# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

## **Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal 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 Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:32 p.m.

## **Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty Cindy Ranii Jeremy Shonick Patricia Threet Deb Tracy-Proulx Claudia Vestal

Absent: Trustee John Owen

Student Board Representative Destiny Silva Student Board Representative Laura Wang

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 Vestal welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. President Vestal also acknowledged the tragic loss of an Aptos High student and invited the board and attendees to have a moment of silence.

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

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

None.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro reported that as students are returning to campus, the district is leading a Restorative Restart to lead students back to their highest potential and to each other. Schools are focusing on relationships as students reconnect with peers and staff after a year apart. In addition, staff are working collaboratively on high impact instructional strategies, and implementing a countywide counseling handbook. Curriculum and Assessment teams will be beginning shortly and will focus on identifying priority standards and building common assessments. All secondary sites have a social emotional counselor, and all school campuses had successful student orientations to welcome students back to school. Sites have also launched after school academic support programs and the district peer tutoring program will be launched shortly. The Response to Intervention Programs have expanded at the elementary schools and staff are revising the English learner Master Plan to build stronger instruction for English Learners. Before the start of the school year staff began participating in professional development including the Leadership retreat and SCIL day. The district continues to refine its COVID safety protocols and has implemented new screening testing for students and staff. The finance department has been closing the book for 2020-21, and facilities continues to work on bond projects at school sites. Superintendent Munro and her team continue work to improve communication with all stakeholders. Staff hosted a back-to-school webinar and continue to update the website with new protocols and resources. Superintendent Munro also participated on the Chamber of Commerce Education panel, and Leadership continues its focus on providing effective communication and a culture of service.

# **Student's Report**

Student representative Laura Wang shared the challenges and opportunities that arise as students return from distance learning. Underclassmen are being supported by upperclassmen, and the Santa Cruz High Link Crew has hosted events to help peers feel more connected to their school. Santa Cruz High had their first football game. Clubs are beginning to meet again, and the annual campus club rush is forthcoming. Ms. Wang concluded her report by sharing about Cardinal Connect, a 40-minute period in which students can participate in study hall, work with peers, or get extra help from teachers.

Student representative Destiny Silva shared that clubs have also begun to meet on Harbor's campus, including Harbor's Youth Equity Board which focuses on addressing issues related to discrimination and microaggressions. Harbor's club rush is forthcoming and students are reconnecting with their peers through various back to school activities, such as their first football game of the season.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Ranii expressed her gratitude for Superintendent Munro and all of the Santa Cruz City School staff, acknowledging the difficulties and challenges from the past year and a half. Trustee Ranii also shared her excitement as the district embarks on new work in instructional strategies and facilities development.

Trustee Threet did not have a report to share.

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

Trustee Coonerty did not have a report to share.

## **Board President's Report**

Board President Vestal thanked all of the staff of the district for their work and dedication to keep kids in school. President Vestal also thanked the student board representatives for their reports.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. MSP (Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 5-1-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of June 2, 2021 Meeting.
- 2. MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of June 16, 2021 Meeting.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

## **Consent Agenda**

8.1.1.1. Career Technical Education Advisory Committee Membership, 8.1.2.1. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3. 4th Quarter Investment Report, 8.1.2.4. Long Term Debt Annual Report, 8.1.2.5. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.2.6. Joint Powers Authority: Super Co-Op Governing Board Appointment, 8.1.2.7. Parcel Tax Oversight Committee: New Member Applications, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.2.1.1. Consultant Services Agreement: BaySci 2021-22, 8.2.1.2. Contract Renewal: Naviance Inc., 8.2.1.3. Contract: Blackboard Messenger, 8.2.1.4. Contract Addendum: Curriculum Associates: iReady Intervention Software and Assessments, 8.2.1.5. Contract Addendum: Edgenuity, 8.2.1.6. Independent Studies Contract, 8.2.1.7. Memorandum of Understanding: Transportation Services Agreement, 8.2.2.1. Campus Kids Connection Lease Agreement: 1000 High Street, 8.3.1. Albion Environmental Change Order 2: Santa Cruz High School Underground Utility Replacement Construction Monitoring, 8.3.2. Brannon Corporation Change Order 2: Branciforte Small Schools Alternative Family Education Campus Site Work for New Modular Classroom, 8.3.3. Dilbeck & Son Proposal: Westlake Elementary School Door Replacement, 8.3.4. Geo H Wilson Proposal: Harbor High School Data Room Temperature Control, 8.3.5. Geo H Wilson Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Boiler Repair, 8.3.6. MantelMount Quote: Interactive Touch Panel Hardware, 8.3.7. Netxperts Inc. Change Order 2: Districtwide Router Installation, 8.3.8. Uline: Quote Harbor High School Woodshop Stools

Vice President Tracy-Proulx motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

## **Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Yes Owen – Absent Ranii – Yes

Shonick – Yes Threet – Yes Tracy-Proulx – Yes Vestal – Yes

#### **Closed Session Items**

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

Board Vice President Tracy-Proulx 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 two existing litigation cases.

## ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

# 8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Interdistrict Transfer and Open Enrollment Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented an update on Interdistrict Transfers and Open Enrollment for 2021-22. Interdistrict transfers and open enrollment can be awarded to families based on specific application guidelines for approval or denial, which are processed by the Department of Student Services. All families are personally interviewed after submitting an application to identify trends on exiting and entering the district. Ms. Coito shared year-over-year Open Enrollment data for elementary, middle school and high school. Additionally, data was provided to reflect on transfers entering and exiting the district, including restrictions to limit outgoing transfers and families' reasons for transfer requests. This report was informational and no action was taken.

# 8.5.1.2. <u>Public Hearing: Elementary Textbook Sufficiency</u>

Assistant Superintendent Coito explained that a public hearing for textbook sufficiency must be held annually to be eligible to receive instructional material funds. President Vestal opened the public hearing for public comment.

Opened: 7:25 p.m. Public Comment: None Closed: 7:25 p.m.

# 8.5.1.3. New Business: Resolution 01-21-22: Elementary Textbook Sufficiency

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented this Resolution 01-21-22, which attests that each elementary student in the district has or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards. Ms. Coito recommended approval of this resolution.

MSP(Shonick/Ranii) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 01-21-22: Elementary Textbook Sufficiency.

# 8.5.1.4. <u>Public Hearing: Secondary Textbook Sufficiency</u>

Assistant Superintendent Coito explained that a public hearing for textbook sufficiency must be held annually to be eligible to receive instructional material funds. President Vestal opened the public hearing for public comment.

Opened: 7:26 p.m. Public Comment: None Closed: 7:26 p.m.

# 8.5.1.5. New Business: Resolution 02-21-22: Secondary Textbook Sufficiency

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented this Resolution 02-21-22, which attests that each secondary student in the district has or will have prior to the end of the fiscal year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specified subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards. Ms. Coito recommended approval of this resolution.

MSP(Shonick/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 02-21-22: Secondary Textbook Sufficiency.

## 8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Opening Enrollment Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented a report reflecting opening enrolments by school site. The report compared the actual enrollment to the projected enrollment, as well as to the October 2020 CBEDs count. Assistant Superintendent Monreal explained how the changes in enrollment affected the FTE at each of the school sites. 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. Staff Report: New Teacher Report

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the annual new teacher report for 2021-22. She shared that the district welcomed 85 new certificated staff. She also shared about the new employee orientation and strategies the district employed to recruit during the pandemic. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

## 8.5.4.1. New Business: Resolution 03-21-22: Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month

Superintendent Munro introduced Resolution 03-21-22 to proclaim September 15 – October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National Hispanic Americans to the history of the United States, by promoting social justice, enhancing health and well-being, and building a sense of community for Hispanic Americans.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 03-21-22: Proclaiming Hispanic Heritage Month

## 8.5.4.2. Superintendent's Goals

Superintendent Munro provided a comprehensive goal plan for 2021-22 and presented on each of the goals and their alignment and support of District Goals. She is committed to an open agenda and communication with Trustees, District Staff and the greater Santa Cruz school community as the district team works diligently to engage students' hearts and minds - every student, every day

### 8.5.4.3. 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 Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

## **Board Meeting Schedule Information**

- 1. The Regular Meeting on September 22, 2021, 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 October 6, 2021, 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 October 20, 2021, 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 November 3, 2021, 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 November 17, 2021, 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 December 15, 2021, 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 January 12, 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 Study Session on January 19, 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 February 9, 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 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. The Regular Meeting on May 11, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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: <a href="http://sccs.net/board">http://sccs.net/board</a> of <a href="education">education</a>

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent Santa Cruz City Schools Claudia Vestal, President Board of Education