

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
MARCH 22, 2023**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Owen called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:30 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 6:39 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 Nevaeh Karraker

Remote: 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

Superintendent Munro requested that Item 8.5.3.1 New Business: Bond Oversight Committee Report be moved to the beginning of the open session agenda. President Owen noted a spelling correction to be made to the first page of the meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4.1 Recognize Black History Month Essay and Art Contest Winners

Superintendent Munro recognized the winners of Hispanic Heritage Month Essay and Poster Contest winners. Superintendent Munro thanked the students for taking time to prepare wonderful reflections on their learning of Black History. The winners are as follows:

Essay Entries:

Winner: Gatsby DeLeon, 10th grade, Soquel High School

Honorable Mentions: Antonio Plaza, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Cody Kosek, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Kelly Niven, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Ruben Marcus, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Liliana M. Buckler-Castillo, 12th grade, Santa Cruz High School; Luisa Garcia-Pina, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Dale Kerr, 10th grade, Soquel High School; Isabella Manriquez, 10th grade, Soquel High School.

Poster Entries:

Winners: Theo McDonald, 1st grade, Bay View Elementary; Zev Nauenberg, 1st grade, Bay View Elementary; Kiera Danforth, 1st grade, Bay View Elementary; Victor Barreto, 1st grade, Bay View Elementary; Kiana Kunkel, 1st grade, Bay View Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began her report by celebrating the recent successful WASC visit to Santa Cruz High School. She commended the school administration and staff for all their efforts to prepare for the visit and shared the WASC team had positive things to say about Santa Cruz High. Staff continue their work to complete this school year and prepare for the next school year. This work includes participation in the countywide Equity Council and trainings for content specific pilots. Soquel High School completed their second day of transcript audits and highlighted the next steps that they gleaned from the audit. Superintendent Munro and the MTSS Health & Wellness Coordinator met with the County Office of Education to plan for youth mental health first aid training for high schools. Staff training will commence in May and August, with training for interested students to take place after. The PBIS Tiered Fidelity Walkthroughs took place at the elementary schools and Superintendent Munro anticipates the elementary programs may be recognized. Many staff trainings have taken place over the past few weeks, including a conference and symposium for counselors and a culture of service collaboration at Westlake. District staff continue to meet and collaborate with community partners. Superintendent Munro gave a review of the first Vision 2030 committee meeting, which included a review of the meeting agenda, highlights from the meetings, and follow up that occurred. Superintendent Munro also gave an update on the most recent storm and its impact on school sites. Finally, Superintendent Munro shared the most up to date COVID case numbers in the district. Overall, COVID cases are trending down.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Lynda Otero acknowledged the death of a peer this past week. Indiana "Indy" Clark was a vibrant part of the Soquel High community before transferring last year. Soquel students wrote notes which were presented to the family last Friday, and seniors were invited to attend the memorial service. Soquel students lost a day of classes due to the weather and were informed that Independent Study plans are in place to make up for the loss of learning. Ms. Otero sat in on the Soquel High Fund meeting. She reported it was positive to see parents so invested in the school community and shared that whenever a question or comment was raised it was quickly met with an action plan.

Student Board Representative Eva Diop began her report by wishing that everyone is safe and dry in the rainy weather. This week, Santa Cruz High had a mental health pop up. The organizations set up booths in the school halls and there was a lot of participation from students. Dancing with the Cardinal Stars starts this Friday, and the Black Student Union will be selling tickets at intermission. Santa Cruz High just concluded their WASC visit, and the school is looking forward to hearing feedback from the visiting team. The Black Student Union is preparing for the trip to Washington DC over spring break, as well as Black Graduation which will take place on May 20 at the London Nelson Center. Ms. Diop shared that there many students are pleased with the increased supply of high-quality feminine hygiene products. Ms. Diop concluded her report by wishing a Happy Ramadan to those who celebrate.

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker shared that due to the weather the parking lot at Harbor High School has been flooded, reducing the available parking spots for students. Parents and students have expressed concerns for safety from the extreme weather, and students and staff alike have all felt stress from the storms. Harbor High School also had a recent mental health pop up event. Many students are looking forward to the new electives that have been added to the schedule, including choir, dance, and guitar. The Jazz Band competed and volunteered at the Cabrillo Jazz Festival and earned honorable marks. The Harbor High boys' soccer team won the league championship and were featured in the Santa Cruz Sentinel. Ms. Karraker concluded her report by sharing that several Harbor students were awarded Your Future is Our Business scholarships.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Vice President Threet thanked all the participants of the Black History Month Essay and Art Contest. Vice President Threet shared that Schools Plus, which has awarded grants to teachers for classroom needs in the past, will no longer continue, but instead is being granted into Your Future is Our Business which will carry over a surplus of about \$150,000. Trustee Threet invited everyone to the Your Future is Our Business Luncheon, which will take place on March 31st. Trustee Threet thanked Trustee Vestal for all her years of service on the Schools Plus committee and thanked the founders of the program for creating something that has benefited so many teachers. Trustee Threet concluded her report by acknowledging the significant events that have happened on Soquel's campus and the following hardships it creates for students.

Trustee Grossman shared that he attended the Budget Advisory subcommittee with Assistant Superintendent Monreal. Trustee Grossman also attended the visiting reception at Santa Cruz High School for the WASC team. He was happy to meet with visiting committee members, members of the Santa Cruz High PTA and the student guides and was grateful to learn more about the school's continuing commitment to academic rigor. Trustee Grossman also expressed his gratitude to the teachers, aides, support staff, and Superintendent Munro and her team for keeping students safe and learning despite weather challenges.

Trustee Meeker reflected on the tremendous impact death has in a community and thanked those who created spaces for students to grieve on campus. Trustee Meeker attended the first meeting of the Vision 2030 committee along with President Owen. She shared a highlight from the committee was the opportunity to raise questions in small groups and felt the committee overall had good engagement. Trustee Meeker also attended CSBA's Legislative Action Week with Assemblymember Pellerin and Senator Laird. They advocated for an increase in the base funding and argued against cuts to the Block Grant. Trustee Meeker participated in the Counseling Symposium where they focused on social emotional learning. Trustee Meeker concluded her report by sharing that Latino Role Models conference is taking place this Saturday.

Trustee Vestal reported that the Delta High School Board members completed the Board Governance Certification from the Charter School Development Center. Delta High School students attended a career panel and Delta hopes to have more career panels in the future, to give students more opportunities to ask questions and explore different career paths. Trustee Vestal concluded her report by sharing a save the date for the Governor's May Budget revise, which is scheduled for May 19.

Trustee Kelley attended the Budget Advisory Committee and the Green Schools Committee. At the Green Schools Committee, it was good to see the overlap between the Public Works Department, SCCS Food Services, and the committee, all working in efforts to be more "green." Trustee Kelley also attended CSBA's Legislative Action week with Trustee Meeker.

Trustee Coonerty shared that she heard parents in the community express sentiments of reassurance and safety, knowing that the schools will keep their students even in extraordinary weather circumstances. Teachers and administrators were extremely clear in communicating protocols and expectations. Trustee Coonerty also spent 36 educational hours learning about the latest supports for anxiety, depression, and trauma.

Board President's Report

President Owen commended the Vision 2030 plan and thanked the facilitators for a great first meeting. He felt it was a good exercise for the facilitator to assume that the information was not known because that created a level ground among all committee members. President Owen thanked teachers, staff, and administration for their resilience through an extraordinary winter and shared his appreciation for the efforts made to keep classrooms open.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP(Kelley/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of January 18, 2023 Study Session Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.1.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3 Budget Transfers, 8.1.2.4 Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.2.5 Bond Oversight Committee Resignations, 8.1.2.6 Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Resignations, 8.1.2.7 Bond Notice of Completion, 8.1.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.3 Out of State Travel Request: Portland, Oregon Job Fair, 8.1.3.4 Overnight Field Trip: Swimming & Track, 8.1.3.5 Overnight Field Trip: Harbor High School, 8.2.1.1 Memorandums of Understanding with Neighboring Districts: SAIL, 8.2.1.2 Nonpublic School: CALO Programs, 8.2.1.3 Independent Consultant Agreement: Escort & Transportation Service, 8.2.1.4 Revision to Agreement for Professional Services: Maria Ballard, 8.2.1.5 Annual Teachers Pay Teachers Contract: Branciforte Middle School, 8.2.2.1 Preliminary Proposals: Educator Housing, 8.2.2.2 Campus Kids Connection Facilities Use Agreement: Westlake Elementary, 8.2.2.3 Campus Kids Connection Facilities Use Agreement: DeLaveaga Elementary, 8.3.1 American Modular Systems: Change Order 5: Gault Elementary School Modular Classroom Building, 8.3.2 Applied Materials & Engineering, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Foundation Survey, 8.3.3 Bartos Architecture: Change Order 1: 2022-23 Fiscal Year, 8.3.4 Belli Architecture Group, Inc.: Change Order 1: Harbor High School Multi Project Overhead, 8.3.5 Bosco: Proposal: Bay View Elementary School Drainage Control, 8.3.6 CRW Industries, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Middle School Multipurpose Room Stage Curtain Safety Blocking , 8.3.7 CRW Industries, Inc.: Change Order 2: Santa Cruz High School C & D Modernization, 8.3.8 Dilbeck & Sons: Proposal:

Harbor High School Replace Gutters and Downspouts, 8.3.9 Phil Allegri Electric, Inc.: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools LED Lighting

Vice President Threet requested to pull item 8.1.3.5 Overnight Field Trip: Harbor High School for further discussion. Trustee Coonerty motioned to approve the consent agenda. 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.

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. The Board voted 7-0 to accept the information.
2. The Board voted 7-0 in closed session to approve a resignation and release agreement for one certificated manager.
3. The Board received an update from legal counsel on a potential litigation case and voted 6-1 to engage in the litigation.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.3.1 New Business: Bond Oversight Committee Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Tom Parker, Vice Chair for the Bond Oversight Committee. Mr. Parker presented the annual Bond Oversight Committee Report. The Bond Oversight Committee met on three occasions: September 19, 2022, January 12, 2023, and February 27, 2023. Based upon review of audit reports, materials provided, and meeting discussions, the Bond Oversight Committee reported the following: the 2021-22 year to date expenditures made with Measure A funds totaling \$9,496,944, and Measure B funds totaling \$3,248,769, are aligned with the language as set forth in the ballot measures. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Vice President Threet motioned to approve the Bond Oversight Committee Report. Trustee Grossman 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: Local Control Accountability Plan Update: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: Academic Supports

Learning and Achievement Directors Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges provided an update on the academic support available at school sites. Response to Intervention is part of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework that focuses on providing a guaranteed curriculum for all students and tiered academic support when needed. There are three tiers in the Response to Intervention system. As a student progresses through the tiers, there is an increase in the focus, intensity, and specificity of the instruction that the student receives. Response to Intervention Coordinators from each grade span shared on-site practices and student reading and math data that highlighted student growth. Directors Calden and Hodges also shared next steps to continue student growth in the coming years and refine data collection and reporting. Teacher presenters included Meggie LaMott from Bay View Elementary, Charlene Oatey from Gault Elementary, Molly O’Neil from Branciforte Middle School, and Jen Schmidt from Santa Cruz High School. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the board at this time.

8.5.2.2 Staff Report: Chat GPT Update

Learning and Achievement Directors Julia Hodges and Shannon Calden gave a report on Chat GPT. The online software launched in December 2022 and uses computer algorithms and artificial intelligence to generate written responses to text-based prompts. The SCCS Tech Coaches and the Tech Task Force, with representation from each campus, met and discussed the use of Chat GPT. The Tech Coaches and Tech Task force recommended staff teach students to use Chat GPT responsibly, rather than outright banning the software, and pointed out ways Chat GPT can be used to aid teacher lesson planning. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.5.3.2 Staff Report: Community Engagement Plan for Educator Housing

Chief of Communications and Community Engagement, Sam Rolens, presented the Community Engagement Plan for Educator Housing. Staff have prepared a community engagement plan for keeping the public informed of plans and progress regarding Educator Housing. Channels for general and direct input have also been developed. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.5.3.3 New Business: AB 181 Transportation Plan

Chief of Communications and Community Engagement, Sam Rolens, presented the AB 181 Transportation Plan. The State of California has made dedicated school district transportation funding available for the first time in many years. Accessing the funds is dependent upon submitting a “Transportation Plan” that outlines current services and any proposed expansions. The State requires that the plan focus on services for TK-6 students. The plan covers transportation of Special Education students, Migrant Education students, McKinney-Vento students who are experiencing homelessness, transportation for field trips, a Fleet Dispatcher position, as well as dedicated runs to North County. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Grossman/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the AB 181 Transportation Plan.

8.5.3.4 New Business: Second Interim Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Second Interim Report for the period ending on January 31, 2023. The Board receives three statutorily mandated reports for the financial status of the District during the year. The Second Interim Fiscal Status Report for the period ending on January 31, 2023, provided a comprehensive view of the activity which occurred from July 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023, highlighting adjustments to the 2022-2023 First Interim Budget. The report also included information from the Governor's budget workshop in January 2023 and a Multi-Year Projection. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of a positive certification for the Second Interim Report. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Vestal/Meeker) 6-0, the Board of Education approve the Second Interim Report with a position certification.

Trustee Kelley left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

8.5.3.1 New Business: SCCS 2023-24 Sunshine Articles to GSCFT

Trustee Kelley returned to the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the 2023-24 Sunshine Articles to GSCFT. The Santa Cruz City Schools contract proposals are submitted for sunshining. This is in accordance with the Employees Relations Act for public notice of contract proposals before official negotiations begin.

MSP(Coonerty/Grossman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved SCCS 2023-24 Sunshine Articles to GSCFT.

8.5.3.2 New Business: SCCS 2023-24 Sunshine Articles to SCCCE

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MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved SCCS 2023-24 Sunshine Articles to SCCCE.

8.1.3.5 Overnight Field Trip: Harbor High School

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the Overnight Field Trip request from Harbor High School. The Harbor High School boys golf team plans to take a golf trip to Palm Desert to play golf during Spring Break. This is an annual trip the senior team members take each year. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. Trustee Vestal motioned to approve the trip and Trustee Grossman 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 – No	Vestal – Yes

Student Trustee Diop recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Karraker abstained on this matter.

Student Trustee Otero recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.5.4.1 Potential Items for Futures Agenda

The Board requested to review the District’s field trip policy at the April Governance Study Session.

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 10:08 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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