

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
MARCH 24, 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 6:37 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**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elementary parent Juliana Reyes addressed the Board to express concern about the recent survey and announcement of elementary students returning to school 5 days a week. Ms. Reyes expressed her disappointment at not seeing an option for Hybrid instruction on the survey. She requested that elementary schools remain in Hybrid for the rest of the school year.

Elementary parent Brenda Avila expressed her disappointment and concerns about transparency around the decision for elementary students to return to school five days a week. Ms. Avila reported that many Latino families expressed concern about this decision and feel unprepared to make this decision.

Cabrillo College trustee, Christina Cuevas, invited district families, staff and administration to attend the upcoming public events related to possible changes in the Cabrillo College name.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro reported that districts have the option to administer either the CAASPP test or select a standardized local assessment. Santa Cruz City Schools recently received a Career Technical Education Grant. TK through fifth grade are back on campus in Hybrid instruction, and this week secondary students have been on campus for orientations. Athletic seasons are underway.. Telehealth counseling continues for students and families. Staff continue to prepare for Summer School and summer school teachers are actively being hired. Superintendent Munro attended a SECA meeting in which the AB 602 funding model was discussed and analyzed. Staff attended a COVID budget resources webinar and are working to align resources to the District's intervention plan. Staff also hosted a family webinar on March 16 and will continue to host webinars for families throughout the spring. Superintendent Munro and Board President Vestal met with students for climate justice and these students will present to the Board of Education before the end of the school year. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by sharing she attended a city council meeting to discuss modifying inclusionary housing units for the District's workforce housing. Santa Cruz City Schools' Workforce Housing Project will not be subject to inclusionary ordinances.

### **Student's Report**

None.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Threet acknowledged the passing of Tony Jacobs, former campus supervisor, thanking him for his many years of service to the Soquel High School community.

Trustee Ranii did not have a report to share.

Vice President Tracy-Proulx shared her excitement to hear the news regarding inclusionary fees for the District workforce housing project.

Trustee Coonerty attended two trauma-based courses regarding children and the adults around them, and shared key takeaways with the Board.

Trustee Shonick shared reading recommendations that he felt would be informative and interesting for others to read.

Trustee Owen did not have a report to share.

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Vestal attended the Delta High School Board Meeting where the safety plan and second interim budget. There is excitement for the start of Hybrid instruction on April 5, 2021. Additionally, the Delta Board announced the appointment for Jen Gebbie Ra’anan as Principal for the 2021-22 school year.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of February 24, 2021 meeting.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. Budget Transfers, 8.1.2.4. Resolution 30-20-21: Establish Fund 08, 8.1.2.5. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.2.2.1. Joint Powers Agreement: Super Co-Op, 8.2.2.2. Bridges to Kinder Lease Agreement: 1000 High Street, 8.2.2.3. Encompass Community Services Lease Agreement: 255 Swift Street, 8.2.2.4. Natural Bridges Children’s Center Lease Agreement: 255 Swift Street, 8.2.2.5. Walnut Avenue Family & Women’s Center Lease Agreement: 415 Walnut Avenue, 8.2.2.6. Belli Architecture Amendment Agreement: Transportation Trailer, 8.2.2.7. Van Zantes Photography: Amendment Agreement, 8.2.2.8. Lifetouch Photography: Amendment Agreement, 8.3.1 Albion Environmental Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Archaeological Monitoring, 8.3.2. EKC Enterprises, Inc. Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Speaker-Clocks, 8.3.3. Locatelli Moving and Storage Proposal: Bay View Elementary Classroom Moves, 8.3.4. M3 Environmental Proposal: Westlake Elementary School Exterior Paint Lead Survey, 8.3.5. MADI 19Six Architects Inc. Change Order 1: Bay View Elementary School Multi Project Overhead, 8.3.6. MADI 19Six Architects Inc. Change Order 1: Branciforte Small Schools Multi Project Overhead, 8.3.7. MADI 19Six Architects Inc. Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Multi Project Overhead, 8.3.8. Monterey Peninsula Engineering Change Order 3: Site Work Branciforte Small Schools New Classroom, 8.3.9. Palace Business Solutions Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Ergonomics, 8.3.10. PSR Electric Proposal: Bay View Elementary School Kindergarten, 8.3.11. PSR Electric Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Exterior Lighting Electrical, 8.3.12. Swinerton Builders Change Order: 5 Soquel High School Modernization Phase 2

Vice President Tracy-Proulx motioned to approve the consent agenda, except for item 8.3.1 Albion Environmental Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Archaeological Monitoring. 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 regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding GSCFT negotiations.
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5. The Board discussed a public employee performance evaluation (Govt. Code Section 54957)

### **ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED**

#### **8.5.1.1. New Business: Bond Oversight Committee Report**

Bond Oversight Committee Chair Bill Tysseling presented the Committee’s annual report for fiscal year 2019-20 to the Board of Trustees. The Bond Oversight Committee met on three occasions: October 1, 2020, January 11, 2021, and March 18, 2021. Based on the review of audit reports, materials provided, and meeting discussions, the Bond Oversight Committee reported the following: the 2019-20 year to date expenditures made with Measure A funds totaling \$24,601,769 and Measure B funds totaling \$14,278,058 and are aligned with the language set forth in the ballot measures. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Cooney/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report for 2019-20.

#### **8.3.1. Albion Environmental Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Archaeological Monitoring**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal and Director of Facilities Miller introduced Albion Environmental Proposal for Mission Hill Middle School Archaeological monitoring. The proposal consists of cultural resource monitoring at Mission Hill Middle School, to accompany the switchgear replacement in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Ranii) 6-1, the Board of Education approved Item 8.3.1. Albion Environmental Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Archaeological Monitoring

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

Superintendent Munro reviewed Santa Cruz County’s COVID data and gave an update on Hybrid instruction. Superintendent Munro also gave an overview of the State and Federal COVID resources and the permissible uses for these dollars. In addition to the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan, the District must also write a plan for Senate Bill 86 and ESSER resources. This plan must be approved by the Board before June 1. On March 19, 2021 the CDC changed their guidance to allow for 3 feet of social distancing in elementary schools. On March 20, 2021 the CDPH adopted the CDC’s recommendation into their guidance for schools. This has been the fastest alignment between the CDC and CDPH all year. Staff recommended April 19 as the start date for elementary students to return to school five days a week. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. Trustees gave direction to the Superintendent to begin daily elementary instruction with the April 19 start date and to continue work to make communication more transparent to every parent in the community.

Public Comment: Elementary parents and community members addressed the board to share their concern about the recent announcement to transition elementary student from Hybrid instruction to 5 days of in person instruction. Many expressed feelings of discomfort at the

timing of the announcement, as many elementary students just started Hybrid. Parents also requested an increase in communication with families, especially those in the most vulnerable populations, as well as time to process the new information and information about the decision-making process.

Public Comment: Elementary parent and local pediatrician, Jackie Busse, shared her appreciation and excitement to see students return to school five days a week. Dr. Busse reiterated the scientific data that indicates it is safe for students to return to school, and that there is no evidence that Hybrid is safer than full time instruction.

Public Comment: Elementary Parent Allison Guevara shared a personal anecdote of her child's excitement to return to school.

Public Comment: Teachers from the Branciforte Small Schools Campus addressed the Board, thanking them for their work to get teachers vaccinated and to express their joy at seeing students on campus again. The teachers also requested that they be allowed to keep an asynchronous preparation day during the week, as their model has them instructing students in person and online at the same time.

**8.5.3.1. Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Academic & Social-Emotional Supports**

Assistant Superintendent Coito, along with Directors Atlansky, Calden and Hodges, presented the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Update: Academic and Social-Emotional Supports. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support is an integrated, comprehensive framework that aligns academic, behavioral and social-emotional learning in a fully integrated system of support to benefit all students. The Educational Services team reviewed the program, data, and challenges and opportunities to continue improvement of the District's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment: Community member Alissa Vierra asked where the public can view the slides presented.

Public Comment: Community member Rocco Cappalla asked the Board to consider forming an Ad Hoc committee with school staff and mental health specialist to analyze the social emotion health survey data more closely. Mr. Cappalla also suggested the Board hold a Study Session or community forum to help the public understand the data.

**8.5.3.2. New Business: Local Control Accountability Plan: Budget Changes for 2021-22**

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the Local Control Accountability Plan Budget Changes for 2021-22. Each year Santa Cruz City School District is charged with creating and implementing a Local Control Accountability Plan, which focuses on closing the achievement gap by targeting three specific groups of students: English Learners, Homeless, Foster Youth, and students from Low Income households. As part of the Local Control Accountability Plan process, each year Santa Cruz City Schools engages stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators) to review, make suggested revisions, and give input into the Santa Cruz City Schools Local Control Accountability Plan. Santa Cruz City Schools reached out to all

staff for meaningful input into how to close the achievement gap at each grade span in relation to the district's four strategic focus areas: Literacy, Mathematics, English Learner Progress, and School Connectedness. Changes in the 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan budget result from positions and programs being identified as priorities for the next school year. Staffing decisions are brought for approval ahead of the plan approval in June due to hiring constraints and timelines. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Owen/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Local Control Accountability Plan: Budget Changes for 2021-22.

### **8.5.3.3. New Business: High School History Social Science Textbook Adoption**

Director Hodges and History Social Science Teacher Marissa Ferejohn described the piloting process that took place at Soquel and Santa Cruz High School. The process used for reviewing curriculum was adapted from the suggested California Department of Education History Curriculum review and adoption process. Through this curriculum review process, teachers determined which curriculum to pilot in the fall of the 20-21 school year and determined which teachers would take part in the piloting process. At the conclusion of the piloting process, all piloting teachers came together to debrief both curriculums, including reviewing student survey results. Teachers unanimously agreed that McGraw Hill was a superior curriculum and best met the curriculum needs. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Threet/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the High School History Social Science Textbook Adoption.

### **8.5.5.2. Potential Items for Futures Agenda**

Trustee Threet requested the board consider forming a committee that engages parent in mental health.

## **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 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Study Session on April 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m., will be held remotely via Zoom
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. 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](http://sccs.net/board_of_education)

Respectfully submitted,

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education