

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
January 17, 2024**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:04p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

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

Attendance at Meeting

Patricia Threet	Angela Meeker	Kyle Kelley	Claudia Vestal
Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	Kevin Grossmen	

Student Board Representative, Matthew Simon

Student Board Representative, Jimena Vazquez Veloz

Student Board Representative, Zach Von Worley

Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Remote: Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Absent: 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.

3.3 Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Teagan Shanahan, who has been teaching math at Harbor High since 2018, commented on the anticipated changes to the bell schedule upon their return in January. The lack of clarity regarding the potential bell schedule for the next school year is making it challenging to decide whether to opt for part-time or full-time status by the January 31st deadline. Although they were presented with various schedule options, it remains unclear who was involved in the decision-making process. Ms. Shanahan doesn't oppose the bell schedule change but wishes there had been a more collaborative approach between the school and the district from the outset.

Matt Bruner, Co-President of the GSCFT, together with fellow educators from Harbor High School, publicly commented on the recent request for changes to the high school bell schedules. He discussed a letter endorsed by school staff addressing these changes. Mr. Bruner highlighted teachers' concerns about the process. He also mentioned that while they now appreciate being involved, they feel that the process has been rushed, unclear, and not beneficial for the students. Despite understanding the need for adjustments due to financial constraints, they believe the benefits of the current schedule are being overlooked. Mr. Bruner concluded by emphasizing the importance of making decisions based on data and feedback from all stakeholders, and ensuring sufficient time for communication and implementation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began by highlighting the conclusion of final examinations in December. Ms. Munro then mentioned various celebratory events such as the Winter Music program, the LGBTQ event, and the Celebration of the Soquel football championship, which was led by engaged parents and community members. She expressed gratitude to Patty and John for their participation. Furthermore, Superintendent Munro touched upon the county incident command training, where valuable insights were shared among participants. The Schools Task Force conducted gang training sessions to address recent trends and community issues. Additionally, Superintendent Munro discussed the kickoff meeting for the Educator Housing project, which marked an exciting start to discussions with architects and meetings with the city. The process of staffing projections for the upcoming years has begun alongside revenue planning for the next three years. Superintendent Munro also highlighted a productive meeting with County Health Services Director Monica Morales and expressed appreciation for the opportunity. Lastly, she took a moment to honor the memory of Yolie Diego, a respected Santa Cruz High Spanish Teacher.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon shared updates on the arrival of three new boilers that resolved heating issues smoothly. He also mentioned the success of the Soquel football game, attended by 1,000 people, and expressed how it showcased the strength of the community. Simon further highlighted the achievement of the ethics team, which won the Norcal regionals. He viewed this as a fantastic example of students seizing opportunities, thriving, and collaborating effectively.

Student Board Representative Vazquez-Veloz began her report by highlighting the achievements of winter sports. She then mentioned the upcoming open house, emphasizing the importance of fostering community bonds among parents, staff, and students. Additionally, she noted that the Second Harvest will take place this month where participants have the opportunity to win prizes by donating canned goods. Student Trustee Vazquez-Veloz also pointed out that the FAFSA application has recently opened, and counselors are available to assist students with it. She also discussed plans for a college workshop aimed at assisting students with scholarships and various other aspects, as well as a workshop specifically designed for Cabrillo. Finally, she mentioned that the Gear Up team will be taking students to Fresno State, and the IB film group will be traveling to Paris to participate in a film competition.

Student Board Representative Von Worley began his report by acknowledging the ongoing construction that has been happening since the start of the school year, making its June completion date highly anticipated. Transitioning to sports, he mentioned attending a competition where, despite their loss, he was pleased with Soquel's victory. Mr. Von Worley said that it is nice to see that public schools take a rise in sports and emphasized the positive trend in public school success. Concluding his report, Student Trustee Von Worley highlighted the upcoming FAFSA workshop aimed at assisting families in need, those struggling, or those new to the process.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Meeker commenced her report by mentioning the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Soquel High r the fitness center. She also attended the Bayview Parent Teacher Appreciation event, which included a staff breakfast. She expressed how this event showcased a genuine sense of community. Wrapping up her report, Ms. Meeker discussed her meeting with Superintendent Munro and Trustees Owen and Kelley, where they had the chance to discuss school matters and meet Trustee Kelley's children.

Trustee Threet began her report by expressing appreciation for the perspective of the audience. She had the opportunity to visit Westlake and tour the TK and K classes. Trustee Threet then discussed the campus paint and future parking plans. Moving on, she congratulated the Soquel High Ethics Team for their participation. She concluded her report by sharing her experience at the Soquel High parade, expressing gratitude to Mr. McGuire for leading it. Trustee Threet was pleased to see retired teachers, counselors, and leadership at the event, and she extended special thanks to Head Coach Lowery, who has raised expectations for players which has resulted in the highest GPA for the football team.

Trustee Grossman congratulated the Soquel Football team and discussed his visit to Westlake with Trustee Threet and Superintendent Munro. Mr. Grossman expressed gratitude to Principal Norton for the tour of the campus, noting that it was a pleasure to see where his children had attended school.

Trustee Coonerty expressed her acknowledgment and appreciation for the public's participation in voicing their opinions. She felt their comments demonstrated the caring nature of the town and community towards the district.

Trustee Owen expressed his joy in visiting Bay View Elementary, emphasizing his appreciation for being part of the community. He congratulated the Soquel High football team for their success, saying their win brought the community together in celebration.

Trustee Kelley had no report to share.

Board President's Report

Board President Vestal began her report by commending the Soquel High football team and expressing happiness over the student player's high GPA. She mentioned insights from an interview with Soquel High's head coach, where they discussed the systems in place to support students. Trustee Vestal also shared her positive experience visiting Westlake, where she engaged with students and enthusiastic teachers. She concluded her report with details about the Wellness meeting, mentioning Life Lab partners' support for outdoor education sites through space and professional development, and curriculum enhancement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2023 Meeting. Trustee Meeker seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Threet/Meeker) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of October 25, 2023 Meeting.

2. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2023 Meeting. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Threet/Meeker) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of November 8, 2023 Meeting.

3. Trustee Kelley motioned to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 Meeting. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Abstain	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Kelley/Grossman) 6-1-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of December 6, 2023 Meeting.

4. Trustee Kelley motioned to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 Special Meeting. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Abstain	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Kelley/Grossman) 6–1-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of December 6, 2023 Special Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Ms. Coito provided an update regarding the Special Education Final Settlement Agreement. Vote 7-0.

2. Ms. Parks had no information to share with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
3. Ms. Parks had no information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
4. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.
5. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.
6. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCS Association of Managers and Administrators.
7. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCS Confidential Unit.
8. Ms. Munro provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the Non-Represented Assistant Superintendents.

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Driscoll and the Community Foundation donated \$10,000 to Soquel High School's Football Team to support their participation in the California State Championship.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: Art & Music Programs Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director Julia Hodges to present the Art and Music Programs Update. An extensive presentation was provided by music and art staff from all of our schools. Santa Cruz City Schools students have a variety of opportunities in both art and music. Music classes foster a sense of unity and connect different cultures as well as encourage students to be vulnerable as they learn new skills. Music encourages creative thinking, discipline, leadership, and problem solving. Art classes help students to learn communication, collaboration, creativity, problem solving, self evaluation and perseverance. SCCS students learn all mediums of art throughout their school career. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.2.1 Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan Update: Integrated English Language Development

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director Julia Hodges and Teacher on Special Assignment Kristen Cameron to present the Local Control Accountability Plan Update on Integrated Language Development (I-ELD). Both our Local Control Accountability Plan and our English Learner Master Plan outline our effort to continuously improve instruction and outcomes for our multilingual students. Staff provided an update on professional development and the implementation Integrated English Language Development (I-ELD) at each grade span. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.3.1 Staff Report: Bond Budget Update

Superintendent Munro Introduced Trevor Miller Director of Maintenance and Operations to present the Bond Budget Update. Each quarter staff presents an update on Bond expenditures and the projected budget for the fiscal year. This report reflects Bond expenditures and encumbrances through November 31, 2023. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.4.1

New Business: AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with GSCFT

Superintendent Munro reported that the AB1200 Disclosure of Costs for the proposed agreement for 2023-24 will provide a 5.25% increase on the certificated salary schedule, retroactive to July 1, 2023. Superintendent Munro recommended approval of the AB1200.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with GSCFT. Trustee Owen seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley recommended an Abstain vote on this matter.

MSP (Grossman/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with GSCFT.

8.2.4.1

New Business: AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with SCCCE

Superintendent Munro reported that the AB1200 Disclosure of Costs for the proposed agreement for 2023-24 will provide a 5.25% increase on the classified salary schedule, retroactive to July 1, 2023. Superintendent Munro recommended approval of the AB1200.

Trustee Owen motioned to approve AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with SCCCE. Trustee Meeker seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley abstained from a vote on this matter.

MSP (Owen/Meeker) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the AB1200 for Tentative Agreement with SCCCE.

8.2.4.1

New Business: Tentative Agreement with GSCFT

Assistant Superintendent Parks reported that a Tentative Agreement was reached on December 17, 2023 between Santa Cruz City Schools and the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers. The proposed agreement for 2023-24 will provide a 5.25% increase on the certificated salary schedule, retroactive July 1, 2023. Assistant Superintendent Parks recommended approval of the Tentative Agreement with GSCFT.

Matt Bruner, Co-President of the GSCFT, made a public comment expressing gratitude to Assistant Superintendent Parks and everyone on the negotiations team, as well as colleagues at the union table, for their efforts throughout the lengthy process. Mr. Bruner highlighted the

history of negotiations leading to positive outcomes for both teachers and the district, expressing hope for continuing this process in the future. He also thanked the Board.

Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Tentative agreement with GSCFT. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley abstained from a vote on this matter.

MSP (Threet/Grossman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Tentative agreement with GSCFT.

8.2.4.1 New Business: Tentative Agreement with SCCCE

Assistant Superintendent Parks reported that a Tentative Agreement was reached on December 17, 2023 between Santa Cruz City Schools and the Santa Cruz Council of Classified Employees. The proposed agreement for 2023-24 will provide a 5.25% increase on the certificated salary schedule, retroactive July 1, 2023. Assistant Superintendent Parks recommended approval of the Tentative Agreement with SCCCE.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve Tentative agreement with SCCCE. Trustee Owen seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz abstained from a vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley abstained from a vote on this matter.

MSP (Grossman/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Tentative agreement with SCCCE.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.3.1.1 Second Quarter William’s Report, 8.3.1.2 School Accountability Report Cards, 8.3.1.3 Overnight Field Trip Request: Soquel High School – Hollywood Heritage Music Festival, 8.3.1.4 International Field Trip Request: Soquel High School – Biotech CTE Class to London, 8.3.1.5 Out of State Travel Request: Special Education, 8.3.1.6 A-G Grant Progress Report, 8.3.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.3.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.3.2.3 Budget Transfers, 8.3.2.4 Disposition of Surplus, 8.3.2.5 Notice of Completion, 8.3.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.3 Annual Resolution 10-23-24: Tie Breaker Criteria, 8.3.3.4 Annual Resolution 11-23-24: District Needs, 8.3.3.5 Revised Job Description: Mental Health Specialist, 8.4.1.1

Memorandum of Understanding: Cabrillo College – Running Start, 8.4.1.2 Contract: Galileo Summer Camp, 8.4.2.1 Flash Storage Arrays Project Proposal for Information Technology Department, 8.4.2.2 Contract: Cisco Umbrella Fire Wall Protection Renewal and Upgrade, 8.4.2.3 Harbor High Marquee Repair, 8.4.2.4 Chromebook Purchase with Warranty, 8.4.2.5 Sierra Schools Equipment: Quote: Gault Elementary Schools New Building Furniture, 8.5.1 Bosco Construction Services, Inc.: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Cold Storage, 8.5.2 E-Control Systems, Inc.: Quote: DeLaveaga Elementary School Cold Storage Temperature Sensors, 8.5.3 Fiber Optic Telecom International: Proposal: Soquel High School Electronic Key Card System Access Control Implementation, 8.5.4 M3 Environmental: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Cold Storage, 8.5.5 Moore Twining: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School C&D Modernization Special Inspection and Materials Testing, 8.5.6 Santa Clara Valley Construction Inspections: Change Order 1: Gault Elementary School, 8.5.7 SC Builders: Change Order 2: Soquel High School Fitness Room Modernization Increment 2, 8.5.8 TekVisions Inc.: Quote: Santa Cruz High School Food Service Point of Sale Machines

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

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz abstained from a vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.6 Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

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 8:43 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Study Session on January 31, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on February 14, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on February 28, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on March 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
5. The Regular Board Meeting on March 27, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on April 10, 2024, 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 April 24, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on May 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
9. The Study Session on May 22, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on May 29, 2024, 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 Board Meeting on June 12, 2024, 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