

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
November 18, 2015**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:30 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 that includes an ongoing salary schedule increase for classified employees.

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:40 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
Patricia Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal

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

Absent: Alisun Thompson

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**

Ms. Meeker requested moving Item 8.3.3 to follow the Public Votes on Expulsions. This change was approved by the Board of Education.

**Superintendent's Remarks Prior to Public Comments**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Jim Logsdon congratulated the Trustees and the District Administration for a well-run parcel tax campaign. Dr. Logsdon is pleased to know that programs are secure for our student community in the future. Dr. Logsdon

reported that SCCS student Alexis Williams has been selected for the 2016 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. She will perform Soprano 2 during Carnegie Hall's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary season in February with the Women's Honor Choir. Dr. Logsdon also commented on the excellent public education provided by Santa Cruz City Schools for two of his acquaintances: one who is currently finishing at Harvard Law and the other who is currently a "straight A" student at Santa Cruz HS in spite of originally struggling with both English fluency and a diagnosis of Asperger Syndrome.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro expressed her gratitude to the community for their support of students by approving parcel tax measures O & P. These resources will allow SCCS to preserve and protect critical programs. The Superintendent also acknowledged the commitment of the Trustees to the campaign, as well as the dedicated work of our employees and the campaign committee, including Board Members Thompson, Threet, Tracy-Proulx and Westlake parent Tim Madsen. The Gates Foundation Grants Convening Group is meeting on Monday and Tuesday to collaborate on the planning grants for the 10 districts selected for this opportunity. The county wide survey has led us to narrow the grant focus to mathematics and college and career readiness. The Teacher Advisory group has had an initial meeting and will continue with a December retreat to look at data and discuss an action plan to address student success in math county-wide. Superintendent Munro met with Community Foundation Director Cuevas to discuss ways this organization might be able to support S4C with math outcomes county wide. The Superintendent will continue to be in conversation with the Community Foundation. Pacific Collegiate Charter School has completed their move to a new building and location in Santa Cruz. SCCS will proceed with fire restoration work at the 255 Natural Bridges site, as well as continue to explore potential tenants or other short term options for the campus. Possible scenarios will be provided to the Trustees by the close of January, 2016. On November 13 and 14 Superintendent Munro and Board Member Thompson attended two days of the CSBA Masters of Governance training in Sacramento. The focus for these two classes was the Board's role in school finance, human resources and negotiations. The Superintendent would be pleased to provide the training materials to interested Board Members.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Student Representative Pageler reported he is glad to be back in attendance following an illness. Many students and staff at Harbor High School are ill. Theatre performers are preparing for the Fall Showcase at Harbor High School. Fall sports are wrapping up. College application "season" is in full swing! Students are eager for the Thanksgiving holidays next week. Student Pageler asked for clarification regarding the purchase of a cap and gown by senior for the graduation ceremony at their school. Superintendent Munro replied that if a student does not choose to purchase a cap and gown for the ceremony, one will be provided by the school – with the proviso that it must be returned after the ceremony.

Student Representative Carroll is glad to be back in attendance following an illness. Last week was Spirit Week at Santa Cruz High School. Each day of the school week encouraged a "dress up" theme and the week culminated in a rally and the homecoming football game. The Directing Team has been selected for the second theater production of the school year and auditions will be held after Thanksgiving Break. Seniors are looking at both scholarship and college applications. Many teachers and students are ill at this time.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Tracy-Proulx thanked the community for their continued support of students and all those who volunteered their time to work on behalf of the parcel tax measures.

Board Member Perez-Granados acknowledged the comments of Board Member Tracy-Proulx, and extended a personal thank you to Board Members Thompson, Threet and Tracy-Proulx for the many hours they worked on behalf of the parcel tax measures. Congratulations to all of our students.

Board Member Shonick acknowledged what a great day this is for our students and thanked all who worked so hard on behalf of preserving programs for students. Mr. Shonick reported that the Sister Cities organization of Santa Cruz is currently sponsoring several visiting lawyers who are thrilled to see our judicial system in action. This is a great week for Santa Cruz.

Board Member Threet echoed all the sentiments of those who thanked the many folks who worked so tirelessly to ensure the successful passage of parcel tax measures O & P and secure a bright future for our children. Ms. Threet attended the “Stump” game and acknowledged Santa Cruz High School for their possession of the “stump” for the next two years. Trustee Threet recognized the extraordinary dedication of the 16 students who comprised the Harbor High School Varsity Football Team – they competed with great heart this season. The Soquel High School Theater Program will present “Laramie” during the first two weeks in December. Congratulations to the Santa Cruz High School Boys’ Water Polo Team for their championship season – and to the Soquel High School Water Polo Program for 20 years of success. This has been a great season for Fall Sports in Santa Cruz City Schools.

Board Member Coonerty is pleased to recognize the Santa Cruz HS Girls Varsity Cross Country Team – they are going to the CCS Division III Finals for the first time ever – Go Cardinals! Dr. Coonerty noted that the Santa Cruz City Schools Administration team had greater participation in the work of the parcel tax measures elections than in the past. Dr. Coonerty is very pleased that the community has made the connection to Career Technical Education and after school sports and other curriculum to the well-being of our students. We can make positive changes in our world – we must start with ourselves.

### **Board President’s Report**

Board President Vestal congratulated Board Members Thompson, Threet for co-chairing the campaign committee with Westlake parent Tim Madsen. Board President Vestal will meet with the Schools Plus Committee to read grants and on Sunday will meet with the WASC Review Team at Delta Charter School. The initial impression of the Delta 500 page self-study is positive. Yesterday, the Board President and Superintendent Munro visited math and science classes at Branciforte Middle School. Board President Vestal met with Food Services Director Hedrick-Farr to prepare for the Wellness Committee Meeting on November 19, 6:30 p.m. at Harbor High School.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Shonick/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 28, 2015 as submitted. Students Carroll and Pageler abstained from the vote as neither was present at the meeting.
2. MSP (Threet/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting/Study Session of the Board of Education on November 4, 2015 as submitted. Students Carroll and Pageler abstained from the vote as neither was present at the meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Coonerty asked for *Item 8.1.7.1.2 FUA: Use of Facilities by PCS* to be pulled for a separate discussion and vote. Dr. Perez-Granados 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Investment Report; Item 8.1.7.1.1 Agreement: Business Services-Comcast services for Adult School; Item 8.1.7.1.3 Agreement: Business Services-School Services of California; Item 8.1.7.2.1 CSA/Ed Services/Harbor HS: CSA-Shakespeare To Go; Item 8.1.7.3.1 CSA/Ed Services/AECP-Alfredo Castaneda with ECOPP/Migrant parent workshops; Item 8.1.7.4.1 Contract: Ed Services/Special Education-NPS Rebekah Children's Services/Phoenix; Item 8.1.8 Disposal of Surplus Property. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes                  Perez-Granados – Yes                  Shonick – Yes  
Threet – Yes                  Tracy-Proulx – Yes                  Vestal – Yes

Students Carroll and Pageler recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**Item 8.1.7.1.2 Agreement: Business Services –Facility Use Agreement with PCS**

Dr. Coonerty asked Superintendent Munro to provide a short synopsis of this process. The agreement is for extracurricular activities for PCS. In lieu of a Proposition 39 request, the District and PCS have mutually agreed on a 3 year arrangement for the use of facilities for sports, arts, etc. The agreement will be revisited in 2 years so that the District is prepared to make a recommendation on a renewal at the earliest opportunity. Santa Cruz City Schools reached a very generous agreement and will continue to work on relationship building with PCS. Dr. Coonerty moved approval of Item 8.1.7.1.2 Facility Agreement with PCS and Ms. Threet seconded the motion. This motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes                  Perez-Granados – Yes                  Shonick – Yes  
Threet – Yes                  Tracy-Proulx – Yes                  Vestal – Yes

Students Carroll and Pageler recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**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 discussed the Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code 54957)
- 2.3 The Board of Education hear information on Expulsions 01-15-16 and 02-15-16 to prepare for a vote on these matters tonight in Open Session.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to designated representative, Molly Parks, regarding negotiations with the GSCFT Adult Education for 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- 2.6 The Board of Education conferred with Superintendent Munro regarding unrepresented employees organization Administrators and Managers Association (AMA).
- 2.7 The Board of Education conferred regarding Real Property Negotiations (Govt. Code Section 54956.8) Property Address: 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Vote on Expulsions**

- 1. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation for a suspended expulsion as presented by Ms. Meeker for Expulsion 1-15-16.
- 2. MSP (Threet/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation for a suspended expulsion as presented by Ms. Meeker for Expulsion 2-15-16.

**ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED**

### **8.3.3 New Business: English 1A Appeal**

Ms. Meeker presented background information on the situation and outlined her reasons for asking the Board of Education to uphold the denial of the student's request to enroll in English 1A at Cabrillo Community College. The Board asked clarifying questions. During the period for public comments regarding this item, the student in question came to the podium provided his rationale for asking to be released from the course offerings for his 12<sup>th</sup> grade English requirement at Santa Cruz High School. The board asked more questions and made comments. MSP (Shonick/Threet) 5-1, the Board of Education voted to uphold the denial of the student application to take English 1A at Cabrillo Community College. Dr. Perez-Granados voted no. Students Carroll and Pageler voted no.

### **8.3.1 Staff Report: Middle School Writing**

Middle School students participate in a School Wide Writing assessment (SWW) each fall and spring in which students write either a short constructed response or longer performance task in response to a grade level prompt based on a common core writing genre. The school wide writing assessment is part of our district's goals and metrics and the single plans at each middle school. Information was presented to the Trustees by Curriculum Director Wildman, Mission Hill Middle School Principal Hodges, Mission Hill Teacher McIntyre and Branciforte Middle School Teacher Moen. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

### **8.3.2 New Business: Single Plan for Student Achievement Approvals**

Ms. Meeker reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. School Site Councils (SCC) are required to develop the Single Plan for Student Achievement. The School Site Council's responsibilities include approving the plan, recommending it to the local governing board for approval, monitoring its implementation, and evaluating the effectiveness of the planned activities at least annually. MSP (Perez-Granados/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Single Plans for Student Achievement. Students Carroll and Pageler recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **8.3.4 New Business: Board Policies – GAMUT Updates – First and/or Final Reading**

The new and revised policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updating process, which sends policies for review to participating districts three times per year. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and case law. These policies have been reviewed by staff to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. These policies were also sent to the Trustees in advance for review. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the revised policies as submitted for final reading. Students Carroll and Pageler recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education