

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
November 8, 2023**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Owen called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:14p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Trustee Coonerty left the board meeting at 6:32p.m.

Convene Open Session

Board President Owen called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:36p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

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

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

Absent: 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.

Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

Agenda Item 8.5.4 19six Architects Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades has been moved to agenda item number 8.2.1.3 New Business: 19six Architects Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades under Items to Be Transacted and/or Discussed. The contract proposal was mistakenly put under the consent agenda.

A correction was also made to the slide deck of agenda item 8.2.2.3 Staff Report: Annual District Goals and Metrics Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Yee, a parent of a Santa Cruz High student, spoke to the Board regarding facilities rental policies. Mr. Yee shared his view that the process for attaining field permits has been difficult and inconsistent, adding that

in season sports were not being given priority to use the fields. Mr. Yee asked the Board to review the rental permit process.

Matt Bruner, Co-President of GSCFT, spoke to the Board to honor Glenn Schaller who had recently passed away. Mr. Bruner discussed Mr. Schaller's many accomplishments in the community which include assisting with the passing of Parcel Tax and Bond measures and being a labor leader in the Central Coast. Mr. Bruner and the Union wanted to honor Mr. Schaller and his legacy of hard work and dedication within the labor movement and beyond.

Marie Garcia, a neighbor of Gault Elementary, expressed her concerns regarding pick up and drop off traffic that negatively impacts neighbors. Ms. Garcia's internet connection was poor and the Board was unable to hear her. Superintendent Munro requested that Ms. Garcia send an email to Ms. Munro so that she could personally follow up to her specific concerns.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro shared that school sites administered the PSAT for all 10th and 11th grade students. Ms. Munro discussed recent events for Halloween and Dia de los Muertos festivities such as the Branciforte Middle School Tamalada, and the 75th Annual Gault Halloween Parade. Ms. Munro also attended the County Children's Behavioral Health Meeting; the District's LGBTQIA Task Force met and she met with the Director of O'Neill Sea Odyssey, amongst others. Superintendent Munro said that she was looking forward to attending the Breaking Barriers Conference next week alongside the County Health Department, the County Office of Education, Pajaro Unified representatives and other community partners. Ms. Munro was pleased to announce that the District received a 10k grant from the Commission for Prevention of Violence Against Women for Vector Training. The Housing Educator Project Interviews were concluded and Ms. Munro shared that the District would be bringing a contract to the Board in December for approval. Ms. Munro discussed the final Vision 2030 Committee wherein members finalized subcommittee recommendations, noting that a full update will be given to the Board on December 13th. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by remembering Glen Schaller, having met him early in her educational career she remembers him as a parent, passionate labor advocate, and supportive voice for students.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon spoke about the Soquel High Dia De Los Muertos celebrations which included a Mariachi Band performance, singing from the Spanish classes, and traditional food and drinks including Pan de Muerto and hot chocolate. He described the public altar, or *ofrenda*, where students were invited to give reverence to family members who had passed away. Mr. Simon was particularly touched by photos of Soquel students who had passed away this year. Mr. Simon then discussed the most recent Principal's Advisory Committee where there are students from many different demographics of the school providing valuable input and ideas for school improvement.

Student Board Representative Vazquez Veloz spoke of an exciting win for the girls volleyball team and students wrapping up the grading period before finals week. Students were also completing IB Prep which consists of practice oral examinations to prepare for testing in the Spring. Ms. Vazquez Veloz shared that the art class went to a museum in San Francisco and the AVID program took a trip to CSU Monterey Bay. Ms. Vazquez Veloz concluded her report by sharing that Harbor finished their collaborative Fall play run with Soquel High titled *Man of All Seasons*.

Student Board Representative Von Worley began by discussing the end of College Week which helped students to solidify their applications and provide accessibility for those who don't readily have resources at home. Mr. Von Worley discussed the student produced play, *Chateau de la Roach*, which had its final showing. He said that it was incredible to see students doing all manner of work to produce the play, from acting to directing to working as stage hands. Santa Cruz High is set to have their Winter Formal at the UCSC Hay Barn, the students have chosen a blizzard theme. Mr. Von Worley concluded his report by sharing numerous other winter events that were happening on campus from the Rainbow Alliance Tie Dye Event, to the BSU Open Mic, to the EL Advisory Committee Meeting on Mental Health.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Meeker began her report by sharing that she attended the Dia De Las Muertos celebration that was organized by Senderos and the MAH which included a beautiful ofrenda from Bay View Elementary and the Soquel High Mariachi band. Ms. Meeker also discussed attending the LGBTQ Committee with Trustee Vestal where the committee discussed how to best support students who were transitioning with their privacy and honoring their identity. Ms. Meeker concluded her report by stating she participated in a productive Vision 2030 Committee meeting and that she looked forward to considering the recommendations made at the December board meeting.

Trustee Kelley stated that he attended the Educator Housing meetings and was happy about the progress being made. Mr. Kelley shared his condolences for the passing of Glenn Schaller saying that he will deeply miss him and the guidance he has provided to Mr. Kelley in his life.

Trustee Threet began by sharing her appreciation for the student representatives for the richness and clarity that they provide regarding the everyday life of students. Ms. Threet shared that is an exciting time for sports in the District as many teams are competing in the top tiers of their divisions. Trustee Threet concluded her report by expressing her support for Glenn Schaller's family, saying that he was a champion for Labor with great insight into the educational system and that she wishes his family peace.

Trustee Grossman excitedly discussed attending Gault Elementary's annual Halloween parade, as well as the trick-or-treating event downtown where he saw many SCCS students and families dressed up. Mr. Grossman concluded his report by discussing his visit to Branciforte Middle School with Superintendent Munro and Trustee Kelley. They visited Math and US History classes where students were engaged in their learning.

Trustee Vestal began by commending Bookshop Santa Cruz who sponsored a book launching event for author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, Jeff Kinney, at the Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium. Ms. Vestal said the auditorium was almost filled to capacity, and through their game show theme audience members were able to go onstage to win money for their school library. Bay View Elementary librarian April Porterfield won \$1500 for the school. Ms. Vestal also attended the LGBTQ Task Force meeting where they had interesting and good discussion around name changes and use of pronouns. Ms. Vestal also remembered Glenn Schaller, sharing that she met in the early 70s and she sent her condolences. Trustee Vestal concluded her report by thanking Food Services for the deliciously nutritious meals that the Board has been served at meetings saying they are much appreciated.

Board President's Report

Board President Owen began by sending his condolences to Glenn Schaller's family. Mr. Owen said he did not know Glenn but that he sounded like a wonderful person. Mr. Owen then thanked staff, teachers, leaders and all those who put work into the Vision 2030 Committee meetings saying they had a lot of great discussions and

he was grateful to hear everyone's input. Mr. Owen also attended the Educator Housing meeting, saying that a developer should be chosen soon but he felt that no matter who they chose the District would be in good hands.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Ms. Munro had no information to share with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Munro had no information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Ms. Munro provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.
4. Ms. Munro did not provide an update to and received no direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.
5. Ms. Coito provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding the Final Settlement Agreement. Vote 7-0.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: Annual Food Services Update

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Director of Food Services Amy Hederick-Farr to present the Annual Food Services Update. Ms. Hederick-Farr discussed program achievements, participation, budget and 2023-24 goals. Director Hederick-Farr noted during her report that every apple served to students (with the exception of during the flooding) came from Smith Apple Farms in Watsonville. The apples are organic and Food Services served 30,000 pounds of apples last year. 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: Update on Bond Projects

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced 19six Architect Ralph le Roux to present the Update on Bond Projects. Mr. la Roux presented on the Measures A and B bond projects at Bay View Elementary, DeLaveaga Elementary, Branciforte Small Schools, and Soquel High. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.1.3 New Business: 19six Architects Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Director of Facility Services Trevor Miller to present the 19six Architects Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades. The Board previously approved a master agreement with 19Six Architects Inc. (formerly Madi Architecture) on 2/1/17. This agreement amendment is for architectural services for the full replacement of the heating ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system and modernization of the main building of Santa Cruz High School. Superintendent Monreal

recommended approval of the 19six Architects Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP (Threet/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the 19six Architects Inc.:Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Building A Modernization and HVAC Upgrades.

8.2.2.1 New Business: Secondary World Language Curriculum Adoption

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Learning and Achievement Julia Hodges to present the Secondary World Language Curriculum Adoption. The current World Language textbooks in SCCS were adopted over 15 years ago. Staff participated in an adoption process that included piloting curriculum. Feedback from both staff and students identified Vista's Senderos Spanish program as the highest rated curriculum by teachers and students. In addition, the District has one French program at Santa Cruz High School. The French teacher is using the French version of the Senderos Curriculum. Her students concur that it is a quality program. Staff recommend that the French texts also be adopted along with the new Spanish texts. Assistant Superintendent Coito and Director Hodges recommended approval of the Secondary World Language Curriculum Adoption. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP (Vestal/Grossman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Secondary World Language Curriculum Adoption.

8.2.2.2 Staff Report: Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Directors of Learning and Achievement Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges to present the Annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Test Results. Spring of 2023 marks the second year that California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) administration has occurred since the pandemic. The purpose of these assessments is to give students, parents, teachers, schools, and districts information regarding individual students' level of proficiency, as well as trends in school and district proficiency data in reference to the California Common Core State Standards. The District also uses these assessments as a data point to help determine if we are getting closer to closing the achievement gap. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the board at this time.

Jody Kropholler spoke on behalf of the GSCFT as Co-President. Mr. Kropholler thanked Directors Julia Hodges and Shannon Calden for collating the data and for being consistent allies and supporters of teachers. Mr. Kropholler discussed ways to help target students who are struggling by advocating for small classrooms in elementary schools. Mr. Kropholler ended by asking that the Board continue to ask teachers what they need, saying they would have a hard time finding anyone else who is more invested in the success of students.

Student Trustee Matthew Simon pondered that Soquel's Science scores may be higher because the science classes offered are extremely diverse, noting that the chemistry, physics and CTE BioTech courses provide different avenues for students to learn and enjoy science.

8.2.2.3 Staff Report: Annual District Goals and Metrics Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Directors of Learning and Achievement Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges to present the Annual District Goals and Metrics Update. Each year, the Santa Cruz City Schools administration team reviews the Santa Cruz City Schools Goals and Metrics' data as well as individual school data to determine trends and patterns that inform

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 9:13 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Study Session on December 6, 2023, 6:00 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 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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