

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
March 8, 2022**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Owen called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None.

Convene Open Session

Board President Owen called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Student Board Representative Eva Diop
Student Board Representative Neveah Karraker
Student Board Representative Lynda Otero

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

Item 8.1.3.3 New Job Description: Registered Behavior Technician Special Education dates of approval for Personnel Commission date correction to March.

Item 8.5.3.1 New Business: Resolution #31-22-23 NonReelect of Probationary Certificated Employees was amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro shared that Summer School planning is well on its way with hiring of summer school

Principals and more staff hiring during the job fair. Currently, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program assessments are happening at our secondary sites. Superintendent Munro met with COE Leadership regarding Mental Health Memorandums of Understanding and anticipates several meetings in the next couple of weeks. She appreciated the COE for their support in these conversations. The Superintendent attended the Grading for Equity Cohort Meeting in which many of the secondary schools have a cohort, and shared how wonderful it is to see their dialogue about making grading meaningful for students and their families. Superintendent Munro shared pictures from the Spring Job Fair, in which five job offers were made, pending reference checks, and talked to many delightful people interested in Santa Cruz City Schools. She thanked Trustees Kelley, Owen and Threet who visited Jefferson Union School District Educator Housing. Mrs. Munro thanks Shannon Calden and Jose Quevedo for hosting DELAC Meeting on Monday night; Mr. Quevedo made amazing mole. COVID cases are currently plateauing and March COVID cases are slightly trending down compared to last month.

Students' Report

Student Board Representative Eva Diop reported that Santa Cruz High School's Band got invited to Carnegie Hall, which is an amazing honor. Baseball season, among other sports, has begun and the season is looking good. The Black Student Union is connecting with the Principal's Advisory Committee to improve the school's environment, and along with the Race and Equity Committee, they have been able to work with staff and students to talk about microaggression and other topics. The Black Student Union has also started working on Black Graduation, but more information is to be released after Spring Break. They are focusing on reaching out to students County wide, instead of focusing on Santa Cruz High School. Seniors are focusing on obtaining their caps and gowns and on maintaining their attendance this spring.

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker reported that Harbor High school's extracurriculars are flourishing, where the MESA club competed in an engineering and computer programming event. Upcoming events include the Mock Trial Extravaganza for students to show their skills and raise funds selling their merchandise. The Girls Beach Volleyball has been excelling with several wins just like the swim and basketball teams. A petition to improve the feminine product available at Harbor has been started by a fellow student, and 179 students have signed the petition. Student Board Representative Nevaeh reported that students are now taking their internal assessments for International Baccalaureate and CAASP

Student Board Representative Lynda Otero reported that Soquel High community feels left in the dark regarding safety matters, specifically the recent arrest made on campus. The school administration is doing their best to improve their communication and be in contact with her before Board Meetings. AVID class has received their new shirts and they have not looked this good since the 2019-20 school year. Annual Powder Puff game preparations have started, and spring sports are here. Student Board Representative Lynda encourages the public to catch a game of Baseball, Softball, boys and/or girls Lacrosse, and Beach Volleyball. Next week the Multicultural Club will be selling whipped cream pies for Pi Day, and all proceeds will go to those impacted by the Syria and Turkey earthquakes. Ms. Otero wished good luck to Seniors waiting to hear back from Colleges and Universities about their acceptance and hopes that the three trustees that visited Soquel High school really enjoyed seeing the beautiful campus.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Threet reported that she was able to visit Jefferson Union School District to tour their educator housing and was very happy to speak with their Board President and Vice President who were the catalyst to make that project happen. She heard a lot of interesting concerns from all different levels and hopes to have the opportunity to see how these will be worked out. Trustee Threet also visited Mission Hill Middle school

and stated it was nice to see Mr. Kendall and such a beautiful campus. She really appreciated what they did with their display cases in the hall filled with yearbooks dating back many years.

Trustee Grossman reported that he had the opportunity to attend a webinar for school Board Members which topic was on how schools are supporting the different needs of English Learners throughout the districts. Mr. Grossman was able to attend the screening of Screenagers at Santa Cruz High School and thought it was an important video which talks about the mental health of all students and the impact of social media and isolation. Trustee Grossman visited Mission Hill Middle School with Trustee Kelley and Trustee Threet.

Trustee Meeker wanted to acknowledge the current weather and how it is impacting families and schools and hopes everyone is keeping safe throughout the current weather conditions. Ms. Meeker had the opportunity to visit Soquel High School and had the opportunity to do brunch supervision, which she found fun to do. Trustee Meeker said that she is looking forward to the Vision 2030 meeting and hopes to get a chance to hear about data available and projections looking forward. She will be volunteering at the STEAM Expo where many Santa Cruz City School students will be exposing their science fair projects.

Trustee Vestal reported that she also had the opportunity to visit Soquel High School campus and found it to be beautiful and inviting. Ms. Vestal will be attending the Delta Board Meeting and will have a board training session as well.

Trustee Kelley reported that he also had the opportunity to visit Jefferson Union High School District, along with Trustee Owen and Trustee Threet. Mr. Kelley found their housing project to be fascinating, noting that there are great communal areas and areas where staff can lesson plan.

Trustee Coonerty wanted to express her gratitude to be able to have close captioning during Board meetings. Ms. Coonerty is grateful to see that Special Education students now have more access to services to continue their education.

Board President's Report

Board President Owen echoed Trustee Kelley and Trustee Threet's impressions on the educator's housing project and is really reinvigorated to see Santa Cruz City Schools project moving forward. Mr. Owen attended the Tech Coach Session and found it interesting and valuable the wide variety of subjects that were covered. Trustee Owen is very proud of Santa Cruz High School band being one of the six bands across the country to be invited to Carnegie Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.1.1 Overnight Field Trip-Monarch Community Elementary – Point Reyes Outdoor Education; 8.1.1.2 Overnight Field Trip – Alternative Family Education – Oregon Shakespeare Festival; 8.1.1.3 Overnight Field Trip – Alternative Family Education – Sutter's Fort State Historic Park; 8.1.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes; 8.1.2.2. Warrant Register; 8.1.3.1. Certificated Personnel Actions; 8.1.3.2. Classified Personnel Actions; 8.1.3.3 New Job Description: Registered Behavior Technician Special Education; 8.2.1.1 Nonpublic School Contract Amendment: BRITE Horizon; 8.2.1.2. Consultation Services Agreement: Bert Post; 8.2.2.1 Resolution #34-22-23: Change Electric Bus Manufacturer; 8.2.2.2 Resolution #35-22-23: Re-apply for Funding With New Electric Bus Manufacturer;

8.2.2.3 GV Land Surveying: Proposal: Educator Housing Surveying and Mapping Services; 8.2.2.4 Agreement with Santa Cruz County Office of Education for Network and Internet Services; 8.2.4.1 School Resource Officer Amendment Agreement: Santa Cruz County Sheriff; 8.3.1 Belli Architectural Group Inc.: Change Order 1: Branciforte Middle School Modernization; 8.3.2 Consolidated Plumbing Inc.: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Storm Drain Line Replacement; 8.3.3 Daktronics: Quote: Soquel High School Athletic Field Scoreboard; 8.3.4 GV Land Surveying: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Surveying and Mapping Services; 8.3.5 GV Land Surveying: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Surveying and Mapping Services; 8.3.6 GV Land Surveying: Proposal: Soquel High School Surveying and Mapping Services; 8.3.7 Santa Clara Valley Construction Inspections: Proposal: New Switchgear Inspections; 8.3.8 Fiber Optic Telecom International: Proposal: Westlake Elementary School Electronic Key Card System Access Control Implementation

Trustee Threet motioned to remove item 8.1.3.3 to a later vote after the presentation.

Item 8.2.2.4 Agreement with Santa Cruz County Office of Education for Network and Internet Services was pulled due to Trustee Meeker being an employee of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the consent agenda with item 8.1.3.3 to be removed for a later vote after the presentation and item 8.2.2.4 to be removed due to Trustee Meeker being an employee of the Santa Cruz Office of Education. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Grossman – Yes	Kelley – Yes	
Meeker – Yes	Owen – Yes	Threet– Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Karraker recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Consent Agenda Item 8.2.2.4 Agreement with Santa Cruz County Office of Education for Network and Internet Services.

Trustee Vestal motioned to approve consent agenda item 8.2.2.4; Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Grossman – Yes	Kelley – Yes	
Meeker – Abstained	Owen – Yes	Threet– Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Karraker recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Vice President Threet reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments. Vote of 7-0
2. Ms. Parks shared information on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complain (Govt. Code Section 54957). Vote of 7-0
3. The Board of Education heard information on Legal Counsel, Ongoing Litigation, regarding proposed settlement of claims related to e-cigarettes and vaping issues (Govt. Code Section 54956.9)
4. The Board of Education heard information on Potential Litigation, class action lawsuit regarding Social Media Impacts on Youth (Govt. Code Section 54952.2)
5. The Board of Education heard information on Negotiations with GSCFT
6. The Board of Education heard information on Negotiations with SCCCE

The Board will return to close session to talk about Legal Counsel, Ongoing Litigation, regarding proposed settlement of claims related to e-cigarettes and vaping issues and the Potential Litigation, class action lawsuit regarding Social Media Impacts on Youth.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan Update: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support – School Climate & Culture

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced the School Climate and Culture Update. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support is an integrated, comprehensive framework that aligns academic, behavioral, and social-emotional learning in a fully integrated system of support for the benefit of all students. Director of Student Services Gail Atlansky, Janine Ramirez, Social-Emotional Counselor from Gault Elementary, Amariah Hernandez, Gault Principal, and Casey O'Brien, Branciforte Middle School Principal shared the work being done at their respective school sites to create systems of support for students. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

8.5.1.2 Staff Report: Special Circumstances Instructional Assistance Support in Special Education

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the Special Circumstances Instructional Assistance Support in Special Education. Students who have been identified as having a disability according to Education Code 56026 are eligible for special education services to address needs related to their disability. A continuum of services is available for this purpose. Sometimes, students require Intensive Individualized Instruction for a portion of or throughout the school day to address their unique goal areas. This support is called "Special Circumstances Instructional Assistance," or SCIA support. Special Education Program Specialists Brad Ruth and Kristina Cabrera and Harbor High School Principal, Tracey Runeare shared the work being done in this area. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and action was taken by the Board/

8.1.3.3 New Job Description: Registered Behavior Technician Special Education.

Item 8.1.3.3 was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Trustee Threet motioned to approve item 8.1.3.3 New Job Description: Registered Behavior Technician Special Education. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Grossman – Yes	Kelley – Yes	
Meeker – Yes	Owen – Yes	Threet– Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Karraker recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Bond Budget Update

Director of Facilities Miller and Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented 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 through March 1, 2023. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

8.5.3.1 New Business: Resolution #31-22-23 NonReelect of Probationary Certificated Employees

Pursuant to Education Code 44929.21, on or before March 15th of a probationary certificated employee’s second complete consecutive school year of service, the Superintendent or designee must notify the employee of the Board’s decision to not re-elect the employee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the Annual Resolution #31-22-23 NonReelect of Probationary Certificated Employees. Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Stepped out	Grossman – Yes	Kelley – Yes	
Meeker – Yes	Owen – Yes	Threet – Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Karraker recommended a yes vote on this matter.
Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.5.3.2 New Business: Resolution #32-22-23 Certificated Preliminary Layoff Resolution

Assistant Superintendent Parks brought forth annual Resolution 32-22-23 to reduce or discontinue particular kinds of service for the 2023-24 school year. Ms. Parks reminded the Board that these are preliminary layoffs that will not be finalized until later this spring. Ms. Parks recommended approval of Resolution 32-22-23: Certificated Preliminary Layoff.

Trustee Kelley motioned to approve the Annual Resolution #32-22-23 Certificated Preliminary Layoff Resolution. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion. The resolution was approved with the following roll

call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes	Grossman – Yes	Kelley – Yes	
Meeker – Yes	Owen – Yes	Threet– Yes	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Karraker recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.5.4.1. Staff Report: School Marketing Update

Each year, staff work to communicate and promote the programs our schools have to offer students in our community. With a declining student population across California, enrollment is impacted in all school settings. As such, staff have prepared a more robust marketing plan to promote services and opportunities that convey the value of public education provided by Santa Cruz City Schools to families as they make choices about their children’s education. In this report, Chief of Communications, Sam Rolens and Harbor High School Principal Tracey Runeare, gave an update of marketing efforts and strategy in the 22-23 school year thus far. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board.

8.5.4.2. Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

Board President Owen suggested for governance meeting to do a review of the process for Board Book questions and comments.

Returned to Closed Session: 9:00 p.m.

Re convene Open Session:

Board President Owen called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 9:23 p.m.

Closed Session Action Report

Vice President Threet reported the following actions during closed session:

1. The Board of Education heard and gave direction on information on Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complain (Govt. Code Section 54957).
2. The Board of Education heard information on Legal Counsel, Ongoing Litigation, regarding proposed settlement of claims related to e-cigarettes and vaping issues (Govt. Code Section 54956.9) and gave direction.
3. The Board of Education heard information on Potential Litigation, class action lawsuit regarding Social Media Impacts on Youth (Govt. Code Section 54952.2) and gave direction.

Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Owen adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Board Meeting on March 22, 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 April 12, 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 Study Session on April 26, 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 May 10, 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 Study Session on May 24, 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 May 31, 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 June 14, 2023, 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

