

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
MARCH 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 6:32 p.m.

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Student Board Representative Destiny Silva

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

**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**

Superintendent Munro shared that the Bond Oversight committee report was re-uploaded to include the signatures of all the committee members. Additionally, a typo was corrected on item 8.3.10. Leach Group: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School New Switch Gear Inspections.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro shared that per new CDPH Guidance. Effective March 12, masking is now optional in schools, although still strongly recommended. Many students and staff continue to mask and testing and vaccines are still available. CDPH also released new quarantine requirements for students that differ from CALOSHA. Vaccine clinics will be available on three site campuses in April and May. A review of data from the last 14 days shows that COVID cases continue to decline in the county. The Latino Role Models conference was held virtually on March 12. Principals Casey O'Brien and Michelle Poirier shared their work on grading practices at the recent SSC meeting. Superintendent Munro attended the Your Future is Our Business luncheon with Trustees Owen and Vestal. The Leadership Professional Learning Community continues to meet with teacher leaders, and recently have been discussing leadership and equity. Elementary Principals are working on site plans and Cabinet is meeting to plan to next school year. Both the Budget Ad Hoc and Budget Advisory Committee met to review the Second Interim Report. The transportation team continues work to add more electric buses to the District fleet. Superintendent Munro, Assistant Superintendent Monreal, and Chief of Communication Rolens are meeting with parent groups and site staff to review budget and bond updates. Superintendent Munro attended a meeting with Elementary parent leaders to discuss campus access on weekends. She also attended a meeting with Senator Laird to continue advocacy for districts for TK funding.

### **Student's Report**

Student Board Representative Destiny Silva shared that Harbor High had a successful Spring Rally and Spring Formal. NAMI visited campus to give a presentation on mental health awareness and provided resources for individuals and loved ones. Harbor has an upcoming movie night fundraiser. All funds will support the IB film class to attend next year's Clash of the Titans competition.

Student Board Representative Laura Wang shared that Santa Cruz High has entered the final quarter of the school year. The student body is excited for prom, which will be in San Francisco, and tickets have sold out. Students are also looking forward to spring break, as they are ending a series of testing including CAASPP testing and quarter three finals. This Friday, Santa Cruz High is hosting a "No Hate" rally, which will include anti-bullying messages accompanied by BMX biking tricks.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Coonerty attended the City/Schools committee meeting. This committee continues to work on ways to increase its partnership and increase the activities available to students.

Vice President Owen thanked Assistant Superintendent Monreal for his work to report to the Budget Ad Hoc committee. Mr. Owen attended the Your Future is Our Business luncheon and shared it was inspiring to see the program that is being built and thanked the organization.

Trustee Ranii also attended the City/School meeting with Trustee Coonerty and President Tracy-Proulx. She shared that as part of Measure A being approved in Santa Cruz, the city will be forming a community advisory panel to advise on the Children's Fund money.

Trustee Vestal attended the Delta High School Board Meeting, where a student presented a community awareness project on the cost of housing in Santa Cruz County. Delta approved their Second Interim report and their A-G Improvement Grant. Trustee Vestal also attended the Your Future is Our Business Luncheon and

was very impressed with the event. Next month, the Wellness Committee will present a new policy to the Board for approval.

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

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

Board President Tracy-Proulx shared her appreciation for the City/Schools meeting. President Tracy-Proulx also acknowledged that tonight is the Board's first hybrid meeting and shared her gratitude that meetings in person can happen once again, while still accommodating those who wish to participate remotely.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

#### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.1.1. Alternative Family Education Overnight Field Trip – Oregon Shakespeare Festival, 8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. Budget Transfers, 8.1.2.4. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.1.3.3. Personnel Commission Annual Report, 8.2.1.1. Resolution 29-21-22: Transition Partnership Program Contract Renewal, 8.2.2.1. License Agreement: Spring Break Camp, 8.2.2.2. License Renewal: Zoom, 8.2.2.3. Contract: Pictures with Class by Barksdale, 8.2.2.4. Resolution 30-21-22: Authorizing Participation in the Rural School Bus Pilot Project, 8.2.2.5. Shared School Bus Driver: Trainer Services Agreement, 8.2.2.6. Shared Fleet Technician Services Agreement, 8.3.1. Abacherli Fence: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School, 8.3.2. American Modular Systems: Change Order 2: Gault Elementary School Modular Classroom Building, 8.3.3. Cal West Fence Inc.: Contract: Soquel High School Security Fencing, 8.3.4. CDW-G: Quote: Interactive Touch Panels, 8.3.5. Central Electric: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Clock Speaker Cabling, 8.3.6. Geo H Wilson: Proposal: Westlake Elementary School Sewer Line Repairs, 8.3.7. Ifland Survey: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools, 8.3.8. Kent Construction: Contract: Soquel High School Fitness Center Modernization Site Work, 8.3.9. Kent Construction: Contract: Transportation Yard New Office Building Site Work, 8.3.10. Leach Group: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School New Switch Gear Inspections, 8.3.11. Leach Group: Change Order 2: Santa Cruz High School New Switch Gear Inspections, 8.3.12. PSR Electric: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Motorized Gate, 8.3.13. Robert A Bothman Construction: Proposal: Mission Hill Middle School Asphalt Repairs

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 – Yes	
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. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.

3. The board heard updates from legal counsel on an existing litigation case.

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

**8.5.1.1. New Business: Bond Oversight Committee Report**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Bond Oversight Committee Report on behalf of the committee. The Bond Oversight Committee met on three occasions: September 9, 2021, January 20, 2022, and March 8, 2022. Based upon review of audit reports, materials provided, and meeting discussions, the Bond Oversight Committee reported the following: the 2020-21 year to date expenditures made with Measure A funds totaling \$48,198,338, and Measure B funds totaling \$21,708,887, are aligned with the language as set forth in the ballot measures.

MSP(Coonerty/Ranii) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report.

**8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan Update: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: Academic Supports**

Curriculum and Instruction Directors Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges provided an update on the academic supports available at school sites. Response to Intervention is part of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework that focuses on providing a guaranteed curriculum for all students and tiered academic support when needed. There are three tiers in the Response to Intervention system. As a student progresses through the tiers, there is an increase in the focus, intensity and specificity of the instruction that the student receives. Response to Intervention Coordinators from each grade span shared on site practices and student reading and math data that highlighted student growth. Teacher presenters included Jennifer Jaffe, Westlake Elementary School, Mari Cohen, Bay View Elementary, Molly O'Neill, Branciforte Middle School, and Sara Rominger, Soquel High School. 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: GSCFT President Casey Carlson commended the teachers and Board for the growth that students have made in the last year, while still dealing with the ramifications of the COVID pandemic.

**8.5.2.2. Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan Update: Assessment Systems Update**

Curriculum and Instruction Directors Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges provided an update on the District Assessment Systems. Despite an academic year greatly impacted by the pandemic, staff have maintained a focus on Ensuring Excellence and Equity, which includes the implementation of Curriculum and Assessments teams at each grade span. The 2021-22 districtwide goal for these teams is to establish priority standards for each grade level in their content area focus, unwrap the priority standards, and create four common formative assessments to be implemented districtwide. Directors Calden and Hodges shared the challenges, accomplishments, and next steps for districtwide curriculum and assessment work. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

**8.5.2.3. New Business: A-G Improvement Grant**

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the A-G Improvement Grant. The A-G Completion

Improvement Grant is intended to help districts increase the number of high school students who graduate with A-G eligibility. Funds must be used towards activities that directly support pupil access to, and successful completion of, the A-G course requirements. All students in Santa Cruz City Schools have access to enroll in A-G courses. Nearly every high school class fulfills an A-G requirement, with the rare exception of some elective courses. The district's opportunities for improvement lie in increasing the number of students passing these A-G courses with a grade of C or higher. The funds will be used waive Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate test fees for unduplicated students, removing economic barriers, provide support and tutoring for unduplicated students in A-G courses, conduct A-G Transcript Audits to identify and respond to patterns of students' successes and challenges to remove barriers to A-G completion, and provide professional development including equitable grading practices and Tier I interventions to best support unduplicated students in accessing curriculum and passing A-G courses and teacher AP instruction certification.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the A-G Improvement Grant.

#### **8.5.3.1. New Business: Second Interim Report**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Second Interim Report for the period ending on January 31, 2022. The Board receives three statutorily mandated reports of the financial status of the District during the year. The Second Interim Fiscal Status Report for the period ending on January 31, 2022, provided a comprehensive view of the activity which occurred from July 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022, highlighting adjustments to the 2021-2022 First Interim Budget. The report also included information from the Governor's budget workshop in January 2022 and a Multi-Year Projection. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of a positive certification for the Second Interim Report. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 6-0, the Board of Education accepted the Second Interim Report with Positive Certification.

#### **8.5.5.1. Board Policies: Second and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions and Updates**

Policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updating process, which uses CSBA recommendation 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.

Trustee Ranii motioned to approve the CSBA Policy Revision & Updates. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

MSP(Ranii/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the CSBA Policy Revision & Updates.

#### **8.5.5.2. Potential Items for Futures Agenda**

Trustee Shonick requested the Board look at the Redevelopment Agency dollars at the Budget Study Session.

## **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 8:29 p.m.

### **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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