

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
OCTOBER 7, 2020**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Ranii called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Ranii called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	Cindy Ranii
Patricia Threet	Claudia Vestal	

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh

Absent: Trustee Deb Tracy-Proulx
Trustee Jeremy Shonick
Student Board Representative Xhu Lopez Guzman

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

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

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

Superintendent Munro announced slight modifications to the board book. An additional slide was added to Agenda Item 8.5.3.1. New Business: Civic Permits Review of Facility Fees, and language was amended in Agenda Item 8.5.5.1. New Business: Board Policy Grading to better meet the district's needs. The Minutes from the regular board meeting on September 23, 2020 had an incorrect motion that has been corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro reported updates from the District around college and career readiness week, student activities, and planning for Hybrid Instruction. The District continues to conduct outreach to both parents and students through weekly Zoom meetings, small group counseling and home visits. Small group tutoring is now in effect and small cohorts are planned to begin on October 19. The Superintendent Student Advisory on Race and Equity had their second meeting. Virtual Leadership continues to be a focus for District leaders, and technology training for teachers is regularly scheduled. The County Office of Education provided COVID-19 surveillance testing for the first group of employees on Monday, October 5. The plan is to administer as many as 100 tests per day.

Superintendent Munro concluded her report by sharing that Harry Dong, long time district photographer, passed away last week. She expressed her condolences to Mr. Dong's family and her gratitude for his years of service to the District and the Santa Cruz Community.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh shared about Soquel High School's student participation in Homecoming Week and Virtual Spirit Days. Soquel High also hosted a virtual Club Day, using Google Classroom as a tool to organize the campus clubs.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Owen apologized for missing meetings over the summer and shared about his work on a management team that helps with wildfires. He expressed gratitude at being able to attend this meeting and for the warm wishes from the community.

Trustee Vestal attended the LGBTQ Task Force meeting where they shared ideas on how to support youth in the community. Some of those ideas included posting "Safe Space" stickers on campuses and throughout the community. The task force also talked about how they can engage with more students.

Vice President Coonerty shared feedback from the community about Distance Learning. Many community members have shared that Distance Learning is greatly improved from Spring 2020. She also expressed appreciation for District Administrators and their response to various issues that have arisen throughout the pandemic.

Trustee Threet shared her appreciation of the acknowledgement of Mr. Dong's passing. She also shared her condolences for Mr. Dong's family, and her gratitude for his service to the community.

Board President's Report

President Ranii shared her admiration for the students of Santa Cruz City Schools, and the bravery and resilience they have shown during the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of September 23, 2020 meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.1. Personnel Actions - Certificated, 8.1.2. Personnel Actions - Classified, 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.4. Warrant Register, 8.2.1.1. Contract: AVID Work Study Program, 8.2.1.2. Career Technical Education Incentive Grant, 8.2.1.3. IXL Learning Licenses, 8.2.1.4. Presence Learning Contract, 8.2.1.5. Everyday Speech Guided Therapy Quote, 8.3.1 Abacherli Fence Co.: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Field Fencing Improvements, 8.3.2. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Utility Infrastructure, 8.3.3. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Utility Infrastructure, 8.3.4. Central Coast Construction Company: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Library Blocking, 8.3.5. CRW Industries Inc.: Change Order 1: Branciforte Middle School Multipurpose Room Modernization, 8.3.6. CRW Industries, Inc.: Change Order 1: Branciforte Middle School Street Presence Improvements, 8.3.7. Palace Business Solutions: Change Order 1: Bayview Elementary School Library & Admin Furniture, 8.3.8. Trox: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Gym Projector and Screen

Trustee Owen motioned to approve the consent agenda except for items 8.3.2. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Utility Infrastructure and 8.3.3. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Utility Infrastructure. Vice President Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Absent	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Absent	Vestal – Yes

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Board Vice President Coonerty reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have any information to share with Trustees regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Mr. Monreal provided an update to the Board regarding real party property negotiations.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Reopening Plan Update

Superintendent Munro provided an overview on the efforts the district has made to support students during distance learning and to plan for reopening schools. The District is currently seeking feedback from the Elementary and Secondary Instructional School Reopening Committees to discuss refinement of hybrid reopening plans and on-going distance learning options. The Superintendent will bring any recommended changes to the Board by December.

Staff have continued planning to bring small cohorts onto campus. The Educational Services Team has developed tiered screening criteria to identify students for both virtual interventions and in-person small cohorts. In addition to instructional preparation, staff have conducted site walk-throughs with leadership from the County Office of Education Outdoor School to assist in planning for outdoor instructional spaces.

The County Office of Education has secured an agreement with Stanford to support regular COVID testing for staff. Testing will be available for Santa Cruz City School staff at the County Office of Education.

One-on-one assessments have begun at school sites. Special Education leadership has prepared testing protocols and training that are being shared widely across the state. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Update on Distance Learning

Assistant Superintendent Coito shared an update about Distance Learning in the 20-21 school year. Santa Cruz City Schools opened in Distance Learning and is slated to remain in Distance Learning until the end of the semester. Teachers are required to maintain records of student engagement to document student live participation as well as asynchronous participation. Site Attendance Team interventions include phone calls, emails, texts, home visits, counselor and school community outreach, and social work intern referrals. Ongoing teacher training has occurred for Google Classroom, Zoom, SeeSaw, Screencastify and Pear Deck. Family webinars in English and Spanish have taken place, training families on Google Classroom. The District plans to train families on SeeSaw, the K-1 learning management system, in the coming weeks.

DeLaveaga teacher Shanna Kiesz and Santa Cruz High teacher Serena Palumbo also presented to the board their own experiences with Distance Learning. Their presentations focused on student experiences and class structure. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment: Union President Casey Carlson expressed gratitude and appreciation for all of the District teachers, commending them on their hard work and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

8.5.2.2. Staff Report: Annual Report on Suspensions and Expulsions

Assistant Superintendent Coito and Director of Student Services Atlansky presented a 5-year overview of suspension and expulsion data for Santa Cruz City Schools. Santa Cruz City Schools follows the California Education Code in determining how best to respond to incidents where students create an unsafe environment for themselves or others. The Education Code clarifies the offenses for which the district may suspend or expel a student and provides guidelines for suspending the expulsion order. The District aims to establish effective support programs and increase interventions through a coordinated effort at each site that identifies students who are struggling, resulting in reduced suspensions and expulsions overall. Trustees asked questions

and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment: Community member Tim Madsen asked if the lower number of suspensions in recent years was a result of behavior changes.

8.3.2. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Utility Infrastructure

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the change order for Bartos Architecture at Mission Hill Middle School. Work that was originally planned to be completed in the 21-22 school year, has been moved to the 20-21 school year, resulting in the need for this change order. Assistant Superintendent Monreal further clarified that the cost was included in the overall project, but the expense will be moved from 21-22, to 20-21.

MSP(Owen/Vestal) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Utility Infrastructure

8.3.3. Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Utility Infrastructure

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MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Utility Infrastructure

8.5.5.1. New Business: Resolution 14-20-21

Superintendent Munro presented Resolution 14-20-21. This resolution proclaims October as LGBTQ+ History Month. Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National LGBTQ+ people to the history of the United States, by promoting social justice, enhancing health and well-being, and building a sense of community for LGBTQ+ people.

MSP(Vestal/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 14-20-21.

8.5.5.2. New Business: Board Policy Grading

Superintendent Munro presented Board Policy 5121. This is standard grading policy received from CSBA, and additional language has been added to address grading practices during county, state, or federal emergencies. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This was the second reading of Board Policy 5121. No action was taken by the board at this time.

8.5.5.3. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

None

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ranii adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on October 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Study Session on October 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on November 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on November 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
5. The Regular Meeting on December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
6. The Regular Meeting on January 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
7. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on January 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
8. The Regular Meeting on February 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting on February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
10. The Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
11. The Regular Meeting on March 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
12. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
13. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on April 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
14. The Regular Meeting on May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
15. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
16. The Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
17. The Regular Meeting on June 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.

*For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:
http://sccs.net/board_of_education

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Ranii, President
Board of Education