

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 11, 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 6:36 p.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

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began her report by discussing the Interact Fall Leadership Conference and Superintendent's Student Advisory meeting where student leaders spoke and shared ideas for improvements in the district. Ms. Munro shared that she met with staff from the County Office of Education (COE) to discuss the summer school pilot that will be fully funded by the COE, with the exception of ESY. Ms. Munro discussed the many professional development trainings and meetings that have occurred where staff have been able to work together, including the first Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting. Ms. Munro was pleased to have visited the Santa Clara Unified educator housing project with staff and union members. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by providing an update on the Vision 2030 Committee where participants learned about the district marketing plan, tabled the District Office Move subcommittee, and continued with the Energy Savings and Revenue Generation subcommittees. Ms. Munro shared that next steps included reviewing housing and enrollment impacts and discussing potential shifts in school boundaries for more balanced enrollment given upcoming housing developments.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon shared that the Soquel High Homecoming week was full of spirit with a fun rally and dance. Mr. Simon was excited to share that the new fitness center, outdoor basketball court and weight room plans had been finalized with a finish date set in early 2024. Student Trustee Simon then shared that the students and staff helped raise the pride flag and staff received training from the Safe Schools Project on supporting LGBTQ students in honor of LGBTQ month. Mr. Simon concluded his report by sharing that he had taken the SAT the past weekend and was happy to have completed it.

Student Board Representative Vazquez Veloz shared that Harbor High had a successful homecoming; students voted for the student with the most school spirit to promote a positive school community, instead of a homecoming king or queen as those titles can often result in a "popularity" contest. Harbor also won their own football homecoming game, the first since 2008, so students were very excited about the victory. Ms. Vazquez Veloz concluded by reporting that there was a teacher work day next week for Professional Development and facilities improvements.

Student Board Representative Von Worley stated that Santa Cruz high students were preparing for finals the next week and that the cafeteria workers had been listening to student input by making dishes that more students wanted. Mr. Von Worley discussed the visit from the Plant to Plant organization where they highlighted local farmers who supply produce to SCCS. Mr. Von Worley concluded his report promoting next week's events such as Senior Nights and College Week.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Meeker began her report by sharing that she attended the LGBTQ Task Force, highlighting hearing from Rhiannon Soto from Branciforte Middle School who discussed the Muskequeers presence on campus and their

ability to create a climate of affirmation and trust. Ms. Meeker also attended the Vision 2030 Committee, she commended Superintendent Munro for her work. Trustee Meeker went on to say that the committee was an energizing group focused on moving forward and sustaining through difficult times.

Trustee Threet shared that she met with union leaders and was happy to have had the time to engage in conversation with them, and was appreciative for the tone of collaboration from both the administration and the unions. Ms. Threet also toured Soquel High School and thanked Principal Greg O'Meara for walking her through the campus, adding that they witnessed engaged classrooms in Chemistry, Physics, BioChemistry and Agriculture. Ms. Threet attended the Soquel High Homecoming game and parade, the only in the county, and thanked the staff who worked these events with long hours throughout the week. Ms. Threet concluded her report by saying that everyone should attend the Santa Cruz High Band Review, as well as the Soquel High Farm to Table dinner - both of which are incredible events with many students participating.

Trustee Grossman began by reporting that he was happy that the Soquel High Farm to Table event sold out, but was sad that he was on the waitlist. Mr. Grossman acknowledged the student trustees saying that he really enjoyed the updates they gave and participation on the board, thanking them for their service. Mr. Grossman concluded his report by sharing that he attended the Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting, CTE Advisory Committee and trustee meetings.

Trustee Coonerty shared with the board that although she has been unable to move around easily as of late, she has enjoyed sitting on her porch to see students running around the neighborhood enjoying Fall. Ms. Coonerty thanked the student trustees for their informative and lively presentations and thanked the board for all the work they have been doing this year.

Trustee Vestal shared that she attended the DELTA High School Back to School Night, highlighting the student tour guide who discussed all the opportunities he appreciated that DELTA is able to offer to him. Ms. Vestal also attended two DELTA board meetings where they worked on revising policies that should be finalized early next month. Ms. Vestal concluded her report by saying that the LGBTQ Task Force meeting was inspirational to see such a diverse group of people working towards supporting LGBTQ students, staff and families. Ms. Vestal thanked Rob Darrow and Ron Indra for their support and history with the program.

Trustee Kelley shared that he attended the Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting. He also toured Santa Clara Unified employee housing with the president of the unions where they heard about what was working and what wasn't with their educator housing. Mr. Kelley concluded his report by discussing the collaboration between himself and SCCS staff for their CSBA Annual Education Conference report on Chat GPT as a tool for teaching and learning.

Board President's Report

Board President Owen began his report by sharing that he participated in the Budget Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appreciated the work that Assistant Superintendent Monreal put in to help clarify questions for the Board. President Owen also toured the Soquel High campus, saying that there was a lot of work left to do with the bond, but he felt that they were on the right track. Mr. Owen ended his report by discussing the Santa Clara Unified educator housing tour saying he had two main takeaways - the first being that in twenty years they wanted something that was still in good shape like Santa Clara's facilities, impressing the importance of building quality housing instead of disposable housing that won't last. The second take away being that the Santa Clara district was incredibly gracious and ready to share lessons about what they've learned regarding what has gone well and what has not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Minutes of August 16, 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 Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Threet/Meeker) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of August 16, 2023 Meeting.

2. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Minutes of September 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 – 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.

MSP (Threet/Grossman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of September 6, 2023 Meeting.

3. Trustee Meeker motioned to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2023 Meeting. Trustee Threet 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 Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

MSP (Meeker/Threet) 6-1-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of September 20, 2023 Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Ms. Parks shared information 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 provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.
5. Ms. Coito provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding the Settlement Agreement. Vote 7-0.
6. Ms. Coito provided trustees with information regarding student expulsion #02-23-24.

Vote on Student Expulsion #02-23-24

Trustee Vestal motioned to accept the District’s recommendation and expel student #02-23-24. Trustee Meeker seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Kelley – Yes	Meeker – Yes	Threet – No	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: LGBTQ Task Force Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Student Services Casey O’Brien to present the LGBTQ Task Force Update. The LGBTQIA+ Task Force was formed in 2016-2017 and is a collaborative partnership to support the LGBTQIA+ students and families of Santa Cruz City Schools. This group of SCCS K-12 staff and community members work in collaboration to increase awareness of current LGBTQIA+ issues regarding curriculum, climate, policy, and resources. Additionally, the Task Force works to raise awareness and provide timely and appropriate support to LGBTQIA+ students, families, and staff. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.1.2 Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Update: MTSS Behavioral Interventions and Support

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Student Services Casey O’Brien to present the Local Control Accountability Update: MTSS Behavioral Interventions and Support. In a recent national survey, 70% of educator respondents stated that student behavioral disruption has increased since the 2019-2020 school year. Current behavioral data trends show that there has been an increase in students causing injury to others in elementary and, in secondary, there has been an increase in both causing injury to others and substance abuse. As such, Santa Cruz City Schools has implemented critical components of a strong MTSS tiered, behavioral program. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Matt Bruner, Co-President for GSCFT, spoke in public comment addressing the impact of student behavior on classroom instruction and on teacher burnout. He provided suggestions and noted the importance of supporting teachers.

8.2.2.1 Staff Report: Workforce Housing Update

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Director of Facility Services Trevor Miller and Ralph LaRoux from 19.6 Architecture to present the Workforce Housing Update. As plans move

forward with the Educator Housing project following the successful passage of Measures K & L, staff have prepared an update for keeping the public and Board informed of plans and progress. Staff discussed the process by which they will award the construction bid for the housing proposal. Staff showed Trustees the timeline created for completion with an ideal occupancy date of June 2027. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.3.1.1 Out of State Travel Request: Special Education, 8.3.1.2 Overnight International Field Trip Request: Harbor High, 8.3.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.3.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.3.2.3 Disposition of Surplus, 8.3.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.3 Revised Job Description and Salary Placement: System Support Specialist, 8.3.3.4 Variable Term Waiver: Special Day Class Teacher, 8.3.3.5 Variable Term Waiver: Music Teacher, 8.3.3.6 Out of State Travel Request: Human Resources, 8.4.1.1 Consultant Services Agreement: Steve McDowell, 8.4.1.2 Consultant Services Agreement: Johnnie Wilson, 8.4.1.3 Independent Consultant Agreement: Deborah Bell, 8.4.1.4 Contract: Maxim Staffing Services: Special Education, 8.4.1.5 iPad Purchase for Newcomer Students, 8.4.1.6 Contract: Maxim Staffing Master, 8.4.1.7 Contract: Addendum: Victor Services, 8.4.2.1 Ford E-Transit OEM Electric Passenger Van Purchase, 8.4.2.2 Repair, Replace, Expand Distribution Frame at District Office, 8.4.2.3 101 Builders, Inc.: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Relocatable Classroom Building Grading, 8.4.2.4 Alpha Air Balancing Agency, Inc.: Proposal: Bayview Elementary School Sustainability HVAC Balancing and Testing, 8.4.2.5 Cypress Engineering Group: Proposal: Bayview Elementary School Sustainability Commissioning, 8.4.2.6 PSR Electric: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Relocatable Classroom Building Electrical, 8.4.2.7 Resolution 07-23-24: Emergency Boiler, 8.5.1 Anixter, Inc.: Proposal: Soquel High School Door Hardware, 8.5.2 Bartos Architecture: Amendment Agreement 23/24, 8.5.3 Bosco Construction Services, Inc.: Contract: Harbor High School Transportation Electric Vehicle Charging, 8.5.4 CRW Industries, Inc.: Change Order 1: Harbor High School MPR Cold Storage Addition, 8.5.5 Hart Floor Company: Change Order 1: Harbor High School Gym Floor Refinishing, 8.5.6 ID Distributors: Quote: Districtwide Electronic Key Cards, 8.5.7 Peartree+Belli Architects Inc.: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Softball Field Improvements, 8.5.8 PG&E: Contract: Branciforte Small Schools, 8.5.9 SC Builders: Change Order 1: Soquel High School Fitness Room Modernization Increment 2

Trustee Meeker commented on 8.5.7 Peartree+Belli Architects Inc.: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Softball Field Improvements saying that she deeply appreciated the community and district support of field work, especially for some of the sports that are less physical and sports that are entry level for students just diving into the world of sports.

Trustee Coonerty motioned to approve the consent agenda. 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 abstained from a 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

Trustee Vestal asked if it was the will of the Board for DELTA to provide a report to the Board before they renew their charter. The Board decided to do an interim report on the charter through a short public comment to keep Trustees updated.

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 8:41 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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