

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 11, 2017**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 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 6:30 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
Patty Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Provisional Board Member Candidates: Robert Darrow; Linnaea Ann Holgers; Cynthia Hall Ranii; Olga de Santa Anna

Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

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

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5.2.1. Closed Session Actions

1. The Board of Education conferred regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA. The Board of Education will return to Closed Session following the provisional board member appointment to continue discussion and provide direction.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

6.1. Interview Applicants for Provisional Board Member Appointment

The Board President and each Trustee presented one question to the four applicants. Each applicant was provided three minutes to answer the question, and the first respondent rotated with each question. Following the responses to all six questions, Superintendent Munro offered each candidate three minutes to provide a closing statement to the Trustees and provide additional information regarding their qualifications for the position.

Public Comments:

Many people in the audience spoke to advocate for a particular candidate.

6.2. Discussion and Deliberation by the Trustees regarding Applicant Interviews

Board President Tracy-Proulx opened the discussion/deliberation with a statement that the district is in the wonderful position of having an embarrassment of riches in these four applicants. Board President Tracy-Proulx offered kudos to all applicants for having a very public job interview. All candidates are qualified for this appointment.

Board Member Vestal stated that she will be seeking someone who has a great deal of budget experience. Ms. Vestal shared that any of the applicants would be a wonderful addition to the Board of Education – what shone through each candidate’s responses was a very collaborative nature.

Board Member Perez-Granados communicated that all four candidates are very talented; a colleague who understands the Santa Cruz Latino community would be of great benefit to the Board of Education. Dr. Perez-Granados commented that no matter how this vote turns out, the Trustees will have a wonderful colleague and that is heartening.

Board Member Coonerty shared that a person who has small children and works in the community could be of great value; all of the candidates brings great value and the Trustees are so pleased that applicants of such high quality are interested in this appointment. Dr. Coonerty also stated that all Trustees learn on the job, so past knowledge is not the only important criteria – fresh ideas can also be of value.

Board Member Threet related that each person brings a diverse value and reflects our community history; however, sometimes it is an attribute to bring a different experience from a kind and caring person into the mix.

Board Member Shonick agreed with Dr. Perez-Granados that the board would benefit from a person who has shared the Latino immigrant experience with a significant number of our students and family members. Santa Cruz City Schools has a substantial number of boys and girls who would benefit from a role model who looks like them, who speaks their language and who understands them.

6.3. Vote on Provisional Appointment and Announce New Board Member

While the Board Members were reviewing their notes for a vote, Superintendent Munro explained the voting process. Each Board Member has several numbered ballot cards. At this time, each Trustee will write the name of their candidate of choice on Ballot #1. The ballot cards will be passed to Superintendent Munro and she will read them. If there are four votes for one individual, voting is over. If not, deliberations will continue and voting will take place again. The Superintendent extended her thanks to each applicant and expressed her wish to engage all of them in some significant way in our district because they bring great value to our school community.

After collecting the ballot cards for Round #1 Voting, the Superintendent announced that voting was over, as one candidate did have four votes.

Votes:

Board Member Shonick: Olga de Santa Anna
Board Member Threet: Cynthia Hall Ranii
Board Member Perez-Granados: Olga de Santa Anna
Board Member Vestal: Cynthia Hall Ranii
Board Member Coonerty: Cynthia Hall Ranii
Board President Tracy-Proulx: Cynthia Hall Ranii

Superintendent Munro announced the newly appointed Provisional Board Member is Cynthia Hall Ranii. Dr. Ranii will be sworn in for her position at the Regular Meeting on October 18, 2017.

7. Adjournment of Open Session

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education for this Open Session Meeting, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned the Open Session of this Special Meeting at 8:05 p.m.

8. Return to Closed Session

The Board of Education returned to Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.

9. Report of Closed Session Actions

1. The Board of Education conferred regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA and provided direction to District Negotiator Gaffney.

10. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education this evening, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Special Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 18, 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/Board Study Session: Budget/Student Discipline on November 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on November 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session: Budget Development on December 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

5. The Regular Meeting on December 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting on January 17, 2018, 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/Board Study Session: District Goals, Resources & Alignment on January 31, 2018, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Regular Meeting on February 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting on February 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
10. The Regular Meeting on March 7, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on March 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting on April 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
14. The Regular Meeting on May 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
15. The Regular Meeting/Board Self-Evaluation/Study Session for the Budget: May Revise on May 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
16. The Regular Meeting on June 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
17. The Regular Meeting on June 20, 2018, 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:***

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education