

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
April 19, 2017**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:33 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 6:36 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Absent: Deedee Perez-Granados

Student Representative Steve Munoz: Soquel High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
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 requested that Item 8.1.10.2.10 Agreement Amendment: BCA-Soquel HS Pool be pulled from the agenda. This item will be brought back on May 10 for approval.

MSP (Threet/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved this change in the agenda.

Board President Tracy-Proulx noted that the Minutes for the Special Meeting on April 12, 2017 cannot be approved this evening, as only 3 of the 4 attendees of that meeting are present tonight – so a vote to approve with a majority of Trustees cannot be obtained. The minutes will be brought back for approval on May 10.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Stephanie Pache invited the Board Members and all interested parties to the 2017 Eddy Awards. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual awards will be held on May 2, 2017 at the Kuumbwa Jazz

Center in Santa Cruz and provide an opportunity to celebrate the people and programs that make Santa Cruz City Schools so wonderful for all our students. Mission Hill Middle School students Finnian Hammond and Pranav Parekh reported that many middle school students share a concern over the juice boxes and straws/wrappers that are used on campuses by the SCCS Food Services Department. These containers and straws and wrappers create lots of trash on campus. Concerned students would like to suggest that Food Services use drink dispensers and or large cartons that will be more efficient, economical and discourage trash on campus. These students request an opportunity to meet with the Wellness Committee for a discussion.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro reported that Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) tests begin this week and she acknowledged district team members for their preparation and student support. Yesterday, three postings for available administrative positions were closed and the paper screenings have begun. Interviews and site visits are currently being scheduled for next week. Ms. Parks has been seeking community input at both Bay View and DeLaveaga regarding the administrative openings at these sites. Training for our new Student Information System "Illuminate" continues and the Superintendent recognized the Information Technology Team for their continued support of our staff during this complex transition. On April 15 the Superintendent attended the Senderos Open House. It was wonderful to see the many program offerings for our students and families, including; dance, music and academic tutoring. The Adelante program that has grown out of the Latino Role Models Conference and the English/Citizenship courses provide an incredible service for our community.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative Munoz reported that the campus wrestled with community racial tensions in recent months and he and other students have been very appreciative of the guidance from school Administrators to facilitate constructive conversation. Leadership Students have had productive discussions around facilities improvements that could be made at Soquel High School. Upcoming events at Soquel High School include: the musical production of "Zombie Prom" April 27-29; the Multicultural Graduation Ceremony on May 12 (open to everyone); and the school graduation ceremony on June 9, 12:00 p.m. at the high school.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Thompson had a wonderful time at the Senderos Open House last weekend. Dr. Thompson is familiar with the dance and art offerings for the community from Senderos, however; the academic supports and tutoring opportunities through volunteer efforts were an exciting bright spot. Dr. Thompson attended the Steering Committee Meeting for The Live Oak/Santa Cruz Youth Violence Prevention Task Force and is grateful to the District for their willingness to host dialogue events at Harbor High School focused on improving relationships between law enforcement and youth. Dr. Thompson visited 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at Gault Elementary and noticed a basic alignment of lessons in the classes – similar, but still allowing for individuality. It was great to see.

Board Member Threet thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for their work with Jill Denner on a grant application to provide a plan to bring "coding for all students" to Santa Cruz City Schools. Harbor High School Principal Runeare provided the opportunity to view a student film highlighting college week and the many diverse students and plans for life after high school. Trustee Threet attended the Santa Cruz High School Campus Clean-Up on April 15, which was held in conjunction with the Saturday School. Thanks to all who worked to beautify the campus. During the work day, the plans to hold the SCHS 2017 graduation at the

Kaiser Arena in Santa Cruz were discussed. Ms. Threet attended a celebration of Health Week with Supervisor Leopold. The Health Walk ended at the Shoreline Middle School Boys and Girls Club, which serves an average of 153 students per day. Many of these students will transition to Santa Cruz City Schools high schools.

Board Member Vestal attended the COE Board Dinner with guest speaker Billy Vernon from the CSBA. The dinner was also a great opportunity to speak with Trustees from other Santa Cruz County school districts. Trustee Vestal thoroughly enjoyed her tour of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at Gault Elementary School. The bulletin boards are full of student work at this time of year and students are excited by learning. Ms. Vestal attended the Schools Plus Board Meeting. Harbor High School Video Productions students will create a film detailing some of the projects done in classrooms through Schools Plus grant awards.

Board Member Coonerty attended the COE Board Dinner and was pleased to hear discussions regarding increasing advocacy for immigrant students in our county. Dr. Coonerty attended the Sanctuary City Immigration Advocacy meeting hosted by the GSCFT/ACLU. There were great questions by the students. Simple protocols were explained for handling unwelcome visitors to campuses.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Vestal/Thompson) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 29, 2017 as submitted.

### **Consent Agenda**

Board Member Threet commented that as bond project work proceeds, it would be prudent to keep Trustees apprised of how projects are evolving so they can keep constituents informed of progress and/or changes in plans. Dr. Thompson moved approval of the Consent Agenda, minus Item 8.1.10.2.10. (pulled by the Trustees at the beginning of the meeting), 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. Budget Transfers; Item 8.1.6. Gifts; Item 8.1.7. Request for Out-of-State Travel: Special Education; Item 8.1.8. Third Quarterly Williams Report; Item 8.1.9. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.10.1.1. Revision to Agreement for professional Services-May Institute; Item 8.1.10.1.2.1. Agreements: Crowe Horwath-Financial Audits –District Bond Measures A & B, Delta Charter; Item 8.1.10.2.2. Agreement: Butano Geotechnical – services at Harbor HS; Item 8.1.10.2.3. Agreement: Facilities Use-Senderos-319 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.; Item 8.1.10.2.4. Agreement: A-Z Rentals – 6 month lease/rental for 2 buses for Transportation Department; 8.1.10.2.5. Agreement Amendment: Bartos Architects-Westlake; Item 8.1.10.2.6. Agreement Amendment: BCA Architects-Small Schools; Item 8.1.10.2.7. Agreement Amendment: BCA Architects – Santa Cruz HS; Item 8.1.10.2.8. Agreement Amendment: BCA Architects – Soquel HS; Item 8.1.10.2.9. Agreement Amendment: BCA Architects – Structural Engineering by Miyamoto for Harbor and Soquel HS projects; Item 8.1.10.2.11. Contract: Cooperative CalSAVE Technology Contract; Item 8.1.10.3.1. Agreement: Annual Fee for BoardPad Electronic Board/Agenda/Book 2017-18. Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Student Munoz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **8.2 Closed Session Actions**

2. The Board of Education heard information on Expulsions 19-16-17 and 20-16-17 to prepare for voting on these matters in Open Session.

3. The Board of Education took action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
4. The Board of Education heard an update regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).

The Board of Education did not discuss Closed Session Item 1-Real Property Negotiations, but will bring this item back at a later date for review/discussion.

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

1. Ms. Vestal moved approval of Expulsion of student 19-16-17, with a suspended expulsion stipulation, as submitted to the Board. This motion did not receive a second, therefore, it failed. Ms. Threet moved approval of Expulsion of student 19-16-17 through the end of the first semester of 2018. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-1 vote. Board President Tracy-Proulx voted "No".
2. MSP (Coonerty/Thompson) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 20-16-17 as submitted.

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

### **8.3.1. New Business: Wellness Committee Annual Report**

Food Services Director Hedrick-Farr delivered this annual report to the Board of Education. Information included: wellness policy changes; the Smarter Lunchroom Movement; great opportunities and next steps. Director Hedrick-Farr presented some minor changes suggested by the Wellness Committee in the language of Board Policy 5030 Student Wellness. Following Board Member comments, questions and discussion MSP (Thompson/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education approved revised board policy BP 5030 Student Wellness. Student Munoz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **8.3.2. Staff Report: District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

The District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC) meets on a monthly basis to discuss the needs of English learners (ELs). It is composed of representatives – both parents and staff -- from the English Learner Advisory Councils (ELACs) at each school site. One of the important functions that is required of the DELAC is to advise the board about the needs of the English learners in the district. English Language Learner Teacher on Special Assignment Mary Anne Robb introduced DELAC Members Liz Zavaleta, Mireya Gaona and Cristina Alfaro to share their thoughts with the Board of Education. Ideas to improve academic success for English Language Learners included: increased interventions at earlier elementary grades; Tier 1 and Tier 2 Strategies to implement positive coaching for students; recognizing that speaking Spanish is an asset and should be widely appreciated and utilized in Santa Cruz City Schools. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

### **8.3.3. Staff Report: English Learner Master Plan Update**

Mr. Wells introduced English Language Learner Teacher on Special Assignment Mary Anne Robb to report to the Board of Education. The update of the English Language Learner Master Plan represents a collaborative effort to create a roadmap to strategically address the varied needs of our English Learners and to improve outcomes for our students. Information included: parameters of the California English Language Development Test (CELDT) and SCCS local reclassification benchmarks; quick facts about SCCS ELLs (Newcomers, Recently Enrolled, Progressing, At-Risk, Long-Term,

Reclassified, Ever); celebrations; needs; core beliefs; the 3-Year plan that aligns our four priorities for ELLs – 1) Advance Quality Instruction 2) Meet the Needs of the Whole Child 3) Develop and Enhance Robust Language Programs and Course Options 4) Align Policies and Practices Across District. Baseline data will be developed for the 3-Year plan in Spring 2017 and a one year progress report will be delivered to the Trustees in Spring 2018. Questions, comments and discussion among Trustees, Staff, and Members of the Public followed the report. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

\*Note: Student Munoz left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Gaffney provided an update to the Board Members on Santa Cruz City Schools Bond projects. Comments and discussion followed the report. Mr. Gaffney provided answers to questions. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

#### **8.3.5. New Business: Resolution 29-16-17 Classified Layoffs for 2017-18**

Ms. Parks reported to the Board of Education regarding this matter. The Superintendent provided detailed information regarding position reductions as questions were posed by the Trustees. Dr. Thompson stated that 10 of the 13 reductions were funded through “donations” from a parent organization. Dr. Thompson does not feel it is not equitable to have one school in our system better staffed and those students better served due to a parent community that can afford to subsidize district programs.

Public Comment: SCCCE Chacanaca was pleased to report that a conversation with Classified Personnel Director Houser and Santa Cruz High School Principal Kline resulted in one less layoff at Santa Cruz High School. Mr. Chacanaca stated that there were 13 employees who would lose work hours through these layoffs, and wondered why the cost of these services to students were not provided to the Board Members for their consideration when making this decision.

Dr. Thompson moved approval of Resolution 29-16-17 Classified Layoffs for 2017-18 and Ms. Vestal seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass, with the following roll call vote:

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b> Coonerty – No	Shonick – No	Thompson – Yes
Threet – No	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

#### **9. Adjournment of Meeting**

As there was no further business to bring before the Board of Education, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this meeting at 9:31 p.m.

#### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session on April 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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,

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education