

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
NOVEMBER 4, 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	Deb Tracy-Proulx
Jeremy Shonick	Patricia Threet	Claudia Vestal	

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh

Absent: 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. President Ranii reviewed the meeting norms and meeting agreements and reminded all of the importance of maintaining the norms and agreements for effective governance.

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

Superintendent Munro announced some minor changes to the agenda. Items 8.5.3.3. and 8.5.3.4. were renumbered due to a typo and requested that item 8.1.2.5. Resolution 17-20-21: Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and Related Documents be moved from consent to Open Session. Superintendent Munro also announced changes in upcoming board meeting dates. A Special Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 16. The Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, December 16 has been rescheduled to Tuesday December 15 due to a statutory deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro reported activities held all grade spans for College and Career Readiness week. The District continues to plan for Hybrid Instruction. District staff also continue to conduct home visits and provide supports for students and families during distance learning. Some supports include small group counseling for anxiety and depression, parent support networks, and the expansion of small cohorts. District leadership is focusing on virtual leadership strategies, and district staff continue to receive ongoing tech training, as well as information on the expansion of in-person services and health and safety protocols. The District is looking into options for in-person board meetings. Regular Q & A webinars are scheduled for families until winter break. The annual State of Our Schools newsletter was sent out at the end of October.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh reported that student Leadership at Soquel High School are currently creating safety videos to share with peers around returning to in-person instruction. Soquel High School also hosted a drive-in event at the Boardwalk.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Owen reported attended the County-wide virtual town hall, and felt it was very informative. He expressed his appreciation for the leadership and collaboration that went into this event.

Trustee Vestal also reported she attended the community town hall. She commended the all the Superintendents who were present, and County Office of Education Superintendent Sabbah for his leadership. Trustee Vestal also reported on Cabrillo's virtual college experience for 4th and 5th grade students, and her plan to attend the Wellness Committee meeting on Tuesday.

Vice President Coonerty also attended the community town hall and reported that it was organized and helpful. Bay View Elementary school hosted a Halloween parade where teachers and students both dressed up, and teacher's rode in the parade on bicycles. Vice President Coonerty also reported on attending LGBTQ task force meeting. At the meeting the task force discussed posting safe space signs on campuses and throughout the community, and discussed what is meant by a safe space.

Trustee Threet reported sitting in on a Principal's Coffee at Soquel High School. She expressed her thanks to the staff and administration, and felt it was a very helpful and informative opportunity to get to know staff and keep families apprised of facilities preparation.

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Tracy-Proulx did not have a report to share.

Board President's Report

Board President Ranii expressed her gratitude to the team—students, staff, parents, fellow board members, and the community—as they continue to meet the many challenges presented this year and show dedication, thoughtfulness, and continually care about students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.1.1. Single Plans for Student Achievement, 8.1.1.2. Gault Williams Annual Report, 8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. Long Term Debt Annual Report, 8.1.2.4. First Quarter Investment Report, 8.1.2.5. Resolution 17-20-21: Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and Related Documents, 8.1.2.6. Notice of Completion: Bond Projects, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions - Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions – Classified, 8.1.4.1. Gifts, 8.2.4.1. Consultant Services Agreement: Governance Meeting Facilitation, 8.3.1 Central Coast Construction Company: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Dust Collector Installation, 8.3.2. Dilbeck & Sons: Quote: Mission Hill Middle School Double Doors, 8.3.3. Fiber Optic Telecom International: Quote: Districtwide Electronic Key Cards, 8.3.4. Kier & Wright: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Boundary Survey for Fencing, 8.3.5. Kier & Wright: Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Land Survey, 8.3.6. Moore Twining: Proposal: Geotechnical Engineering Gault Elementary School New Classroom Building, 8.3.7. Palace Business Solutions: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Office Furniture, 8.3.8. SC Systems Inc: Quote: Soquel High School Wire Cleanup, 8.3.9. Swinerton Builders: Change Order 4: Soquel High School Modernization Phase 2

Vice President Coonerty motioned to approve the consent agenda except for item 8.1.2.5. Resolution 17-20-21: Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and Related Documents. Trustee Tracy-Proulx seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	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. The board acknowledged and thanked Youth Resource Bank of Santa Cruz County for donating \$300 in Ross gift cards to support families.
4. The board acknowledged and thanked The Home Depot for their donation of \$1,620.86 in product to support the safe expansion of in-person services on school sites.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Reopening Plan Update

Superintendent Munro presented updated information on local COVID health data and the county's status on the State's Blueprint for Economic Recovery. Small academic cohorts began

on October 19th and currently 6 campuses have implemented small cohorts. The Reopening Advisory Committee discussed a proposal from sites to begin in-person hybrid schedules following the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The intent of this start date is to account for individuals' potential participation in gatherings over the holiday break and ensure the safest start possible for students and staff. With small cohorts and preparation for Hybrid instruction, school facilities are being prepared for social distancing. Preparations includes installation of plexiglas in offices and spaces for 1:1 services, social distancing markers throughout campuses, and reconfiguration of classrooms. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Public Comment: High School parent Melissa Dennis addressed the Board to encourage reopening of schools beginning in January. As a teacher and parent, she voiced her support and belief that Hybrid learning can be done safely.

Public Comment: Union President Casey Carlson spoke in favor of the proposed plan to begin Hybrid instruction no sooner than January 19.

Public Comment: Elementary School parent Sandrine LaGrande addressed the Board to voice her support for the AM/PM instructional schedule for elementary schools. Ms. LaGrande stated the AM/PM model would allow for more instructional time and more consistency in learning.

Public Comment: High school teacher Guy French addressed the board to voice his support for the gradual start of Hybrid instruction in January.

8.5.1.2. New Business: Board Policy Grading

Superintendent Munro presented the on the Board Policy Grading for fourth reading. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and/or case law. The policy has been reviewed by staff to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. As this policy is new to the district, there is no current policy for comparison review.

MSP(Cooney/Vestal) 7-0, the Board Policy on grading was approved.

8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Update on School Resource Officer Programs

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Student Services Gail Atlansky to present an overview of the School Resource Officer programs at schools. Santa Cruz City Schools contracts with both the Santa Cruz Police Department and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office to provide the School Resource Officer program. School Resource Officers are provided specific training focused on the establishment of strong relationships with students, staff and site administration. The essential purpose of the School Resource Officer program is to ensure the safety of students and staff, establish and maintain positive relationships with the entire school community, and provide crisis and emergency training. The School Resource Officer does not become involved in administrative behavioral matters with students. Partnership with School Resource Officers continues to be an important part of District efforts to keep students, staff and campuses safe. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

Public Comment: Community Member Rocco Cappalla addressed the Board to share his experience with District School Resource Officer Kendall. He also stated he would like to know more details about the type of training School Resources Officers received.

Public Comment: High School Teacher Elijah Gregory addressed the Board, stating he has worked with Officer Kendall several times, specifically with students in the SAIL program at Harbor High. His experiences working with Officer Kendall were positive and believes him to be an asset to the school and a support to both teachers and students.

8.5.2.2. New Business: Soquel High School and Branciforte Small Schools: Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress Contract

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Curriculum Hodges to present an overview of the contract with Northwest Evaluation Association. For the past three school years, Santa Cruz City Schools has used the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measure of Academic Progress nationally normed academic growth assessments for both Math and Reading. Due to distance learning, the District put a pause on Measure of Academic Progress testing for the 2020-21 school year. However, Soquel High math teachers would like to pilot administering Measure of Academic Progress in distance learning as well as in hybrid learning. Additionally, all of the Branciforte Small Schools (Costanoa, Ark Independent High School, Alternative Family Education, and Monarch Elementary) would like to implement Measure of Academic Progress in both Reading and Math this school year. Monitoring the progress of students in these alternative programs will help to give teachers, parents, and students' valuable feedback regarding their growth and progress in both Reading and Math. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 7-0, the contract with Northwest Evaluation Association Measure of Academic Progress was approved.

8.5.3.1. New Business: Resolution 15-20-21 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Bylaws

On March 3, 2020, the voters of the District approved, by more than two-thirds voting in favor, Measures "U" (Elementary School District) and "T" (High School District) (together, the "Measures"). Each Measure approved the levy of an education parcel tax on parcels within the respective District. Each Measure included a commitment that an independent citizen's oversight committee would be established for the purpose of reviewing expenditure of parcel tax proceeds to ensure they are spent only for the specific uses enumerated in the Measures. The purpose of this item is to replace the existing citizen's oversight committee with a new citizen's oversight committee, and to adopt bylaws and operational guidelines for the new citizen's oversight committee. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 6-1, Resolution 15-20-21 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Bylaws was approved.

8.5.3.2. New Business: Fieldturf Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Athletic Field Replacement

Assistant Superintendent Monreal and Director of Facilities Miller presented the proposal from Fieldturf for the new athletic field at Mission Hill Middle School. The proposal consists of purchase and installation of a new artificial field which includes all baseball, softball and soccer markings, and a synthetic track resurfacing. This will replace the existing field that has reached the end of its useful life and has areas that no longer pass impact tests. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 7-0, the Fieldturf proposal for Mission Hill Middle School Athletic Field Replacement was approved.

8.5.3.3. New Business: J-13A Attendance Waiver

In August of this year, wildfires in the Santa Cruz Mountains forced hundreds of District families and staff members to evacuate their homes. On August 25, 2020 Santa Cruz County declared a state of emergency. In response to the evacuations, Santa Cruz City Schools cancelled classes from August 21 through August 28. Pursuant to Education Code 41422, school districts may apply for a waiver in the event of an emergency that forces school closure. The waiver allows the District to receive the same apportionment despite missed instructional days.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Vestal) 7-0, the J-13A Attendance Waiver application was approved.

8.1.2.5. Resolution 17-20-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and Related Documents

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented Resolution 17-20-21. By passing the resolution before the Board, the District will have the opportunity to participate in the California School Cash Reserve Program sponsored by California School Boards Association Finance Corporation. The Cash Reserve Program pools the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes from school districts, community college districts, and county offices of education from across the state. This is a precautionary measure to help the District weather funding deferrals from the state anticipated this year. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 7-0, Resolution 17-20-21 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes and Related Documents was approved

8.5.4.1. New Business: SCCS District 2020-21 Sunshine Articles to GSCFT

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the contract proposals that are being submitted to the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teacher's K-12 Unit for sunshining. This is done in accordance with the Employees Relations Act.

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 7-0, the SCCS District 2020-21 Sunshine Articles to GSCFT was approved.

8.5.5.1. New Business: Resolution 19-20-21 In Defense of Democracy

Superintendent Munro presented this resolution, stating it was proposed by the GSCFT President, Casey Carlson in collaboration with history and government teachers within the District and then presented to the Resolutions Sub-Committee. Santa Cruz City Schools understands the United States has a proud and long history of democracy with free and fair elections, and as such, public educators and school board trustees swear an oath upon being

hired as public servants to uphold the United States Constitution. GSCFT President Casey Carlson spoke to the Resolution. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Vestal/Tracy-Proulx) 5-2, Resolution 19-20-21 In Defense of Democracy was approved.

8.5.5.2. Board Policies: Second and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions & Updates

Policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updating process, which uses CSBA recommendations for review and change approximately six times per year in participating districts. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and/or case law. The policies have been reviewed by staff to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. In addition to the regular board policy updates, staff has included a proposed revision to BP6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs. This policy has been updated in order to ensure that all students and families are able to participate in school activities, extracurricular and co-curricular activities and special events. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 7-0, the CSBA Board Policy Revisions and Updates were approved.

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 9:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Special Meeting on November 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Special Meeting on November 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom
3. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on November 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Special Meeting on December 2, 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