Santa Cruz City School District for sunshining. This is done in accordance with the Employees Relations Act.

MSP(Cooney/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCCE 20-21 Sunshine Articles to Santa Cruz City School District.

8.5.5.1. New Business: CSBA Delegate Assembly Elections

The Board of Education may vote for up to two candidates to represent Subregion 9A for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. This term only one candidate was running for office.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx, Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education voted for Phil Rodriguez, Soquel Union Elementary School District, to represent Subregion 9A from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023 in the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

8.5.5.2. Potential Items for Futures Agenda

None.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:37p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on March 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
5. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on April 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
6. The Regular Meeting on May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
7. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
8. The Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting on June 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.

*For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:
http://sccs.net/board_of_education

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education