

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:30 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

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| Sheila Coonerty | John Owen | Cindy Ranii |
| Jeremy Shonick | Claudia Vestal | |

Absent: Trustees Deb Tracy-Proulx & Patricia Threet

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

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.

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community member and elementary school parent, Melissa Freebairn, shared health and safety concerns in schools. Ms. Freebairn asked the board to revisit health clerk pay and training and brought attention to the shortage of special education aides throughout the county.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began her report by sharing an update on the Curriculum Assessment and Instruction teams second meeting of the year. Consultant Larry Ainsworth has been leading these teams in the work.

School sites have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with classroom and campus activities. The Leadership Professional Learning Community was relaunched. This community is to support professional growth for district employees who are interested in leadership. These meetings take place monthly. Classified recruitment continues and the District has set up a regular testing schedule with Inspire Diagnostics. Schools are hosting back to school nights, and the Superintendent's Student Advisory on Race & Equity had its first meeting of the 2021-22 school year. Superintendent Munro met and welcomed the District's new school resource officer. Superintendent Munro also attended meetings with community partners including Adult Education and the Santa Cruz County College and Career Collaborative.

Student's Report

Student representative Laura Wang shared Santa Cruz High School has seen a fulfilling start to the school year, with activities like Club Rush and club fundraising. Ms. Wang attended a Senior class meeting, in which the class of 2022 shared their graduation symbol of the phoenix—as a metaphor to continue to look at the bigger picture. The Cardinal Advisory of Race & Equity, which is an extension of the Superintendent's Advisory on Race & Equity, had their first meeting of the year. Students at Santa Cruz High are also getting ready for this year's Homecoming.

Student representative Destiny Silva shared that Harbor's club rush will take place on Friday. She also spoke out regarding the TikTok challenges that have resulted in vandalism in schools. Ms. Silva advocated for a stop to the TikTok challenges and encouraged the community to do the same.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Owen participated in the CTE committee meeting and shared he was encouraged by the discussion that took place and looks forward to the committee's continuing work.

Trustee Ranii did not have a report to shared

Trustee Coonerty did not have a report to share.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal attended Delta's board meeting and reported that Delta is experiencing low enrollment, but that is standard for this time of year. President Vestal met with Students for Climate Justice and was inspired by their passion and commitment. President Vestal thanked Jim and Trevor for their work to support District sustainability and Principal Runeare for allowing her to visit IB classes at Harbor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Owen/Ranii) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of August 4, 2021 Meeting.
2. MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of August 18, 2021 Meeting.

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. Job Description: Credit Recovery Teacher, 8.1.3.4. New Job Description: COVID-19 Compliance Manager, 8.1.3.5. Resolution 04-21-22: Week of the School Administrator, 8.1.3.6. Resolution 05-21-22: Week of the Classified Employee, 8.1.3.7. Resolution 06-21-22: Week of the Certificated Employee, 8.1.4.1. ESSER III Plan, 8.2.1.1. Consultant Services Agreement: Sue Weitzel, 8.2.1.2. Memorandum of Understanding: California State University Monterey Bay Gear Up, 8.2.1.3. Memorandum of Understanding: Career Technical Education Magnet Programs, 8.2.1.4. Memorandum of Understanding and Consultant Services Agreement: Project Glad Professional Development, 8.2.1.5. Memorandum of Understanding: Soul Shoppe Programs, 8.2.1.6. Lexia English Licenses, 8.2.2.1. Sprouts Extended Day Enrichment Lease Agreement: 840 N. Branciforte Avenue, 8.2.2.2. American Modular Systems, Inc.: Proposal: Modular Transportation Building, 8.2.2.3. Belli Architectural Group: Amendment Agreement 1: Emergency Generators, 8.2.2.4. Dilbeck & Sons: Proposal: Flagpole Installation, 8.2.2.5. Pacific Coast Trane: Proposal: System Controller Upgrade, 8.2.2.6. Peace United Church Easement, 8.2.4.1. Monday.com Ltd.: Membership Renewal, 8.3.1 American Modular Systems: Change Order 1: Gault Elementary School Modular Classroom Building, 8.3.2. CDW-G: Quote: Branciforte Small Schools Interactive Touch Panel, 8.3.3. Creative Window Interiors, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Window Shades, 8.3.4. CRW Industries: Change Order 2: Santa Cruz High School Switchgear Replacement, 8.3.5. Development Group Inc.: Change Order #1: Harbor High School Telecomm Room, 8.3.6. Dilbeck & Sons: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Interactive Touch Panel Installation, 8.3.7. Field Turf: Change Order 3: Mission Hill Middle School Athletic Field Replacement, 8.3.8. K& D Landscaping, Inc.: Change Order 1: Westlake Elementary School Entry Landscape, 8.3.9. Robert A. Bothman Construction: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Sanitary Sewer Line, 8.3.10. Santa Cruz Signs: Quote: Bay View Elementary School Vinyl Window Covering

Trustee Owen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ranii seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Trustee Owen reported the following actions during closed session:

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

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1. Staff Report: District Sustainability Update

Assistant Superintendent Monreal and Director of Facilities Miller provided an update on the District's sustainability efforts. Santa Cruz City Schools has a long history of increasing sustainability throughout the district and reducing its carbon footprint. The efforts over the last 15 years include changing to more fuel efficient or fully electric school buses, reducing water usage, upgrading lights to be more energy efficient, installing solar panels at school sites, upgrading roofing, shifting to more eco-friendly custodial supplies, using 100% recycled paper

products, and purchasing locally grown fruits and vegetables. Mr. Miller also shared next steps to further the District's sustainability efforts. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.5.2.1. New Business: Proposed Addition to Board Policy 5121: Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Coito shared that for the past two years, the District has been part of a county-wide effort through the Santa Cruz County College and Career Collaborative Grading Inquiry Project. The goal of the Grading Inquiry Project is to achieve consistent grading practices at the course, department, site or district level based on researched, best practices for evaluating students' mastery of standards. Principals O'Brien and Poirier shared their experiences in piloting grading systems based on their grading inquiry learning, action research and current best practices.

Currently, the District's Board policy states that "the Superintendent or designee shall work collaboratively with staff to establish a grading system for all comprehensive sites that shall be applied to all students in that course and grade level." As teachers and school leaders continue to build their knowledge of standards-based learning, staff recognized a need to pilot a standards-based grading system. To this end, staff proposed adding the following additional language to Board Policy: "The Superintendent or designee may work with staff to pilot alternative grading scales designed for standards-based grading that focuses on grading for demonstrated proficiency. Staff will provide the Board an update on any piloted grading systems."

Public Comment: Marty Krovetz, a coach on for the grading practices teams, shared his support of standards-based grading.

Trustee Ranii motioned to approve the addition of the following revised language to Board Policy 5121: "The Superintendent or designee may work with staff to pilot alternative grading scales. Staff will provide the Board an update on any piloted grading systems." Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

MSP(Ranii/Coonerty) 4-1, the Board of Education approved the motion.

8.5.2.2. Staff Report: District Goals and Metrics Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the District's goals and corresponding metrics for this year. Metrics measure the district's success in meeting its goals each year. It is a way of measuring student learning and assessing if student needs are being met. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.5.3.1. New Business: 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals. The unaudited actuals represent the fiscal year-end report. With the adopted budget presentation, the General Fund had a projected ending balance of \$16.2MM, and the unaudited actual ending balance is \$28.3MM. This reflects a \$7.4MM increase to the Unrestricted Ending Balance and a \$4.6MM increase in the Restricted Ending Balance, totaling a net increase of \$12MM. Assistant Superintendent Monreal also shared key highlights of the fiscal year end. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Owen/Coonerty) 5-0, the Board of Education approved the 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals.

8.5.3.2. New Business: Annual Resolution 10-21-22: GANN Limits

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented Resolution 10-21-22: GANN Limits. This is a routine resolution presented to the Board annually since the passage of Proposition 4 in 1979. The worksheet recalculates the prior year (2020-21) Gann Limit based on the actual average daily attendance and revenues and calculates the current year (2021-22) Gann Limit based on projected average daily attendance and budgeted revenues.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 10-21-22: GANN Limits

8.5.3.3. New Business: Resolution 07-21-22 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election, Series C for the Elementary District

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the proposed resolution, which authorizes the issuance and sale of a third series of General Obligation Bonds which were authorized by Measure B, approved by the voters at an election held on November 8, 2016. Measure B authorized a total of \$68 million of bonds, the proceeds of which are required to be expended to finance educational projects of the District which were described in the ballot measure for Measure B. On February 1, 2017, the Board approved Resolution # 17-16-17 authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds under Measure B, resulting in the sale of the 2016 Series A Bonds in the principal amount of \$27.2 million. The Board approved a second Resolution on June 12, 2019, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds under Measure B, resulting in the sale of the 2016 Series B Bonds in the principal amount of \$20.4 million. The proposed Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds under Measure B in the principal amount of \$20.4 million. The Series C Bonds will be issued entirely in the form of current interest bonds which mature on August 1 in each year during the term of the issue.

MSP(Owen/Ranii) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 07-21-22.

8.5.3.4. New Business: Resolution 08-21-22 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, 2016 Election, Series C for the Secondary District

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the proposed resolution, which authorizes the issuance and sale of a series of General Obligation Bonds which were authorized by Measure A, approved by the voters at an election held on November 8, 2016. Measure A authorized a total of \$140 million of bonds, the proceeds of which are required to be expended to finance educational projects of the District which were described in the ballot measure for Measure A. On February 1, 2017, the Board approved a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds under Measure A resulting in the sale of the 2016 Series A Bonds in the principal amount of \$56 million, and on June 12, 2019, approved a second Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds under Measure A resulting in the sale of 2016 Series B Bonds in the principal amount of \$42 million. The proposed Resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds under Measure A in the principal amount of \$42 million. The Series C Bonds will be issued entirely in the form of current interest bonds which mature on August 1 in each year during the term of the issue.

MSP(Shonick/Owen) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 08-21-22.

8.5.5.1. New Business: Resolution 09-21-22: Proclaiming LGBTQ+ History Month

Superintendent Munro presented Resolution 09-21-22: Proclaiming 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. Superintendent Munro recommended approval of Resolution 09-21-22.

MSP(Coonerty/Owen) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 09-21-22: Proclaiming LGBTQ+ History Month.

8.5.5.2. Board Policies: First 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.

Trustee Coonerty motioned to bring the Board Policies back for a second reading. Trustee Ranii seconded the motion.

MSP(Coonerty/Ranii) 5-0, the Board approved the motion to have a second reading for the Board policies.

8.5.5.3. 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 8:50 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:
http://sccs.net/board_of_education

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education