

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
APRIL 12, 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 6:37 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
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.

3.3 Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro shared the Latino Role Models Conference had a successful event on March 25. All teachers for summer school have been hired and staff continue their planning for the program. Superintendent Munro, along with several other staff members and trustees, attended the Your Future is Our

Business luncheon on Friday, and she congratulated Student Trustee Nevaeh Karraker on her award. Many other SCCS students were honored at the reception. Superintendent Munro shared photos from the Santa Cruz High School band's recent performance at Carnegie Hall, and Santa Cruz High Black Student Union trip to Washington DC. Soquel High School had a recent mental health pop-up on campus. Superintendent Munro is continuing her Culture of Service Collaborations at different school sites. Director Hodges attended the National History Conference with the district History Social Science TOSA where they learned more about Ethnic Studies requirements. Human Resources staff have attended several recruitment fairs and are continuing to hire for next year. Superintendent Munro recently met with Dr. Morales from Live Oak School District to discuss workforce housing, and staff met with Mountain Elementary to discuss PAL work. The Eddy Awards took place on March 29 for the first time since 2020. It was great to be able to celebrate staff for all of their tremendous service over the past few years. Staff are continuing outreach with several community partners. Superintendent Munro is on the Children's Fund Oversight Committee and Assistant Superintendent Coito is gathering information from student focus groups for the LCAP. Superintendent Munro concluded her report with a celebration that we are officially post-pandemic, per President Biden's declaration earlier this week.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Eva Diop shared that Santa Cruz High School held their first annual Dancing with the Cardinal Stars. Three Santa Cruz High staff members were honored at the recent Eddy awards. Ms. Diop reported on the Black Student Union's trip to Washington DC and shared the most memorable part of the trip was the tour through the Capital Building. Santa Cruz High seniors are excited for prom and many students are preparing for AP testing. Final college acceptance letters are coming through and students are hosting club and class president elections for next school year.

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker attended the Your Future is Our Business luncheon where many students were presented awards and shared that the luncheon showed how impactful CTE classes are. Ms. Karraker thanked the teachers for allowing students to do activities outside and gave an update on the latest Harbor High School sports news. Before Spring Break, Harbor held a friendly competition between classes for Spirit Week and the freshman class won. Next week, Harbor will host an academic award ceremony for students and families and will feature a performance from the Harbor Jazz Band.

Student Board Representative Lynda Otero shared that despite the WiFi going down at Soquel High several times last month, students still persevered to complete their assignments. Many students participated in the Latino Role Models conference and took advantage of Saturday school credit that was offered. Soquel also hosted a mental health pop up event and students were exposed to many resources and organizations. With the warmer weather, many teachers have been allowing students to complete assignments outside. Finally, Ms. Otero shared that seniors picked up their cap and gowns and are getting excited for graduation.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Vice President Threet shared her appreciation of the student trustees and their points of view. Prior to spring break, Ms. Threet attended the Your Future is Our Business luncheon, and was able to sit with two CTE students who shared their experience in the program. Ms. Threet also attended a chemistry course at Soquel High School, and students presented on "what is smell?" Student engagement was evident in the lesson and Ms. Threet appreciated the invitation to the class.

Trustee Grossman attended the Mission Hill talent show and commented on the amazing talent and music program at the site. Mr. Grossman participated in a site tour of Branciforte Small Schools Campus and reported it was inspiring to see the work of the teachers and students, and particularly enjoyed seeing the library and adventure garden. This Friday Trustee Grossman will judge a debate for the CTE Biotech class at Soquel High School. Finally, Mr. Grossman shared that on April 26th at 7pm, the Commission for Prevention of Violence Against Women is hosting an event titled “Imagine a World Without Violence: Men Speak Out.”

Trustee Meeker expressed her gratitude to the student trustees and district staff for all the work done over the year. Ms. Meeker also expressed her gratitude to Soquel High School for supporting the Latino Role Models conference. Ms. Meeker attended the Eddy Awards and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate staff, students and community partners.

Trustee Vestal attended the Eddy awards and shared it was a special event after a three-year gap in awards ceremonies. Ms. Vestal commended the Soquel High floral class who prepared all the floral arrangements for the event. Ms. Vestal attended the Wellness Committee meeting, which will be reported upon later this evening. Additionally, Ms. Vestal also participated in the Branciforte Small Schools visit and was very impressed that different schools can share a campus so beautifully.

Trustee Kelley met with Santa Clara Unified School District to learn more about workforce housing, and yesterday attended the Housing Elements Stakeholder Meeting with the County. Mr. Kelley also completed the first two Masters in Governance courses.

Trustee Coonerty expressed her appreciation for the student board representatives and their perspectives.

Board President’s Report

President Owen congratulated all three student trustees on their accomplishments and stated they have set the bar very high for future student trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP(Vestal/Kelley) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of February 8, 2023 Meeting.
2. MSP(Kelley/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of February 15, 2023 Meeting

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.1.1.1 Third Quarter Williams Report, 8.1.1.2 Overnight Field Trip: Soquel Jazz Choir Anaheim Heritage Music Festival, 8.1.1.3 Out of State Travel Request, 8.1.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.1.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.1.2.3 Green Schools Committee Report, 8.1.2.4 Resolution 38-22-23: Establish the Anthony Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund, 8.1.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.3 Overnight Field Trip: Santa Cruz High Baseball, 8.2.1.1 Consultant Services Agreement: Lisa DuPont, 8.2.2.1 Belli Architectural Group, Inc.: Change Order 1: Harbor High School and Branciforte Middle School Emergency Gate Planning, 8.3.1 North American Technical Services: Change Order 1: Gault Elementary School New Classroom Building In-Plant Inspection Services, 8.3.2 Ross Recreation: Change Order 1: Bay View Elementary School Ball Wall

Trustee Kelley motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Meeker 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. Coito provided trustees information regarding student expulsion #08-22-23.
2. Ms. Parks shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments and the Board voted 7-0 to accept the personnel actions.
3. Ms. Parks did not have information to share with the Board regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
4. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.
5. Ms. Parks provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.
6. The Board reviewed and discussed public employee performance evaluation (Govt. Code Section 54957) – Superintendent.

Vote on Student Expulsion #08-22-23

Trustee Kelley motioned to accept the District’s recommendation and expel student #08-22-23. Trustee Vestal 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 |

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1 Staff Report: Wellness Committee Report

Director of Food Services Amy Hedrick-Farr, Director of Student Services Gail Atlansky, and Nutrition Outreach Specialist Jessica Cuttriss presented the annual Wellness Committee Report. The district Wellness Committee is based on the District Wellness Policy. This policy was one of the first in the state and nation, and included local purchasing, the elimination of unhealthy ingredients, restricted marketing and advertising on food packaging, and the incorporation requirements for physical activity. Santa Cruz City Schools’ policy became one of the recommended templates for the State of California. In 2022, the District became one of the first districts to include the Whole Child Model in their planning and policy development. The presenters shared highlights from the committee’s work over the past year, focusing on local,

healthy nutrition, and initiatives to support the Whole Child. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.5.1.2 New Business: Art & Music Discretionary Block Grant

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Art & Music Discretionary Block Grant Plan. Under Assembly Bill 181, the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant was created to meet multiple expenses within school districts. The grant of one-time resources can be used for operational costs including but not limited to retirement and health care cost increases, purchase of COVID personal protective equipment, standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials, professional development on improving school culture, or developing diverse and culturally relevant book collections. On February 9, 2023, staff from across the district, including art and music teachers, union representatives and site leaders, met and provided input on the best uses of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant funding. Based on the input from this group, staff recommend that the one-time Block Grant be applied to 2022-23 increased rates for State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson shared that the union is strongly in favor of the proposed plan.

MSP(Threet/Kelley) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Art & Music Discretionary Block Grant.

8.5.2.1 Staff Report: DELAC Annual Report

Director of Elementary Learning and Achievement Shannon Calden and Assistant Principal Jose Quevedo presented the DELAC Annual Report. In 22-23, four DELAC meetings were scheduled with specific goals and outcomes, including increased parent participation, the presentation of relevant school topics, a review of English Learner reclassification, and the continued overall effort to support DELAC parents in the communication loop between the site and the committee. Ms. Calden and Mr. Quevedo shared committee outcomes, as well as 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.

8.5.2.2 New Business: Curriculum Master Plan

Directors of Learning and Achievement Julia Hodges and Shannon Calden presented the Curriculum Master Plan. The Curriculum Master Plan outlines the District's curriculum and instruction needs with a corresponding budget for a five-year period. The plan outlines the focus for each year in curriculum, assessments, professional development, and instructional technology. Each year the Learning and Achievement team evaluates the plan and makes updates as necessary. The metrics in the Excellence and Equity plan are used to monitor the plan and make adjustments for future years. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Kelley/Grossman) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Curriculum Master Plan.

8.5.3.1 New Business: Resolution 36-22-23: Reduction in Particular Kinds of Service: Certificated

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented Resolution 36-22-23. At the regular meeting on March 8, 2023, the Board approved Resolution #32-23-33 to eliminate 0.80 total full time equivalent (FTE) of particular kinds of service. As directed by the Board, the Human Resources Department delivered preliminary layoff notices to those certificated employees who were affected by the reduction in services. On March 22, 2023, the District and the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers AFT Local 2030 entered into a Side Letter Agreement on which settled the effects of the layoff. Since the initial resolution, staff have been able to reduce the need for the reduction in particular kinds of service by .2 in Counseling due to a resignation. The final reduction in services includes .2 FTE CTE and .4 FTE PE. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. Vice President Threet motioned to approve Resolution 36-22-23: Reduction in Particular Kinds of Service: Certificated. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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.

8.5.4.1

New Business: Resolution 37-22-23: Proclaiming May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Superintendent Munro presented Resolution 37-22-23: Proclaiming May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Santa Cruz City Schools strive for all students to feel safe and welcome in their schools and see themselves represented in curricula. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have played and continued to play critical roles in the economic, cultural, and social spheres of our nation’s life. Santa Cruz City Schools recognizes the important contributions of local, State, and National Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to this history of the United States, by promoting social justice, enhancing health and well-being, and building a sense of community. Vice President Threet motioned to approve Resolution 37-22-23: Proclaiming May as Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion. The motion was approved 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.

8.5.4.2

Board Policies: First and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions & Updates

Superintendent Munro presented board policies for first and/or final reading. Policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updated process, which uses CSBA recommendations for review and change approximately six times per year in participating

districts. These recommendations reflect recent changes in education code and/or case law. The policies have been reviewed by staff to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. Vice President Threet motioned to bring the board policies back at the governance study session for a final reading. Trustee Coonerty seconded the motion.

MSP(Threet/Coonerty), 7-0, the Board of Education approved the motion to bring the policies back for a final reading on April 26, 2023.

8.5.4.1 Potential Items for Futures Agenda

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 8:29 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