

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
October 19, 2022**

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Patricia Threet                      Deb Tracy-Proulx                      Claudia Vestal  
Cindy Ranii

Remote: Jeremy Shonick

Absent: John Owens

Absent: Sheila Coonerty

Student Board Representative, Eva Diop

Student Board Representative, Nevaeh Karraker

Student Board Representative, Lynda Otero

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Jim Monreal, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Members of the Audience

**Welcome and Format**

Board President Tracy-Proulx 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**

Agenda item 8.1.2.6 was pulled due to the California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program requesting changes to Resolution 10-22-23.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month Essay and Poster Contest Winners**

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

#### Essay Entries:

First: Olivia Castillo, 12th grade, Soquel High, \$50 El Palomar Gift Card

Second: Violet Willet, 7th grade, Branciforte Middle, \$25 Copal Gift Card

Third: Caitlyn Eskew (Hankes), 12th grade, Soquel High, \$15 Bookshop Santa Cruz Gift Card

Fourth: Nancy Wu Zheng, 12th grade, Soquel High, \$15 Bookshop Santa Cruz Gift Card

#### Poster Entries:

Emely Delgado, 11th grade, Soquel, \$5 Marianne's Gift Card

Marcos Phelps, 9th grade, Soquel, \$5 Marianne's Gift Card

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro recounted to the board that it is College and Career Awareness Month wherein school sites have had career speakers, events in every grade span and support with college applications for the senior students. Superintendent Munro shared about the ongoing data conversations with principals regarding progress towards goals.. She commended the Santa Cruz High School Band Review that occurred on October 15<sup>th</sup>, with over 60 bands from across the state in attendance. The first meeting of the Superintendent's Student Advisory on Race and Equity was held at the beginning of the month where students discussed what work they want to do and what they wish to accomplish at their school sites this year. The Queer, Trans and Allied Student Summit was held in Watsonville where a group of students went with Assistant Principal of Santa Cruz High School Casey Denning to engage with other like school communities. Ms. Munro discussed the multiple professional development opportunities that had been held. The finance department has been hard at work on the annual audit and is preparing for the First Interim. Superintendent Munro then discussed the various community events held in the past week including the Santa Cruz Rotary BBQ, a very successful Parent Leader Dinner and an excellent kick off to the Classified and Leadership Partners in Administration and Labor (PAL) retreat. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by giving an update on the uptick in Covid-19 cases and extending her gratitude to Covid Compliance Manager Jory Berdan who is scheduling booster clinics at school sites for the new Bivalent booster.

### **Student's Report**

Student Board Representative Eva Diop was pleased to report the extension of the two-hour parking limits around campus, an issue she had previously reported to the board. Student Trustee Diop shared that the theater department was getting ready for their first production of the year, Sherlock Holmes. BSU has been busy fundraising, connecting with UCSC, scheduling events and creating portfolios to prepare for upcoming college expo; she noted that last year one student was offered a full ride scholarship on the spot during an expo. Student Trustee Diop recounted that the volleyball team has been doing excellent in all their matches and that Senior Night is tomorrow. Ms. Diop stated that she is looking closer at the history curriculum after the rich discussion on Hispanic heritage at the previous board meeting, specifically the stigmatization of religions, such as Islam.

Student Board Representative Lynda Otero began her report by congratulating the essay winners for their hard work. Student Trustee Otero was proud to announce that the first gender neutral Homecoming Court was elected at Soquel High. Ms. Otero stated that she had had some students approach her about campus safety during homecoming as there had been a few incidents that left some students uneasy. She also mentioned that students had approached her to say that a considerable amount of them aren't receiving the

school announcements which creates achievement disadvantages because of a lack of knowledge of campus opportunities. Ms. Otero discussed attending the Superintendent's Advisory on Race and Equity and said that Soquel's subgroup was inspired by the discourse and will be meeting this coming Friday. Student Trustee Otero concluded her report by recounting the field trip that the Bio-tech class took to UCSC and stated that the AVID classes will go to San Jose State next week.

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker shared that Harbor High has created a voluntary student survey to detect strengths and weaknesses. 271 students have participated thus far with 92% agree or strongly agree that they can be successful at Harbor, 81% agree or strongly agree that they know who to talk to when they have a problem and 87% agree or strongly agree that they know what they are expected to learn in their classes. Student Trustee Karraker stated that from personal experience she agreed with the survey responses and commended the new counselors and IB coordinators by saying they are doing an exceptional job. Additionally, the top four issues and concerns students at Harbor High have include 71% related to drug or alcohol abuse/use, 61% regarding racism and/or racial inequity, 55% regarding climate change and 54% regarding gun violence. The most common comment in reference to what is "not working" at the school site is regarding food quality offered on campus and the most positive was gratitude for the 8-day period that Harbor High adopted. Ms. Karraker concluded her report by expressing excitement over the possibility of new surveys for students to gain further data.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Vestal did not have a report to share but thanked the students who participated in the Hispanic Heritage month contest and was pleased to hear there was so much participation in the contest.

Trustee Threet began by congratulating the student winners of the Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest. Trustee Threet then shared that she had visited Soquel High School where she was impressed by Principal Greg O'Meara, saying that he is a positive and polite role model which she sees reflected in the students. Ms. Threet recounted that the campus looked wonderful and she was pleased to visit two science programs classes, physics and biology. She witnessed how the Agricultural Science class has contributed all over campus and has performed wonders in their takeover of 2<sup>nd</sup> quad by making it ADA compliant and drought tolerant. She stated that was pleased to see that the students are engaging in this work thus taking ownership in their environment. Trustee Threet concluded her report by stating that she was greeted by warm and friendly staff at the front office and thanked Superintendent Munro and Greg O'Meara for giving her an in-depth day at the site and said she was happy to be in person on a campus again.

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Ranii did not have a report to share.

### **Board President's Report**

Board President Tracy-Proulx did not have a report to share but also thank the student participants in the essay contest and applauded their efforts.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.1.1 1st Quarter Williams Report, 8.1.1.2 CTE Advisory Committee Members for 2022-23 School Year, 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, 8.1.2.5 Budget Development Calendar, 8.1.2.7 Bond Notices of Completion, 8.1.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.1.3.3 Resolution 16-22-23: Week of the Administrator, 8.1.3.4 Resolution 17-22-23: School Employee Appreciation Week, 8.2.1.1 Sprouts Santa Cruz LLC Lease Agreement, 8.2.1.2 Final Settlement Agreement: Special Education, 8.2.1.3 Non-public Agency: ACES Contract Revision, 8.2.1.4 Non-public Agency: SpeechRighter Contract Revision, 8.2.1.5 Non-public Agency: Adriana San Millan School Psychology and Special Education Services, LLC, 8.2.1.6 Agreement for Professional Services: Steps to Success, 8.2.1.7 Consultant Services Agreement: Interactive Flat Panel Training (IT), 8.2.1.8 Consultant Services Agreement: Safe Schools, 8.2.1.9 Riverside County Office of Education: A-G Transcript Audit, 8.2.1.10 Consultant Services Agreement: Positive Discipline Community Resources, 8.2.2.1 Change Order: Climatec, Energy Services Agreement, 8.2.2.2 19Six Architects & Interiors: Amendment Agreement: Egress Plans and Wayfinding Signage, 8.2.2.3 Belli Amendment Funding Change, 8.2.4.1 Memorandum of Understanding for Interagency Information Sharing Between SCCS and Santa Cruz COE, 8.3.1 California Custom Sheds: Quote: Transportation Storage Building, 8.3.2 Moore Twining: Proposal: Branciforte Small Schools Elevator Modernization Geotechnical Engineering Investigation, 8.3.3 Ross Recreation: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Kinder Play Equipment Site Work

Trustee Vestal motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ranii seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Absent	Owen – Absent	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

### **Closed Session Items**

#### **Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

None.

## **ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED**

### **8.5.1.1 Staff Report: Nursing Services Update**

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Student Services Gail Atlansky and school nurses Kelly Lynch, Susie Tellez and Daniel Boyd to provide an update on Nursing Services. Santa Cruz City Schools has three full time registered nurses who support our ten school campuses. Registered nurses are important and invaluable staff members due to their extensive training and knowledge. Most of their time is spent training and certifying health clerks and unlicensed classified support staff in the administration of medications, responding to medical emergencies, creating health care plans, conducting health assessments, facilitating

vision and hearing screenings for students in special education and ensuring immunization compliance and managing the care of students with chronic and acute medical conditions. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

**8.5.2.1 Staff Report: Preliminary California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) Report**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented a report on the 2022-23 Preliminary California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS). This annual data collection is administered the first Wednesday in October. This year, CBEDS Information Day was October 5, 2022. The purpose of CBEDS is to collect demographic information on students, faculty, and district employees. The District has experienced a decline in enrollment from 2021-22 to 2022-23 of 188 students. Staff will provide a report on year-over year enrollment variations by grade span. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

**8.5.4.1 Staff Report: School Marketing Update**

Superintendent Munro introduced Chief of Communication & Community Engagement Office Sam Rolens to present the 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. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

**8.5.4.2 New Business: Resolution 15-22-23 Proclaiming Indigenous Heritage Month**

Superintendent Munro presented Resolution 15-22-23: Proclaiming Indigenous Heritage Month. Indigenous Heritage Month celebrates the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States. Superintendent Munro recommended approval of Resolution 15-22-23.

MSP(Threet/Vestal) 5-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 15-22-23: Proclaiming Indigenous Heritage Month.

**8.5.4.2. 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 Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Regular Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information**

1. The Regular Board Meeting on November 2, 2022, 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 November 16, 2022, 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 December 14, 2022, 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 December 21, 2022, 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 11, 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 Study Session on January 18, 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 February 8, 2023, 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 22, 2023, 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 8, 2023, 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 22, 2023, 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 12, 2023, 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 26, 2023, 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 10, 2023, 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 24, 2023, 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 31, 2023, 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 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](http://sccs.net/board_of_education)

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent  
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President  
Board of Education