

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
March 8, 2017**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:32 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:35 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Absent: Student Representative: Aayliah Wilson, Costanoa High School

Absent: Student Representative Steve Munoz: Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Patrick K. Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Members of the Audience

**Welcome and Format**

Board President Tracy-Proulx welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Agenda Changes**

Superintendent Munro asked to pull Item 8.3.6. Resolution 24-16-17 Non-Reelection of Certain Probationary Certificated, as it is no longer needed. The Superintendent also requested that Item 8.3.2. Bond Project Update immediately follow the vote on Expulsion 17-16-17. These changes were approved by the Trustees.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

DeLaveaga neighbor Louisa Capp asked the board to reconsider building an additional parking lot on the elementary campus. In light of the district projections of declining enrollment, more greenspace and less parking lots will be required in the future. Seven speakers representing Santa Cruz Non-Profit organization Project Pollinate asked the Board of Education to ban toxic chemicals like those found in the product "Round-Up" and move to organic, non-toxic solutions to landscape and pest management. Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Irvine Unified School District are two examples of successful integration of non-toxic solutions. Resource and contact information for Project Pollinate, as well as PVUSD and IUSD was provided to the Trustees for investigation of these ideas. Soquel High School GMEC Academy Teachers Rovik and

Kropholler asked the Trustees to extend more time for recruitment of students into the academic classes of the GMEC Academy. They feel that although enrollment is currently only about 60 students, the program is on the verge of widespread success.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S and STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

The SCCS Workability/Transition Program received an award for their work to increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The team has placed 114 students in jobs so far this school year. Congratulations to Workability/Transition Program Coordinator Nargi-Brown and her team for their service to students. The Superintendent thanked: Jill Denner, an SCCS parent from Education, Training and Research; Rocco Cappalla and Stephanie Pache of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation; everyone who conceptualized, planned and wrote the NSF Computer Science for All Grant application – which was successfully submitted on February 28, 2017. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, all Santa Cruz County 4<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the “4<sup>th</sup> Grade Experience” at Cabrillo Community College, and Superintendent Munro acknowledged Cabrillo and the S4C Program for making this opportunity possible. The Superintendent reported that next week, the new State Accountability Dashboards are scheduled to be released. Superintendent Munro invited the Trustees and all our school community to experience the heart of our Senderos community. Folks can drop in between 10:30-12:00 on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Small Schools Campus to learn more about this wonderful community organization. Ms. Parks is attending Teacher Recruitment Fairs this week in Fullerton, San Diego and San Francisco and our Human Resources Team is working to hire early to ensure we have the best candidates for our open positions. On March 6, teachers, coaches, site and district leaders came together for the mid-year Response to Intervention (RtI) retreat. It was a great day of both vertical and horizontal articulation about programs, supports and assessments. Mr. Wells added a comment to the Superintendent's report: the following ACSA Awards for Region 10 have been awarded to the following Santa Cruz City Schools Employees

## **BOARD MEMBERS' AND BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Thompson met with SCCS LGQBT Task Force to examine district board policies against state law for the protection of students. There was very solid alignment and final recommendations were completed. Dr. Thompson also met with the Santa Cruz City Schools/Live Oak Initiative for Youth Violence Prevention and there is an upcoming Trauma Informed Care Conference on April 26. This is exciting work and Santa Cruz will be well represented.

Board Member Perez-Granados acknowledged all the educators, especially women educators, who came to work today on behalf of our students. We are fortunate in Santa Cruz City Schools to have many dedicated teachers.

Board Member Shonick congratulated San Benito High School for their ambitious plan to build a 40,000 square foot CTE facility. This is a real commitment to CTE/ROP on behalf of the district.

Board Member Threet continues to report to and invite everyone to the Santa Cruz High School Campus Beautification Project. Real progress is made on behalf of the campus and the next meeting date is March 26 @ 8:30 a.m. Trustee Threet visited Bay View Elementary and observed 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes as well as some 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Teacher collaboration time. It was great to see the collaboration process. Thank you to Principal Perez for hosting the visit. Board Member Threet attended the Personnel Commission meeting and would like to encourage all classified employees to complete the Reclassification Study Survey – this information will prove very useful through the process. Trustee Threet extended her congratulations to last year's Student

Representative Ella Carroll. Ms. Carroll is a member of the Ethics team from Cabrillo College that will head to the national Inter-Collegiate Ethics Bowl Feb. 26 in Dallas after winning the regional competition, a first in the tournament's 21-year history.

Board Member Vestal attended the Monarch Parent Night and the campus was filled with the parents of future Kindergarten students. There was also a table of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the hallway who were available to answer parent and student questions about their Monarch Elementary academic experience. Trustee Vestal also attended the Gault Elementary Math Night event. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom she visited, every single student was present for this event and each student was accompanied by a parent. As math games were enjoyed, teachers explained how students learned and provided information on how parents could support their student's math education at home. It was a very successful evening.

Board Member Coonerty is proud that we are celebrating International Women's Day today. At a meeting she attended yesterday evening, Dr. Coonerty learned that the County Board of Supervisors is planning to increase funding for immigration lawyers to both educate the defend our local students and families moving forward.

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

Board President Tracy-Proulx reported that the City of Santa Cruz has reached out to Santa Cruz City Schools to partner with the city to bring an immigration workshop to our community. Information about this event will be updated as the Board President receives it.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Vestal/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2017 as submitted.

### **Consent Agenda**

Dr. Coonerty asked to pull Item 8.1.7. for a separate discussion and vote. Dr. Perez-Granados asked a question about retro-fitting projects, and Director Miller provided the requested information. Dr. Thompson moved approval of the Consent Agenda, minus Item 8.1.7. GSCFT Sunshine Proposal to SCCS, consisting of: Item 8.1.1. Personnel Actions – *Certificated*; Item 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – *Classified*; Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Quotes and Bids; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5. Gifts; Item 8.1.6. Board Policies: Final Reading and Adoption; Item 8.1.8. Bond Oversight Committee Members; Item 8.1.9. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.10. Out of State Field Trip – Harbor HS to Oregon Shakespeare Festival; Item 8.1.11. Out of State Travel – Teacher Recruitment Fair in Oregon; Item 8.1.12.1.1. Contract Amendment: Bartos-Gault Elem; Item 8.1.12.1.2. Contract Amendment: Bartos-Mission Hill MS; Item 8.1.12.1.3. Contract Amendment: Belli Architects; Item 8.1.12.1.4. Contract Amendment: Kleinfelder; Item 8.1.12.1.5. Contract: SCI Consulting-parcel tax exemption processing; Item 8.1.12.2.1. CSA: Harbor HS-Shakespeare to Go; Item 8.1.12.2.2. CSA: Paul Bloomberg-Revised Secondary LCFF. Dr. Perez-Granados seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Coonerty – Yes	Perez-Granados – Yes	Shonick – Yes	Thompson – Yes
Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes	

### **Item 8.1.7. Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers "Sunshine" Proposal to Santa Cruz City Schools**

Superintendent Munro reported that the GSCFT has requested successor contracts with 3 year durations. GSCFT President Kirschen confirmed that this information was made available to the public in the published board book. Ms. Vestal moved approval of Item 8.1.7. GSCFT "Sunshine" Proposals to SCCS and Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes  
Threet – Yes

Perez-Granados – Yes  
Tracy-Proulx – Yes

Shonick – Yes  
Vestal – Yes

Thompson – Yes

## **8.2 Closed Session Actions**

1. The Board of Education heard an update regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).
2. The Board of Education heard information on Expulsions 16-16-17 and 17-16-17 to prepare for voting on these matters later this evening in Open Session.
3. The Board of Education took action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
4. The Board of Education conferred with District Negotiator Gaffney regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, and 133 Mission Street, Santa Cruz.

### **8.2.2. Vote on Expulsions**

1. MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 16-16-17 as submitted.
2. MSP (/Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 17-16-17 as submitted.

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

### **8.3.2. Staff Report: Bond Projects Update**

Mr. Gaffney introduced CEO/Founding Principal of BCA Architects Paul Bunton to report to the Trustees regarding this matter. Mr. Bunton provided an overview of the bond phasing prioritization process, district priorities, preliminary analysis of bond issuances, grant funding opportunities, existing campus conditions and preliminary list of Measure A & B bond projects for each site, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Demonstration Classrooms. Following the presentation, there were comments and questions from Trustees, Staff and Members of the Public. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

### **8.3.1. Staff Report: CTE/ROP Transition Update**

Mr. Wells introduced Secondary Curriculum Director Mekis to report to the Trustees. Director Mekis provided an overview of current CTE courses offered at our schools, and also discussed next steps in terms of working on alignment with secondary institutions and certification processes, how teachers work to form industry partnerships, review of local labor data and data collection. Santa Cruz High School "Introduction to Computer Science" Teacher Bouchti also reported on how this new class is progressing at Santa Cruz High School. Following the report, Board Members and Staff members asked questions and made comments. Board Member Shonick requested that the connection between curriculum and CTE classes be placed on an agenda for Board discussion. The Trustees were polled regarding the level of interest in placing this request on an agenda, and it was determined that the Superintendent would gather and provide data for review by the Trustees. The avenue for facilitating a discussion of this information by the Board Members will be determined later. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Trustees regarding this matter.

### **8.3.3. New Business: 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report**

Mr. Gaffney reported to the Board of Education and recommended approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report. Board Members asked questions and made comments. MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report with a Positive Certification.

**8.3.4. New Business: Natural Bridges Property Lease: Encompass Community Services (Head Start/Early Head Start)**

Mr. Gaffney reported that he recommended approval of leasing the Kinder Pod on the Natural Bridges campus to our longtime community partner Encompass Community Services (Head Start//Early Head Start). MSP (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the board approved the new lease for the Natural Bridges property.

**8.3.5. New Business: Resolution 23-16-17 Reduction of Particular Kinds of Services**

Superintendent Munro reported that pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955, the Board of Education is advised to reduce or discontinue K-12 particular kinds of service for the 2017-2018 school year and recommended approval of Resolution 23-16-17. Following discussion and questions among Board Members and Staff members, Dr. Thompson moved approval of the resolution and Dr. Perez-Granados seconded this motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:** Coonerty – Yes          Perez-Granados – Yes          Shonick – No  
Thompson – Yes          Threet – No          Tracy-Proulx – Yes          Vestal – Yes

**8.3.6. New Business: Resolution 24-16-17 Non-reelection of Certain Probationary Certificated Employees**  
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA AS IT WAS NO LONGER NEEDED.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

At the conclusion of the business of the Open Session, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Open Session at 9:36 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on March 29, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Regular Meeting on April 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on April 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting on May 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting/Governance Session on May 31, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in Room 312 of the District Office, 405 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on June 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on June 28, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

\* ***For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:***

**<http://www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us/about-us/board-of-education/agendas-a-minutes.html>**

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education