

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	
Jeremy Shonick	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal

Student Board Representative Laura Wang

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

Absent: Board Representative Patricia Threet  
Board Representative Cindy Ranii  
Student Board Representative Destiny Silva

**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.

**3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro began her report by giving a COVID response update and reviewing declining case trends in the county and District. Superintendent Munro clarified that guidance from CDPH are public health mandates for public schools. Schools are anticipating new guidance to be released in March. Cabinet held data conversations with secondary principals to review progress towards site goals. The elementary science fair was held in early February and students from each site will represent their school at the county level. The District is actively hiring social work interns for the 2022-23 school year, and the Wellness Committee met to draft a new wellness policy that includes social emotional health. Principals and Assistant Principals met in January and February to plan master schedules with equity in mind and attended Infinite Campus master schedule trainings. Staff are meeting with stakeholders to get input on the English Learner Master Plan. Special Education and Response to Intervention coordinators are piloting a new curriculum for dyslexia intervention. Staff attended the SECA Operations Council as well as staffing and master schedule meetings, meetings for feedback on the workorder system, and future bond planning meetings. Staff also meet with Chamber of Commerce Community Affairs Committee, attended the Rotary Speech contest, and met with GSCFT & SCCCE leadership.

### **Student's Report**

Student Board Representative Laura Wang began her report by giving an update on Winter Sports. The soccer and basketball teams have made it to CCS finals, and student athletes have opportunities to receive scholarships from the Cardinal Club. Santa Cruz High's winter formal is scheduled for next Friday at the Coconut Grove and will be preceded by a school spirit week. NAMI hosted a webinar for Santa Cruz High students, providing information and awareness around mental health and self-care. Additionally, the first ever Wellness Fair is scheduled for next week, where booths with information and resources will be available to students. Finally, Santa Cruz High is hosting a Kindness Week in March, to encourage empathy and compassion on campus.

Student Board Representative Destiny Silva submitted her report in writing. The Harbor High cheer team hosted a recent fundraiser to support their upcoming trip to nationals. Ms. Silva congratulated the Harbor High Mock Trial team for placing third in the semifinals. Harbor High is also preparing for their upcoming spirit week, Spring Formal, and Spring Rally.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Vestal attended the Wellness Committee meeting where they discussed the connection between social emotional health, physical health and academic achievement. Trustee Vestal expressed her gratitude to the committee for their work.

Vice President Owen did not have a report to share.

Trustee Coonerty did not have a report to share.

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Tracy-Proulx did not have a report to share.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. Budget Transfers, 8.1.2.5. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.1.3.3. Revised Job Description: Mental Health Specialist, 8.1.3.4. New Job Description: Fleet Technician 2/ School Bus Driver, 8.1.3.5. New Job Description: Nutrition Outreach Instruction Specialist, 8.1.4.1. Amended 2021-22 Board Meeting Schedule, 8.2.1.1. California Information Technology in Education Microsoft Strategic Alliance, 8.2.1.2. Information Technology Professional Development Licenses: Computer Based Training Nuggets, 8.2.2.1. Memorandum of Understanding: Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Education Sports League, 8.2.2.2. Crowe LLP Agreement for 2021-22 and 2022-23 District Audits and Measures A & B Bond Audits, 8.3.1 A&C Grading, Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Temporary Housing Paving, 8.3.2. Anaya Construction: Change Order 2: Santa Cruz High School Temporary Housing, 8.3.3. Verde Design: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Baseball Backstop Modifications

Trustee Coonerty motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

### **Closed Session Items**

#### **Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

Vice President Owen reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Coito shared information regarding student expulsion #03-21-22
2. Ms. Coito shared information regarding student expulsion #04-21-22
3. Ms. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
4. Ms. Parks did not have information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
5. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding GSCFT negotiations.
6. Mr. Monreal shared information with the Board regarding Liability Claims.

#### **Vote on Student Expulsion #03-21-22**

Trustee Coonerty motioned to accept the District's recommendation and expel Student #03-21-22. Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 5-0, the Board of Education voted to expel Student #03-21-22.

#### **Vote on Student Expulsion #04-21-22**

Trustee Coonerty motioned to accept the District's recommendation and expel Student #04-21-22. Vice President Owen seconded the motion.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen) 5-0, the Board of Education voted to expel Student #04-21-22.

### **ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED**

#### **8.5.1.1. New Business: School Safety Plans**

Director of Student Services Gail Atlansky presented the annual Comprehensive School Safety Plans. Each site examines data, including review of local and national events, attendance and discipline reports, the California Health Kids Survey, the Social Emotional Health Survey, as well as ongoing input from School Safety Committees, School Site Councils and law enforcement. Plans are monitored and revised as needed. Principal Hua from DeLaveaga, Assistant Principal Spiers from Branciforte Middle, and Assistant Principal Quevedo from Soquel High shared efforts, programs and plans in place at each of their sites to make their campus a safe place for all students.

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the School Safety Plans.

#### **8.5.1.2. New Business: 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan Annual Update Supplement**

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan Annual Update Supplement. Santa Cruz City Schools adopted its Local Control Accountability Plan and Budget on June 16, 2021. At that time, the state budget was not complete, and the adopted state budget included additional funds that were not anticipated. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires an update on the annual update to the 2021–22 LCAP and budget overview for parents on or before February 28, 2022. The update includes a supplement for the Annual Update for the 2021–22 Local Control Accountability Plan, all available mid-year outcome data related to metrics identified in the 2021–22 LCAP, and mid-year expenditure and implementation data on all actions identified in the 2021–22 Local Control Accountability Plan.

MSP(Vestal/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan Annual Update Supplement.

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

Directors of Curriculum and Instruction, Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges, presented the District's English Learned Master Plan update. Multilingual Learners comprise 20% of Santa Cruz City Schools' elementary student population and 8% of Santa Cruz City Schools' secondary student population. While many Multilingual Learners are thriving in school, district-wide data indicates Multilingual Learners are consistently one of the lowest performing student groups on nearly all academic performance indicators. The Multilingual Learner Master Plan is the district action plan for addressing these inequitable outcomes, ensuring Multilingual students' needs are met. Directors Calden and Hodges shared the process for the development of the plan as set forth in the English Learner Master Plan Playbook. The full plan will be brought to the Board for approval in June 2022. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

#### **8.5.1.3. Staff Report: History Social Science Curriculum Implementation Update**

Director of Secondary Curriculum and Instruction, Julia Hodges, introduced History Social Science Teacher on Special Assignment, Marissa Ferejohn Swett. In 2020-21 the middle and high school History Social Science teachers went through the textbook adoption process, which

resulted in the purchase of new History Social Science programs. This school year is the first year of full implementation of this newly purchased curriculum. Ms. Ferejohn presented an update to the Board on the goals and focus areas of the History/Social Studies Instructional Leadership Team for the 2021-22 school year and discussed implementation of the History / Social Science Curriculum, implementation of the History / Social Science Framework, development of priority standards and common assessments, adoption process of the State Seal of Civic Engagement, and implementation of Ethnic Studies as a graduation requirement in 2025-26. 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: Bond Project Update**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture. Mr. Bartos presented an update on the Measures A & B Bond projects at Santa Cruz High School, Mission Hill Middle School, Gault Elementary School, and Westlake Elementary School. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

**8.5.3.1. New Business: Academic Calendars for 22-23, 23-24, and 24-25**

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the Academic Calendars for the 22-23, 23-24, and 24-25 school years. A Tentative Agreement was reached on the academic calendar earlier this year. After experiencing the challenge of returning to school with COVID following the holidays, the GSCFT and District have returned to the table to discuss shifting the winter holiday window to better account for potential viral spread during holiday celebrations. These calendars were vetted and approved by the Union.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson thanked the District and the Board for allowing staff input on the calendars. She also thanked Director Shannon Calden for her work in negotiating the Elementary conference schedule for next year.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen), the Board of Education approved the Academic Calendars for 22-23, 23-24, and 24-25.

**8.5.4.1. New Business: Resolution 23-21-22: Proclaiming Women's History Month**

Superintendent Munro presented Resolution 23-21-22. Santa Cruz City Schools strives for all students to feel safe and welcome in their school and to see themselves represented in the curricula. Women have played and continue to play critical roles in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of our nation's life. Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National women to the history of the United States.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education passed Resolution 23-21-22: Proclaiming March as Women's History Month

**8.5.4.2. New Business: CSBA Delegate Assembly Elections**

The Board of Education may vote for up to two candidates to represent Subregion 9A for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. This term two candidates are running for office.

MSP(Vestal/Owen) 5-0, the Board of Education voted for Roger Snyder, Scotts Valley Unified School District, and Deborah Tracy-Proulx, Santa Cruz City Schools, to represent Subregion 9A from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024.

**8.5.4.3. Board Policies: Third and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions and Updates**

Superintendent Munro presented two board policies that are returning for third and/or final reading. 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.

MSP(Owen/Vestal) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Board Policies.

**8.5.4.4. Potential Items for Futures Agenda**

None.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Meeting on February 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on March 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on March 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
4. The Regular Meeting on April 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
5. The Study Session on April 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
6. The Regular Meeting on May 4, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
7. The Study Session on May 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
8. The Regular Meeting on June 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting on June 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
10. The Regular Meeting on June 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public 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](http://sccs.net/board_of_education)

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education