

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
September 20, 2023**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Owen called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:02p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Owen called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:44p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

John Owen	Patricia Threet	Kevin Grossman	Angela Meeker
Claudia Vestal	Sheila Coonerty		

Remote: Kyle Kelley

Student Board Representative, Matthew Simon
Student Board Representative, Jimena Vazquez Veloz
Student Board Representative, Zach Von Worley

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

Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board President Owen welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Remote Attendance

Superintendent Munro requested approval of the board on behalf of Trustee Kelley to be allowed to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance permissions. Trustee Kelley requested remote attendance via the emergency circumstance exemption. Trustee Kelley was recovering from a surgical procedure.

Trustee Threet motioned to approve Trustee Kelley to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance. Trustee Vestal 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 a yes vote on this matter.

3.3 Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

Agenda Item 8.2.2.3 Annual Resolution 06-23-24 GANN Limits was missing the Unaudited Actuals Fiscal Year 2022-23 School District Appropriations Limit Calculations worksheet.

A Vote on Student Expulsion #01-23-24 was unintentionally left off the agenda. The vote will be agenda item 8.1.2 and will come after the Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began her report by discussing the positive turnout at the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meeting with 20 students in attendance. Ms. Munro recounted the numerous professional development events - highlighting the Grading Inquiry Project meeting at the COE where Director Julia Hodges helped to facilitate county wide professional learning. Ms. Munro concluded her report by updating the board on the latest Vision 2030 Committee meeting where members reviewed outcomes from the Spring meeting, shared enrollment and housing updates, and launched sub committee work. Ms. Munro reported that the subcommittee for the potential District Office move would be tabled for now, stating that since enrollment has been increasing, moving the District Office to a school site should be short sighted. The committee's next steps include looking at Endowment funds for the district, what sustainability officers do at other districts and what the next steps are regarding long term fiscal projections.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon shared that Soquel High students have been participating in the Superintendent's Race and Equity Council and are excited about the opportunity to offer feedback and input. Mr. Simon shared that in October, Principal Greg O'Meara's student advisory council will convene. Students from every grade level have been invited to participate. Mr. Simon ended his report by sharing that school spirit is high and students are excited about all the opportunities to participate in their school learning.

Student Board Representative Vazquez Veloz shared that staff is working on six-week progress reports, with teachers working with students to turn in late or missing work. Ms. Vazquez Veloz said that the Homecoming Dance was coming up along with the Homecoming Football game, saying that students are getting excited through spirit week, float building and games on campus. Ms. Vazquez Veloz concluded her report by sharing that the Interact Club had a great community service day at Westlake Elementary.

Student Board Representative Von Worley shared that Santa Cruz High was in the middle of their spirit week where competitions between grade levels and staff was ongoing, noting that the Seniors are currently in second place. Mr. Von Worley shared that the Cardinal Connect program has been worked on and is continually improving. Mr. Von Worley ended his report by sharing that the weight room improvement project is in progress and looking good.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Meeker began her report by sharing that she had a great and productive meeting with the new GSCFT Co-Presidents over coffee. Ms. Meeker also attended the Wellness Committee meeting where they heard from Student and Food Services. Ms. Meeker was pleased to see how forward-thinking district leadership is. Trustee Meeker concluded her report by sharing that she visited Santa Cruz High and was pleased with how engaged the students were in discussing their learning.

Trustee Threet also visited Santa Cruz High with Trustee Meeker and Vestal, saying she was very impressed with their intercom system's ability to reach all students. Ms. Threet said that every classroom they visited was engaging from the AP Literature class to the Credit Recovery class. Trustee Threet ended by saying that she was looking forward to the next phases of bond work at Santa Cruz High.

Trustee Grossman had a meeting with Superintendent Munro and Trustee Coonerty earlier in the week that went well. Trustee Grossman shared that he had nothing else to report except that his Santa Cruz High Freshman was very excited about Homecoming and the dance later in the week.

Trustee Coonerty had no report to share.

Trustee Vestal thanked Director of Facilities Services Trevor Miller for answering all questions while on the electric bus tour of Bond projects. Trustee Vestal said that it was exciting to see completed projects and that all campuses were looking good. Ms. Vestal also commended Director of Food Services Amy Hedrick-Farr for sharing upcoming menu changes at the Wellness Committee meeting, which include more international dishes and vegetarian options. Trustee Vestal concluded her report by congratulating Mary Gaukel Forester for being awarded the Santa Cruz Community Hero Award, saying she has served the district in many different roles and the award was well deserved.

Trustee Kelley shared that he enjoyed the Bond bus tour and was delighted to ride on the new electric school bus.

Board President's Report

Board President Owen shared that he attended the Vision 2030 Committee and that while the focus and outcomes may be changing, he feels it is a very important exercise in collaboration and he hopes that they continue to use this tool to make outcomes better for students. Trustee Owen ended by sharing that he also attended the Bond bus tour and was pleased to see all the work that is being done.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Ms. Parks did have information to share with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments. Vote 7-0
2. Ms. Parks did not have information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.

4. Ms. Parks did not provide an update to or receive direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.
5. Ms. Coito provided trustees with information regarding student expulsion #01-23-24.

Acknowledgement of Gifts

None

Vote on Student Expulsion #01-23-24

Trustee Vestal motioned to accept the District's recommendation and expel student #01-23-24. Trustee Coonerty 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

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: Transitional Kindergarten Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Learning and Achievement for Elementary, Shannon Calden to present the Transitional Kindergarten Update to the Board. California Education Code Section 8281.5 requires the implementation of Universal Prekindergarten (also known as Transitional Kindergarten) for all four-year-olds beginning in the 2022-23 school year. The Transitional Kindergarten length of day is the same as Kindergarten, and for the first time, Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten students have full day classes. 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: Bond Budget Update

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Director of Facility Services Trevor Miller 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 August 31, 2023. Mr. Miller discussed the ongoing and completed bond updates 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.

8.2.2.2 New Business: 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented on the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals. The 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals represent the final fiscal year-end report for 2022-23. The General Fund was projected to end the fiscal year with an ending balance of \$21.4M, and the unaudited actual ending balance is \$43.6M. This reflects a \$8M increase in the Unrestricted Ending Balance and a \$14.2M increase in the Restricted Ending Balance, a net increase of \$22.2M. This reflects SCCS continued use over the past three years of the one-time ESSER funds to continue programs and services that have assisted students and staff during the pandemic. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Student Trustee Simon abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.
 Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.
 Student Von Worley abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.

8.2.2.3 **New Business: Annual Resolution 06-23-24: GANN Limits**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forward Annual Resolution 06-23-24: GANN Limits. In November 1979, the California electorate passed Proposition 4, commonly referred to as the "Gann Amendment," to the California Constitution. The Gann Amendment requires each government agency and school district in California to adopt an expenditure limitation based upon its appropriations in 1978-79, adjusted by the annual changes in the consumer price index and annual changes in population. This is a routine resolution presented to the Board annually since the passage of Proposition 4. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of Annual Resolution 06-23-24: GANN Limits.

Trustee Vestal motioned to approve Annual Resolution 06-23-24: GANN Limits. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Student Trustee Simon abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.
 Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.
 Student Von Worley abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.

Assistant Superintendent Monreal thanked everyone in the District for their work on the report, saying it was a combined effort from Student Services, Human Resources and Business Services.

8.2.3.1 **Staff Report: Certificated Recruitment and Retention Efforts**

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented a report on Certificated Recruitment and Retention Efforts. Santa Cruz City Schools has been proactive in recruiting and retaining administrators, classified, and certificated employees. The employee shortage has affected all industries including education. SCCS has changed practices and procedures, especially in the last five years, to try to meet the hiring needs of the district. A few of the changes include how we hire and welcome new employees, stay interviews, making the application process more accessible, attending off-site job fairs, and hosting several job fairs throughout the year. We have seen some successes in our practice as evidenced by being fully staffed for classroom teachers during the past years, which has not been the trend in our county or state. Our working conditions survey for the past three years has shown an average of 96% to 97% of employees stating that SCCS is a great place to work. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.4.1 **Staff Report: Superintendent Goals**

Superintendent Munro presented the Superintendent's Goals for the 2023-24 school year. Superintendent Munro 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 support each student’s success every day. This report detailed goals for the 2023-24 school year. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Stephanie Lovejoy, parent at Monarch Elementary, thanked staff for updating their website stating that it has been helpful for new parents to be able to navigate information regarding the school and that it was very much appreciated.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

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 Bond Oversight Committee Appointments, 8.3.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.3 Revised Job Description: Classroom Teacher, 8.3.3.4 New Job Description: Roving School Administrative Assistant, 8.3.3.5 Credential Waiver for Administrative Services Credential, 8.4.1.1 Consultant Services Agreement: Leslie Williams, HOLA Language Services, 8.4.1.2 Contract: Renewal: Celtx Pro Software License, 8.4.1.3 Consultant Services Agreement: Sylvia Patience, 8.4.1.4 Contract: Vector Solutions, 8.4.2.1 Memorandum of Understanding: San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District Regarding Student Transportation, 8.4.2.2 ResoluteGuard LLC and SAFER Agreement for Liability Coverage, 8.4.2.3 Memorandum of Understanding: Santa Cruz County Office of Education Agreement for Translation Services, 8.4.3.1 Consultant Services Agreement: Mary Gaukel, 8.4.3.2 Consultant Services Agreement: Anthony Marcopulos, 8.4.3.3 Consultant Services Agreement: Laurie Brunton, 8.5.1 Atlantis Paving & Grading: Proposal: Bay View Elementary School Storm Drain Repair, 8.5.2 PSR Electric: Proposal: Transportation Charging, 8.5.3 Strawn Construction, Inc.: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Envelope Improvements

Trustee Threet commented on agenda item 8.3.2.5 Bond Oversight Committee Appointments, thanking Mr. Labadie, Mr. Crossley and Mr. Kennedy for stepping up and applying for the role, stating that she thought the District would have a strong committee moving forward.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approved the consent agenda. Trustee Coonerty 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 abstained from an advisory vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes 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 Owen adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Study Session on September 27, 2023, 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 October 11, 2023, 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 October 25, 2023, 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 November 8, 2023, 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 November 15, 2023, 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 December 13, 2023, 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 Board Meeting on January 17, 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 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. 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

John Owen, President
Board of Education