

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
AUGUST 26, 2020**

Convene Open Session

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

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: Student Representative Xhu Lopez Guzman

Absent: Student Representative Sophie Nigh

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 Ranii welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

1. Item 3.1. Plan for Extension of Distance Learning was revised to provide an updated recommendation due to be determined by the Reopening Advisory Committee on Monday, August 24th.
2. Item 3.4. New Business: Safety Equipment: Belli Architectural Group: Design, Bid, Construction Management for Two Generators was revised to reflect the recommendation for approval of design, bid and construction management. It previously stated "purchase of safety equipment".

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

3.1. New Business: Plan for Extension of Distance Learning

Superintendent Munro, along with Assistant Superintendent Parks, provided an overview of the efforts the district has made to plan for reopening schools during distance learning. Staff presented County COVID data, along with information regarding county and community fire updates. The Superintendent provided a glimpse at new information from the California Department of Health on small group guidance. Assistant Superintendent Parks shared that the Reopening Advisory Committee discussed several factors that led to their recommendation to remain in distance learning for the semester. Some of the things that they took into consideration were the disruptiveness of moving in and out of distance and in-person instruction as health data changes; the need for families and staff to be able to plan for childcare; concern about potential virus spread during the holidays; the need for training for both students and staff before we move to hybrid model; and, the impact of mid-semester

schedule changes to accommodate those who need distance learning all year. Superintendent Munro shared the process, deliberation, and the final recommendation from the Reopening Advisory Committee. The committee unanimously recommended that the district remain in distance learning for the duration of the first semester. Additionally, they recommended an assessment of current health conditions to confirm a reopening timeline be done when we get closer to winter break in December.

Public Comments: Several members of the Reopening Advisory Committee spoke to share about their experience serving on the committee, and the process that led to their unanimous decision.

Many community members spoke to express the challenges their families were facing during distance learning.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Vestal) 6-1, the Board of Education approved the recommendation to remain in distance learning for the duration of the first semester, and to assess health conditions as we get closer to winter break.

3.2. New Business: Resolution 07-20-21: Limit the Spread of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought back this resolution at the request of the Board of Education. Mr. Monreal shared that the resolution necessitates the temporary suspension of all non-school use of District-owned facilities and grounds in order to ensure and protect the welfare, safety, and educational wellbeing of all District students and staff, consistent with the District's comprehensive safety plan. Staff recommended that this suspension of non-school use of district facilities remain in effect until it is determined that the reopening of District-owned facilities and grounds for non-school use is safe and appropriate based on the guidance from state and local officials. Trustees asked questions and had a discussion.

Public Comment: Many members of the community expressed dissatisfaction with this resolution and shared the impact it would have on the community.

Trustee Threet motioned to deny the resolution, and Trustee Shonick seconded the motion.

MSP(Threet/Shonick) 7-0, the Board of Education denied Resolution 07-20-21 to limit the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

3.3 New Business: Purchase of Safety Equipment PSR Electric: Generator and Installation

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forth this proposal for the purchase and installation of a generator for Food Services at DeLaveaga Elementary School. Due to public safety power shutoffs and intentional or unintentional power interruptions by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company, Santa Cruz County experiences regular power outages. At DeLaveaga, Food Services maintains refrigeration and freezer storage units. Mr. Monreal recommends approval of this item to ensure adequate food storage as the district continues to support families during distance learning.

MSP(Owen/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the purchase and installation of a generator from PSR Electric for DeLaveaga Elementary.

3.4. New Business: Safety Equipment: Belli Architectural Group: Design, Bid, Construction Management of Two Generators

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forth this proposal for the design, bid, and construction management by Belli Architectural Group for two Food Service generators at Harbor and Soquel High Schools. Due to public safety power shutoffs and intentional or unintentional power interruptions by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company, Santa Cruz County experiences regular power outages. At both Harbor and Soquel, Food Services maintains refrigeration and freezer storage units. Mr. Monreal recommends approval of this item to ensure adequate food storage as the district continues to support families during distance learning.

MSP(Cooney/Vestal) 5-2, the Board of Education approved the design, bid, and construction management for two generators by Belli Architectural Group.

3.5. New Business: Purchase of Distance Learning Equipment: Student Chromebooks

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forth this proposal for the purchase of Chromebooks for students during distance learning. Mr. Monreal recommended the purchase of new Chromebooks for students to improve their distance learning experience.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approve the purchase of Chromebooks for students during distance learning.

3.6. New Business: Purchase of Distance Learning Equipment: Staff Laptops

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forth this proposal for the purchase of laptops for teachers during distance learning. Mr. Monreal recommended the purchase of laptops for staff to support teaching and learning.

MSP(Vestal/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the purchase of laptops for teachers during distance learning.

3.7. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

Trustees requested a proposal regarding third party rentals and facilities use during COVID. Trustees also expressed interest in learning more about the issues of distance learning for TK-2nd grade.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ranii adjourned this Regular Meeting 9:06 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on September 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on October 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Regular Meeting on October 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
5. The Regular Meeting on November 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.

6. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on November 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
7. The Regular Meeting on December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
8. The Regular Meeting on January 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on January 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
10. The Regular Meeting on February 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
11. The Regular Meeting on February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
12. The Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
13. The Regular Meeting on March 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
14. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
15. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on April 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
16. The Regular Meeting on May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
17. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
18. The Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
19. 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:***

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Ranii, President
Board of Education