

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
March 7, 2018**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:32 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 Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:31 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty	Deedee Perez-Granados	Cynthia Ranii	Jeremy Shonick
Patty Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	

Student Representative Daniella Werlin-Martinez, Santa Cruz High School

Student Representative Genesis Smith, Harbor 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 Vestal welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**Agenda Changes**

Board Recording Secretary Lentz reported that Items 8.3.1.2. and 8.2.3.4. should be labeled "New Business", as action is required on these matters.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Harbor High School Spanish Teacher Perry asked the Board Members to reconsider cutting the Mission Hill Middle School Spanish classes. Ms. Perry feels that these classes enable students to ultimately achieve the Seal of Biliteracy on their diplomas and place value on an important community culture in Santa Cruz.

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

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent commented that Mission Hill Middle School has decided, based on the low enrollment in the Spanish classes at this site, to move the classes to the after school enrichment program. It is hoped that moving the program will actually increase enrollment and participation in Spanish language education. Since the last meeting, the Superintendent has continued to meet with the Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) team members to follow up on the feedback from the MTSS Retreat and use this work to inform the District Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The Superintendent has spent time with the Soquel High School staff as they hosted the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Visiting Committee meeting. Trustee site visits and monthly meetings have contributed to maintaining a collaborative professional culture focused on supporting effective teaching. Superintendent Munro has continued strong communication and partnership with the diverse SCCS school community through a variety of meetings, some of which are: a meeting with Santa Cruz Mayor Terrazas on March 1 to discuss workforce housing and the commencement of the Natural Bridges Neighborhood Advisory Committee; the SCCS Bond Oversight Committee meeting on March 1; a strategic communications meeting with SCCS staff and Bonnie Moss (Clifford and Moss) on March 2; the Santa Cruz Rotary Social on March 2; the Natural Bridges Community Meeting on March 5; the Harbor High School Bond Projects Site Team input meeting on March 6; a monthly meeting with the Santa Cruz Education Foundation Board President and Board Members on March 7.

### **Student Representatives' Reports**

Santa Cruz High School Representative Werlin-Martinez reported that students are continuing to organize around the March 14 student walkout. There are a number of students who are preparing to speak to the students while they are out of class. The Equality Club has been working to ensure that feminine hygiene products are available for free in the student bathrooms. Exchange students from Nicaragua and Ecuador visited Santa Cruz High School and enjoyed visiting Spanish classes and working in the student gardens.

Harbor High School Representative Smith reported that student are preparing for several rallies, including the student walkout on March 14, the Sprit Week Pep Rally, the Spring Dance and all the events that accompany the dance.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Board Member Threet attended the Your Future Is Our Business luncheon and it was wonderful. The students are very enthusiastic about their futures, and many are pursuing the career path. Trustee Threet was present at the Natural Bridges Neighbor Meeting on March 5 and is excited about the return of students to the campus. Ms. Threet appreciated the district leadership at the meeting as well. On April 24, the California League of Bond Oversight Committees (CaLBOC) will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Sacramento. Trustee Threet would like the District to let our Bond Oversight Committee know about this opportunity for professional development.

Dr. Ranii noticed a portion of the Superintendent's Weekly Update that mentioned an upcoming visit by Harbor Principal Runeare and some of her staff to Sequoia High School to learn more about the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme. Dr. Ranni is familiar with this wonderful opportunity for students and looks forward to a future update about the visit.

Dr. Perez-Granados attended the Natural Bridges Neighbor Meeting on March 5 and left with the general overall impression that folks are pleased with the educational tenants that will occupy the site. Dr. Perez-Granados was impressed by the questions from the audience members and the responses provided by our District Leadership as well. Dr. Perez-Granados attended the production of “Heathers” at Santa Cruz High School and commended the students for a job well done. The subject matter included bullying, trauma and mental illness and the students handled these themes very well.

Dr. Coonerty attended the Natural Bridges Neighbor Meeting and also felt that people were happy to see the return of students to the campus. It was a friendly meeting and most of the questions seemed to revolve around folks ensuring that they would not lose any of the benefits of living close to the site – and they are not. Dr. Coonerty recognized Student Services Director Brown for her expertise and professionalism. Last weekend, Dr. Coonerty recommended Ms. Brown to a group of psychologists and parents as a guest speaker for a function. The group contacted Ms. Brown and reported to Dr. Coonerty that Ms. Brown was not only extremely welcoming to their inquiry, but she was very professional, had data and information about the subject matter, and had obviously previously given thought to this matter. They were very happy to have made contact with Ms. Brown – and Dr. Coonerty was very proud to have recommended her.

### **Board President’s Report**

Board President Vestal attended the Natural Bridges Neighbor Meeting and left with the impression that folks are excited about the improvements that will be made to the campus. Board President Vestal visited Westlake Elementary School and was privileged to be there for the hatching of baby trout in a classroom. This experience generated lots of excitement about Science for the students and the staff – it was a fun time. The Board President also had the challenging experience of visiting this site during the morning drop off time.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Board Member Tracy-Proulx moved approval of 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, Quotes and Bids; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5.1. Agreement: Educational Services/Curriculum, Intervention & Assessment: CSA-Activate Learning, Item 8.1.6.1. Contract/Bond Projects: Geotechnical Engineering Investigation & Seismic Hazards Assessment-Bay View; Item 8.1.6.2. Contract/Bond Projects: Geotechnical Engineering Investigation & Seismic Hazards Assessment-DeLaveaga. Dr. Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

Students Smith and Werlin-Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

### **Closed Session Items**

#### **8.2.1. Report of Closed Session Actions**

1. The Board of Education took action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. There were no updates regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code Section 54957).

3. The Board of Education heard information and voted on a Special Education final settlement agreement.
4. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2017-18.
5. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding the Meet and Confer Agreement with the SCCS Confidential Unit for 2017-18.
6. The Board of Education heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding the Meet and Confer Agreement with the SCCS Cabinet for 2017-18.

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

**8.3.1.1. Staff Report: School Climate Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supported Programs**

Eileen Brown, Director of Student Services, as well as Counselor Joe Andrews and Social Worker Kimberly Prohaska, reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. In addition to providing academic support, the Santa Cruz City School District equally supports the social, emotional and behavioral wellness of our students. We work to remove barriers which may impact a student's ability to be mentally and physically present for learning. The following Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) funded programs promote a safe and healthy school climate so that all students can access learning: Elementary and Secondary Counseling; Social Workers and Social Work and Marriage and Family Therapist Interns; Primary Intervention Program (PIP); Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). Board Members asked questions, made comments and had discussion. There was a suggestion to have the next district newsletter highlight SCCS student counseling services. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**8.3.1.2. New Business: Comprehensive School Safety Plans**

Student Services Director Brown reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. Ms. Brown recommended approval of the 2018-19 School Safety Plans. The plan year is March 1, 2018-March 1, 2019. Each school site revises the Comprehensive School Safety Plan annually based on a review of their data. Data considered includes review of local and national events, attendance and discipline reports, the California Healthy Kids Survey, the Social Emotional Health Survey, rosters of club and sports participation, parent and student surveys, and input from the School Site Council and law enforcement. Plans are monitored and revised as needed. Trustee Threet expressed an interest in using a part of the upcoming May 23<sup>rd</sup> Governance Session to review the question options and the selection of questions used in the SCCS Healthy Kids Survey. MSP (Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plans. Students Smith and Werlin-Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**8.3.2.1. New Business: Bay View Wall Mural**

Mr. Gaffney reported that the City of Santa Cruz, Clean Oceans International, artist Taylor Reinhold and the Santa Cruz City School District have discussed the painting of a mural on the wall outside of Bay View Elementary School on Mission Street. The proposed mural would depict the diverse marine life living in the Monterey Bay and the potential impact of plastic packaging products in the marine sanctuary. Clean Oceans International has already held several fundraising events in anticipation of this project and more are planned. The City of Santa Cruz has pledged funds through the City Mural Matching Grant program. The District has proposed to contribute the cost of the paint for the project, as the District would have had to

paint the wall to improve its current condition. Mr. Gaffney recommended that the Trustees approve the contract between the City of Santa Cruz, Clean Oceans International, Taylor Reinhold and the District for the painting of a mural on the sound wall at Bay View Elementary. Santa Cruz City Art Project Manager Beth Tobey, artists Taylor Reinholdt and Scotty Greathouse, and Lisa Rose from Clean Oceans International also reported to the Trustees. Board Members asked questions, made comments and had discussion. MSP (Threet/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the contract between the City of Santa Cruz, Clean Oceans International, Taylor Reinhold and the District for the painting of a mural on the sound wall at Bay View Elementary. Students Smith and Werlin-Martinez recommended a yes vote on this matter.

**Recess: Board President Vestal called for a recess at 8:20 p.m.**

**Reconvene: Board President Vestal reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

**8.3.2.4. New Business: Contract Amendment: Lease/Leaseback Contract with XL Construction – Harbor High School Field Project Bid**

Mr. Gaffney reported to the Trustees. At the Regular Meeting on February 28, the Board Members were made aware of concerns that the California Division of State Architects (DSA) had regarding the Harbor High School Field Project due to soil concerns. The Board directed District Administrators to hold a meeting with the Harbor High School Bond Projects Site Team to discuss the situation and gather feedback/input from the site. The District convened a great meeting on March 6 with the Harbor High School Site Team and other interested teachers and parents. Recommendations of the Harbor Site Team were unanimous – 32 members voted and 32 members agreed: complete the Harbor Field Project inclusive of the alternates with XL Construction for a total cost of \$7,767,541; complete the Harbor Pool Project inclusive of costs to relocate the pool. The Committee understands the pool may be smaller and that the pool contract will be voted on at the Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2018. Mr. Gaffney recommended approval of the Lease Leaseback, General Conditions, Site Lease and the sublease that is supported by the Harbor High School Site Team. Board Members asked questions, made comments and had discussion. Information was provided by the District and also Harbor High School Principal Runeare and Harbor High School Athletic Director O'Brien. Trustee Threet asked the District to provide a complete reconciliation of costs for the Harbor HS projects prior to the vote on the pool contract at the March 28 Regular Meeting. The Board suggested that the Harbor High School Bond Projects Site Team create a new priorities list, utilizing the funds that would be left for projects after moving forward with the revised field and pool projects. MSP (Shonick/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Lease Leaseback, General Conditions, Site Lease and the sublease contract in the amount of \$7,767,541. Students Smith and Werlin-Martinez recommended a yes vote in this matter.

**8.3.2.2. Staff Report: Measures A and B Bartos Bond Projects Update**

Mr. Gaffney introduced Mark Bartos of Bartos Architects, Inc., to provide the Board with an update on the Measure A and Measure B projects that they are working on directly and an expenditure to date update on all projects. Mr. Bartos provided information on upcoming construction at Gault Elementary School and Mission Hill Middle School, as well as current project status at Santa Cruz High School. Further, Mr. Bartos reported on project programming and design at Gault and Westlake Elementary Schools, Mission Hill Middle School and Santa Cruz High School. Mr. Bartos shared that the projects that were originally prioritized prior to

the approval of Bond Measures A & B would naturally be pared down and re-ordered as work begins for a variety of reasons: inflation; changes in site personnel; etc. The design teams will continue to work closely with school site teams as project priorities evolve. Board Members asked questions, made comments and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

\*Note: Students Smith and Werlin-Martinez exited the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Gaffney reported that the 2017-2018 Second Interim Financial Report is the final major review of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This report presents a comparison between the original budget, the Board approved operating budget, revenue projections, expenditure projections, and projections of other sources of funding. Projected ending fund balances are presented for all funds. A Multi-Year projection is provided. The Second Interim Financial Report includes financial activity through January 31, 2018. Modifications of projected revenues and expenditures, since the First Interim Report, have been incorporated into the District's Working Budget. These adjustments are based upon available revenue projections provided by Federal, State, and Local Governments. Salary and Benefit expenditures are projected using the Position Control Module provided by the Santa Cruz Office of Education. All other expenditure projections are a function of actual trends and encumbered expenditures. Mr. Gaffney recommended that Board Members approve the 2017-2018 Second Interim Report with a positive certification. A positive certification is assigned when the District projections indicate that it will meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. Board Members asked questions, made comments and had discussion. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Perez-Granados) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 2017-18 Second Interim Report with a positive certification.

**8.3.3.1. New Business: Resolution 15-17-18 Certificated Layoffs for 2018-19**

Ms. Parks reported that the district recently received an 1.0 FTE resignation of a teaching position in the content area of Art; therefore, the resolution is amended to a layoff of .20 FTE for CTE Health Careers and .20 FTE for CTE Web Design, a total of .40 FTE layoffs for 2018-19. Dr. Coonerty moved approval of the resolution and Board Member Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**8.3.4.1. New Business: Board Meeting Schedule for 2018-19**

Superintendent Munro reported that the meeting schedule for the Trustees has been established using the recently approved Elementary and Secondary School Calendars for 2018-19. MSP (Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Board Meeting Schedule for 2018-19.

**8.3.4.2. New Business: Resolution 16-17-18 in Support of Student and Community Safety**

Superintendent Munro reported that this resolution is brought forward in response to the more than 400 mass shootings our country has suffered since 2017 and with the belief that public schools have a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and

community. Board Member Tracy-Proulx moved approval and Dr. Perez-Granados seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, as follows:

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

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 10:34 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education