

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
MARCH 10, 2021**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:00 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	

Absent: Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh
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

Item 8.6.4.3. Resolution 28-20-21: NonReelect of Probationary Certificated Employees was pulled from the agenda. Superintendent Munro shared the District is celebrating the start of the athletic season and a season for every sport has been scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Students from Youth for Climate Justice addressed the Board of Education, requesting a District proposal to bring all sites to net zero emissions be agenzized for the next board meeting.

High school parent Karey Jett thanked the District for its efforts to get kids back on campus. She requested clarity around spectator guidelines for athletic competitions and asked that vaccinated spectators not be counted in the number of spectators attending an event.

Tom Crahen, parent and member of the CTE advisory committee shared an update with the board about the most recent CTE Advisory Committee Meeting. He also stated that a letter was sent to the board with input regarding governance. Mr. Crahen also invited members of the board to attend their next CTE advisory committee meeting.

Elementary parent Stacey Stringer read part of a letter from the Families for Santa Cruz County Schools. She requested that the Reopening Advisory Committee be reconvened with greater parent participation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro reported the District is continuing preparation for CAASPP Assessments. On March 8, the CTE Advisory Committee had a meeting, and next meeting is scheduled for May 3. The District continues to conduct home visits to support student engagement and offer telehealth counseling for students. The District's athletic season began and testing protocols for high contact sports have been established. The Ad Hoc Intervention Committee recently met and discussed holding a Study Session to discuss COVID resources on April 21. Staff recently attended an incident command training with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department. The Curriculum department has been providing synchronous and asynchronous professional development for teachers as they prepare for Hybrid Instruction. Human Resources held their annual recruitment fair virtually on March 13. Superintendent Munro attended a SECA Operations Council meeting with other superintendents in the county, in which they assessed the Assembly Bill 602 funding model. The District is moving forward with its workforce housing project, and recently met with the City of Santa Cruz to discuss removing the District from the inclusionary ordinance requirement. All staff have had an opportunity to receive a COVID vaccination. Superintendent Munro thanked the County Office of Education, Dignity Health and Kaiser for their partnership. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by congratulating the two Santa Cruz City School students who placed in the top of the Santa Cruz Rotary speech contest.

Student's Report

None.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Owen attended the CTE Advisory Committee meeting and shared it was a productive and informative meeting. Trustee Owen also attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Coonerty reported attended the CTE Advisory Meeting. Trustee Coonerty said the meeting was helpful and informative, and she was pleased to see the community's involvement.

Vice President Tracy-Proulx attended the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting, and reported it was a productive opportunity for fellow districts to meet and discuss the challenges and opportunities of the past year. Vice President Tracy-Proulx also attended a webinar hosted by CSBA on Senate Bill 86 and will share the slides from the webinar with the governance team.

Trustee Ranii shared she met with the Ad Hoc Interventions Committee and is looking forward to the upcoming Board Study Sessions.

Trustee Threet attended the CTE Advisory Meeting and thanked all who participated. She shared she is looking forward to continuing collaborative efforts with the community to support programs that serve students.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal thanked the community for their input and comments submitted via email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of February 10, 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. Resolution 27-20-21: Authorized Signers for Revolving Fund, 8.1.2.4. Bond Project Notice of Completion, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.1.3.3. 2021-22 Academic Calendar: Correction, 8.1.4.1. Board of Education Meeting Calendar 2021-2022, 8.1.4.2. Gifts, 8.2.2.1. Scotty Greathouse Proposal: Soquel High School Mural, 8.2.4.1. Consultant Services Agreement: Kate Rose Communications, 8.3.1 Albion Environmental: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Cultural Resource Assessment, 8.3.2. Albion Environmental: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Cultural Resources Monitoring, 8.3.3. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Central Kitchen Freezer, 8.3.4. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Fine Arts Modernization, 8.3.5. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Palm Street Maintenance Facility Parking Lot and Safety Lighting, 8.3.6. Development Group, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Data Structured Cabling, 8.3.7. JB Electric: Contract: Westlake Elementary School Switchgear Replacement, 8.3.8. Joseph R. Renda Construction Services, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools In-Plant Inspection Services

Trustee Shonick requested item 8.2.2.2. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Transportation Trailer be pulled from the consent agenda.

Trustee Coonerty motioned to approve the consent agenda, except for item 8.2.2.2. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Transportation Trailer. Vice President Tracy-Proulx 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

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Community member Peggy Card donated her late father's car to the District. The vehicle will be added to the district's fleet. Ms. Card is making the donation in honor of her father who was an educator in Santa Cruz.

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 shared information with Trustees regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Mr. Monreal provided an update and received direction from the board regarding real party property negotiations.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

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

Superintendent Murno began her update by sharing TK and Kindergarten students have been on campus for their hybrid instruction orientation. The District has finalized hiring for the Elementary Online Academy and continues to prepare facilities for Hybrid instruction at the middle and high schools. The District will host summer school at all three grade spans and hiring summer school staff is underway. Superintendent Munro concluded her update by sharing next steps in planning for a full reopening, finalizing the District Intervention plan, and reconvening the Reopening Advisory Committee.

Public comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson shared that she started visiting elementary classrooms and overall, everyone is excited to have students back on campus. Ms. Carlson shared that she is committed to continue to visit classrooms and reach out to teachers and union members, and to continue collaborative problem solving with the District.

Public Comment: Jackie Busse, SCCS parent and local pediatrician, shared her professional experience with the evolving information around COVID-19. She shared that with the new knowledge about the virus, there is no scientific reason to keep kids out of school. Rather, the long-term impacts of keeping students off campus is more concerning.

Public Comment: Parent Kali Campbell shared that she was pleased to hear about the 15:1 ratio for summer school and asked if this can be continued in the regular school year for elementary students. She also shared that parents would like to see a full school day for students, as well as options for childcare.

Public Comment: SCCS parent and employee, Laurie Gibson, addressed the board asking for information about social distancing on campus and outdoor learning spaces. Ms. Gibson also advocated for students to return to school.

Public Comment: Parent Alison Guevara expressed concerns for students in distance learning, primarily around the increase in screen time.

8.6.3.1. New Business: District Audit

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Crowe Horwath Senior Manager Charles Raibley to present the 2019-20 external financial audit for the district through June 30, 2020. The District is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with standards established for K-12 schools by the State Controlled. The audit report showed

the District had zero findings for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The District is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with audit standards established for K-12 schools by the State Controller. Charles Raibley, a representative from Crowe Horwath, presented an analysis of the annual District audit. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Public Comment: Community member Rocco Cappalla asked questions about the Bond Performance Audit, specifically regarding project expenditures.

Public Comment: Community member Michelle Bradley expressed concerns about items that are not fiscally tangible being left out of the report, specifically regarding the Bond Measure audits. She appealed to the board to consider an additional performance audit for Bond Measures A & B.

MSP(Ranii/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the District Audit for the 2019-20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

8.6.3.2. New Business: Bond Measures A & B Audit

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced the Bond Measures A & B Audit. Under Article XIII A of the California Constitution requires school districts that have passed general obligation bonds under the provision of Proposition 39 to conduct an annual performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects approved by the voters and specified by the Board of Education. Charles Raibley, a representative from Crowe Horwath, presented an analysis of the Bond Measures A & B audit. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Cooney/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2019-20 Bond Measure A and Measure B Financial Statements and Performance Audits.

8.6.3.3. Staff Report: Bond Budget Update

Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture presented an update on the Bond Measures A and B budgets. This report was information in nature and no action was taken by the board. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

8.6.3.4. New Business: Bond Performance Audit

In January of 2021, the Board of Education asked staff to seek quotes for a potential expanded Proposition 39 Bond Performance Audit. Staff reached out to outside agencies and brought forth two proposals for the Board to consider. While staff recommended not engaging in an outside firm at this time, both proposals were made available to both the Board and the public to review prior to this meeting. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Public Comment: Community member Michelle Bradley addressed the board and shared her experience serving on a school site Bond Oversight Committee. Ms. Bradley shared she thought there was a need for more transparency around the bidding process and bond projects, and encouraged the Board to consider a performance audit, not just for fiscal responsibility, but to include and audit of best practices.

Public Comment: Community member Rocco Cappalla expressed his support of the Total School Solutions Bond Performance Audit Proposal.

Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Total School Solutions Audit as presented. Trustee Shonick seconded the motion.

MSP(Threet/Shonick) 2-5, the motion to approve the Total School Solutions Audit did not pass.

Trustee Owen motioned to form an Ad Hoc Committee to develop criteria for a bond performance audit. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee to develop criteria for a bond performance audit.

8.6.3.5. New Business: Second Interim Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Second Interim Report for the period ending on January 31, 2021. The Board receives three statutorily mandated reports of the financial status of the District during the year. The Second Interim Fiscal Status Report for a period ending on January 31, 2021 provides a comprehensive view of the activity which occurred from July 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021, highlighting adjustments to the 2020-2021 First Interim Budget. The report also included information from the Governor's budget workshop in January 2021, updates on the negotiations of the federal stimulus package, and a Multi-Year Projection. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of a positive certification for the Second Interim Report. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson affirmed that there was money expended from the general fund due to COVID related expenses, that can now be backfilled.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education accepted the Second Interim Report with Positive Certification.

8.2.2.2. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Transportation Trailer

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Belli Architecture Amendment Agreement for the Transportation Trailer. Upon review, Mr. Monreal acknowledged an error in the agreement and requested the item be pulled and submitted to the Board at the next meeting. The Board of Education was in agreement.

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

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

MSP(Tracy-Proulx /Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCS 20-21 Sunshine Articles to SCCCE.

8.6.4.2. New Business: Resolution 25-20-21: Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Service

Assistant Superintendent Parks brought forth Resolution 25-20-21 to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of service for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Parks reminded the board that these are preliminary layoffs that will not be finalized until later this spring. Ms. Parks recommended approval of Resolution 25-20-21: Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Service.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson addressed the board, asking that they consider overstaffing the .2 FTE in PE for the 2021-22 school year.

MSP(Ranii/Tracy-Proulx) 6-1, the Board of Education approved Resolution 25-20-21: Reduction of K-12 Particular Kinds of Service.

8.6.5.1. New Business: Resolution 28-20-21: Proclaiming March as Women’s History Month

Santa Cruz City Schools strives for all students to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curricula. Women have played and continue to play critical roles in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of our nation’s life. Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National women to the history of the United States.

MSP(Threet/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education passed Resolution 28-20-21: Proclaiming March as Women’s History Month

8.5.5.2. Potential Items for Futures Agenda

Trustee Shonick requested the board agenize time to discuss district policy about district committees. Trustee Shonick also requested staff present a report on the District’s response to climate change before the end of the school year.

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 10:10 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on March 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Study Session on April 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m., will be held remotely via Zoom
5. The Study Session on April 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
6. The Study Session on April 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
7. The Regular Meeting on May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
8. The Study Session on May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.

10. The Regular Meeting on June 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public 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