

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 28, 2015**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

SCCCE President Chacanaca asked the Trustees to direct the Administration to provide a 2014-15 settlement of a 3% ongoing salary schedule increase for classified employees. The district has had a minimum of a 9% reserve each year since 2006-07, and the support staff need a "living wage".

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent: Student Representative Ella Carroll, Santa Cruz High School
Student Representative Aren Pageler, Harbor High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Angela Meeker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
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.

Agenda Changes

None

Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Santa Cruz Education Foundation Representative Cynthia Hawthorne updated the Trustees on news from the organization. The funds received through the AVID fundraiser will be spent to pay for student college visits. In addition, an individual has made a \$10,000 donation to SCEF, and part of this donation will be used to fund a November 18 trip for Harbor High School AVID seniors to visit UC Davis. This private donor has indicated a

willingness to continue to donate each year as long as the collaborative partnership between SCCS/SCEF continues and the Board of Education continues to fully fund AVID. SCEF hosted a successful Parent Leader Meet-and-Greet (PTA, ELAC, Site Council, etc.). Topics of discussion included shared goals, challenges, economy of scale purchasing power and effective communication with each other, as well as with district administration and Board Members. SCEF is partnering with the KidPower Personal Safety Organization to provide safety training at all of our elementary schools and programs – Ms. Hawthorne acknowledged Casey Coonerty-Protti for championing this effort. Community supporter Dr. Jim Logsdon reported he was very happy to receive the District “State of Our Schools” report in the mail this week. The District does not always get credit for its varied and extensive service on behalf of students in the local news.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s Report

The Superintendent attended an annual community meeting (25 Shasta County school districts) for the Reach Higher Shasta initiative on October 27. The Shasta *Cradle to Career* program is similar to the *Santa Cruz County College Commitment* and they are currently working on a GATES Foundation planning grant. Superintendent Munro will share details of this visit with S4C and use this information to inform our efforts for the college and career readiness of Santa Cruz County students. The Superintendent met with Live Oak Superintendent Taylor to discuss collaboration and articulation efforts on behalf of students. The Harbor High School Baseball Field Grand Opening was October 24. Local Control AP surveys will be coming soon for staff, students and parents. We are seeking feedback on the current programs funded by the plan and continue to solicit input on needs. On October 17, Ms. Meeker and Superintendent Munro were able to attend the Cabrillo 4th Grade Open House. The Cabrillo staff and students created a welcoming experience for students and families. The Santa Cruz Education Foundation fundraiser for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program raised more than \$10,000. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board Members’ Reports

Board Member Tracy-Proulx acknowledged the passing of Trustee Michael Pisenti, who served 11 years on the Board of Education for the Live Oak School District. Ms. Tracy-Proulx also extended her thanks to the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their unwavering support of Santa Cruz City Schools students. Everyone is invited to the Gault Elementary Halloween/Dia de los Muertos Parade and Carnival on Saturday, October 31. The parade gathering begins at 9:00 a.m. and the carnival runs from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Board Member Perez-Granados attended the Harbor High School Football Game/Homecoming Event and was very impressed by the community spirit exhibited by students, faculty and families – it was a great time. Dr. Perez-Granados visited Westlake Elementary with Dr. Thompson and Superintendent Munro and was pleased by the amount of parent involvement at the site. There were parents in many classrooms working with students. The teachers were extremely welcoming and the students were engaged.

Board Member Shonick thanked SCCCE President Chacanaca for inviting him to attend a Classified Employee Conference in San Jose. It was very informative to hear the needs of classified workers expressed on a statewide level and provided a new perspective for Trustee Shonick. It was a day well spent.

Board Member Threet has continued to be busy working on behalf of a couple of tax parcel measures that are currently on the ballot. This past Sunday Trustee Threet worked at Santa Cruz High School on the Beautification Committee – this work takes place on the 4th Sunday of each month. For interested community

members, the Santa Cruz High School Beautification Committee will meet on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, and the date for work in December has been moved to the 12th. All are invited.

Board Member Thompson attended the second in a series of five CSBA workshops for Masters in Governance. There was a considerable amount of preparatory homework before the class meeting, and the class was excellent. Dr. Thompson attended the SCEF AVID Fundraiser at the Oswald Restaurant. It was very inspiring and Dr. Thompson thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation (SCEF) for their collaboration on behalf of students. Dr. Thompson attended the Harbor High School Theater production "You Can't Take it With You" and acknowledged Teacher Cathy Warner and the amazing guidance she provides which empowers students. Dr. Thompson was present for the closing session of the 1st Queer and Allied Student Summit held at Santa Cruz High School. This was a countywide event that included information sessions and resource information

Board Member Coonerty attended the Santa Cruz Education Foundation AVID Fundraiser at Oswald's Restaurant and especially enjoyed the passion exhibited for the AVID program. Dr. Coonerty worked the phone bank for parcel tax measures O & P and had a great experience. Dr. Coonerty attended the Westlake Elementary Community Meeting on October 15. It was well attended and parents and teachers asked meaningful questions.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal reported that Delta Charter School is busy preparing for their WASC visit next month. The staff feels supported by their current math intern and four student teachers. Current enrollment at Delta is 134. Delta Principal Mary Gaukel Forster is retiring and Board President Vestal attended a meeting to make plans to hire a new principal for Delta. The Cabrillo Open House for Grade 4 students and their families was a success, with more than 300 families attending. Board President Vestal congratulated the District for all the recent positive press – it is very nice to see.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Thompson/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2015 as submitted, including the changes to the Board Reports from Trustees Threet and Thompson.
2. MSP (Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Santa Cruz City Schools Finance Authority on October 14, 2015 as submitted.

Consent Agenda

Board Member Shonick asked to pull Item 8.1.8.1.2 Agreement: Sheriff's Department/SCCS Adult Education for a separate discussion and vote.

Dr. Thompson moved approval of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 8.1.1 Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Item 8.1.2 Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Item 8.1.3 Purchase Orders; Item 8.1.4 Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5 Budget Transfers; Item 8.1.6 Gifts; Item 8.1.7 Credential Waiver; Item 8.1.8.1.1 Agreement: Business Services – Precision Grading; Item 8.1.8.2.1 CSA Educational Services/AECP: Kate Willett-ELD Teacher Training at Monarch; Item 8.1.8.3.1 CSA & Contract Educational Services/Special Education: CSA-Edward Fergus; Item 8.1.8.3.2 Revised Contract for Non Public Agency: ABRITE; Item 8.1.8.4.1 Agreement Education Services/Student Services: Text-a-Tip-services through October 2016; Item 8.1.9 Disposal of Surplus Property. The Board of Education acknowledged, with gratitude, the following gift received by Santa Cruz City Schools: *Branciforte Small Schools*—Louis A. Billings donated Type A Machines 2012/2013 Series 1 3-D printer and plastic spool to the Alternative Family Education Program. Ms. Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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

Item 8.1.8.1.2 Agreement: SC County Sheriff’s Department/SCCS Adult Education

Board Member Shonick had a question regarding this contract. A response was provided by both Superintendent Munro and GSCFT President Kirschen. Mr. Shonick then moved approval of the item, and Ms. Threet seconded the motion. This motion was approved 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

Closed Session Actions Report

- 2.1 The Board of Education took action on the Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations and appointments.
- 2.2 The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to designated representative, Molly Parks, regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- 2.3 The Board of Education conferred regarding anticipated litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9).
Property Address: 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2.4 The Board of Education approved Special Education mediated settlement agreements: 1) Special Education settlement ABRITE; 2) Special Education Settlement OAH Case 0597; 3) Special Education Settlement OAH Case 0662; 4) Special Education Settlement OAH Case 2015.
- 2.5 The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to designated representative, Molly Parks, regarding negotiations with the GSCFT for 2014-17.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.3.1 Staff Report: Regional Occupational Program (ROP) and Career/Technical Education (CTE)

Superintendent Munro, along with SCCS Teachers Matthew Bruner, Barry Kirschen, Marco Lucadano, Leif Rovick and Larkin Wilson, reported to the Trustees. Information included: Career Technical Education/Transitioning ROP to SCCS; CTE/ROP offerings; benefits of CTE/ROP; individual teacher classroom experiences were recounted. Following the presentation, board members asked questions and made comments, and members of the audience, including two current Soquel High School CTE/ROP students, provided additional personal information and observations. This report was informational in nature and the Trustees did not take any action regarding this matter.

Recess: Board President Vestal called for a short recess at 7:57 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Vestal reconvened this meeting at 8:05 p.m.

8.3.2 Staff Report: Students Achieving Independence and Life success (SAIL) Program

Special Education Director Stacy O’Farrell, along with Program Specialist Staci LeCagnin, Behavioral Inclusion Specialist Tracy Thomas, Mental Health Specialist Amanda Nisewaner, School Psychologist Elisa Solano, and teachers Carmia Rios and Eli Gregory reported to the Trustees. Information included: the continuum of Special Education service options; the transition of this program as inherited from the COE in years 1, 2, and the current 3rd year; the three-tiered RtI Model for Behavior & Social Emotional Support within a restrictive environment; the Level System (independent, supervised and restricted); honor vs. opportunity; the motivation system; behavior tracking data; sample student schedule. Following the presentation, board members asked questions and made comments. This report was informational in nature, and the Trustees did not take any action regarding this matter.

8.3.3 Staff Report: Preliminary CBEDS Report

Mr. Monreal reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. The California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) is an annual data collection administered the first Wednesday in October. This year CBEDS day was October 7th. The purpose of CBEDS is to collect demographic information on students, faculty and district employees. The district as a whole has decreased enrollment from 2014-15 to 2015-16. We had a district-wide decrease of 134 students. The elementary district (grades Pre-K – 6) decreased enrollment by 51 students from last year, and the secondary district (grades 7-12) decreased by 83 students. Following the presentation, Board Members asked questions and made comments. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

8.3.4 New Business: Resolution 23-15-16 Designating Week of the Classified Employee and Week of the Teacher

Ms. Parks reported that Santa Cruz City Schools would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff in service to students by recognizing the week of April 25-29 as the Week of the Classified Employee and May 2-6 as the Week of the Teacher. Board Member Tracy-Proulx moved approval of Resolution 23-15-16 Designating the Week of the Classified Employee and the Week of the Teacher and Dr. Coonerty seconded this motion. The motion was approved 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

8.3.5 Old Business: Board Policies – GAMUT Updates – Final Reading

Superintendent Munro reported that these policies were brought to the Board for first reading on October 14, 2015. Following discussion, revisions were made to: BP 4131 Staff Development Certificated; BP 4231 Staff Development Classified; BB 9100 Organization. The Superintendent recommended approval of the policies as submitted for final reading. MSP (Shonick/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the policies as submitted for final reading.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Board Study Session on November 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on November 18, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Board Study Session on December 2, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on December 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on January 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on January 27, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on February 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Regular Meeting on February 24, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on March 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

10. The Regular Meeting on March 23, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Board Study Session on April 13, 2016, 5:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 20, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting on May 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
14. The Regular Meeting on May 25, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
15. The joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Budget Advisory Committee on June 2, 2016, 5:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
16. The Regular Meeting on June 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
17. The Regular Meeting on June 22, 2016, 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Adjournment

There being no further Open Session business to come before the Trustees, Board President Vestal adjourned this Open Session of the Regular Meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education