

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF
EDUCATION FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY DISTRICTS
November 2, 2022**

Convene Open Session

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

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty, John Owen, Patricia Threet, Deb Tracy-Proulx, Claudia Vestal

Remote: Jeremy Shonick, Cindy Ranii

Absent:

none

Student Board Representative,
Nevaeh Karraker Student Board
Representative, Lynda Otero
Student Board Representative, Eva
Diop (Remote)

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.

Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

Superintendent Munro shared that there were two expulsions discussed in closed session and two agenda items have been added to vote for the expulsions. Agenda item 8.4.1.1 has been added to vote for Expulsion 04-22-23 and agenda item 8.4.1.2 has been added to vote for Expulsion 05-22-23.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union representatives Casey Carlson and Jeanie Brown shared a union survey with all staff to provide feedback about recent safety events. Casey Carlson and Jeanie Brown expressed gratitude and appreciation for Deb Tracy-Proulx, Jeremy Shonick, and Cindy Ranii for their many years of service on the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Trustees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro provided an update on district activities addressing District Goals since the last Board meeting. Goals #1 and #3 have been met through Elementary Conferences, Cabrillo College & Career Family Night, and activities for College & Career Awareness Month. Data conversations with Principals have been ongoing, and there was a Special Education collaboration on math intervention curriculum that occurred in the last two weeks. In terms of Goal #2, Santa Cruz City Schools partnered with the Education Foundation to provide bully prevention programs. Staff members from the Costanoa team visited Mount Toro Model Continuation High School and the Wellness Center at Everett Alvarez High School to look at different ways to offer continuation high school education and resources. CCS playoffs at High Schools, Halloween, and Dia De Los Muertos were celebrated. Superintendent Munro shared that Goal #4 has been addressed with both ongoing trainings including the Incident Command Academy provided by the County Office of and Catapult EMS Training. Further, Assistant Superintendent Molly Parks and Human Resource Manager Desiree Dominguez attended the American Association of Employment in Education Conference for the first time and returned with fresh ideas to share with the team. Goal #5 was met through SECA Operations Council and the preparation for the First Interim report. The finance team also met with principals at all sites to provide an overview of their 2022-23 budget. Goal #6 community partnerships included the Rotary's 100 year anniversary celebration, monthly meetings with our union partners, and the Harvest Festival field trip to UCSC for high school students.

Superintendent Munro shared gratitude and appreciation for law enforcement partners and their quick response to the recent threat in the District. In terms of COVID response, cases have been up and the district offered a booster clinic for the elementary sites. Superintendent Munro took a moment to provide a school safety update and remind everyone that there is a countywide threat assessment protocol and annually, there are threat assessment trainings and code red trainings for staff. In addition to the annual trainings, the Santa Cruz City Schools leadership team meets monthly to discuss safety for the sites and central office.

Student Trustees' Report

Student Board Representative Eva Diop was pleased to report that Santa Cruz High School sports teams have excelled this season, and the girls' varsity volleyball team became league champions. Ms. Diop shared that the black student union partnered with Mission Street BBQ

for a school fundraiser. On a more serious note, Ms. Diop mentioned that Santa Cruz High School has experienced several traumatic events and has reached out to students in person and on social media to get a collective idea of what type of support students are looking for in the future. Many students would like more frequent and clearer communication from school sites and the District Office. Ms. Diop has received strong feedback that students would like additional counseling resources and small group assemblies to inform students about what is happening and next steps following any incidents or events involving student safety.

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker expressed gratitude that no students or staff were harmed at Harbor High or any other schools in the recent events. Ms. Karraker found there was some miscommunication at Harbor High that resulted in some students feeling lost, confused, and exposed. Ms. Karraker shared various classes handled safety precautions differently and due to some students having access to their cell phones and others not, unconfirmed rumors about the incidents cause panic and worry among students. However, the announcement that there was no danger helped relieve students of their concern. Ms. Karraker mentioned that communication could be improved in the future. She was pleased to announce that over 40 students were able to attend the Cabrillo College Fair, and resources were provided to students unable to attend. Ms. Karraker found that the resources shared were very helpful for conducting research about different colleges Ms. Karraker expressed gratitude for the buses provided to students to attend the Cabrillo College Fair. Harbor High School supported this event by offering a college and career spirit week, to involve all students. During spirit week, candy grams were sold on campus to support future school programming.

Student Board Representative Lynda Otero began her report by sharing gratitude for student safety in the recent events. Ms. Otero recognized the effort of first responders, teachers, and the community at large for the quick response in the recent events. Ms. Otero shared that students feel that classes should have been canceled on November 1 and 2. She is pleased to report that students celebrated Dia De Los Muertos through several activities and celebrations Ms. Otero shared that a California State University representative will be on campus at Soquel High to help students with their college applications. Finally, Ms. Otero shared that she is excited to share that Soquel High will be welcoming Jimmy Panetta on campus as a guest speaker and students have been preparing questions for the visit.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Vestal thanked the students and the superintendent for their reports. Trustee Vestal attended the County Office of Education Early Educators Meeting, where universal pre-kindergarten was discussed. There were concerns about age-appropriate curriculum, and with

staff development for the workforce.

Trustee Threet thanked all involved in the recent incident. Trustee Threet was able to attend the Soquel High Football game and congratulated the team for their win and opportunity to move to playoffs. Trustee Threet was pleased to share that the half-time show with the band was wonderful and was glad to see involvement in the arts continue at school sites. To end the report, Trustee Threet congratulated all high school girls' volleyball teams making it to the playoffs.

Trustee Owen did not have a report but wanted to thank the student board representatives for their feedback and suggestions on how the district can be better. Trustee Owen commends all involved in the recent events and how well the situation was handled.

Trustee Coonerty shared thanks and gratitude for the student board representatives and the work they do. Trustee Coonerty was pleased to share with her various constituents that the district handled the recent events with strong communication and quick actions.

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Ranii did not have a report to share. Trustee Ranii thanked the Superintendent and Board President for the strong communication and support the Trustees received during the recent events.

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx will be submitting a report in writing to keep the meeting moving.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 MSP (Threet/Vestal) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of August 17, 2022 Meeting.

7.2 MSP (Vestal/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of August 31, 2022 Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.2.1 Educational Services 8.2.1.1 Memorandum of Understanding: Cabrillo College Dual Enrollment 8.2.1.2 Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Corporation Master Contract 8.2.1.3 Santa Cruz Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Agreement for Professional Services 8.2.2 Business Services 8.2.2.1 Bartos Architecture Inc.: Amendment Agreement: Emergency Site Exit Plans

8.2.3 Human Resources 8.2.4 Governance/Superintendent 8.3 Consent Agenda: Bond Projects Contracts, Agreements, Proposals, Bids & Change Orders 8.3.1 Anixter, Inc.: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School and Westlake Elementary School Door Hardware 8.3.2 Communication Service Corporation: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Speaker & Clock Integration 8.3.3 M3 Environmental: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School C & D Modernization Abatement Oversight Services 8.3.4 M3 Environmental: Proposal: Soquel High School Fitness Center Asbestos and Lead Inspections 8.3.5 Palace Business Solutions: Proposal: Transportation Office Furniture 8.3.6 Shelters of America: Quote: Santa Cruz High School Temporary Food Service Shelter 8.3.7 Verde Design: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Baseball Backstop Bid & Construction Support

Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker made a comment on item 8.2.1.1 Memorandum of Understanding: Cabrillo College Dual Enrollment. Student Board Representative Nevaeh Karraker took two semesters and found that communication and counselor support could be improved in the future.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Coonerty – Yes

Owen – Yes

Ranii – Yes

Shonick – Yes

Threet – Yes

Tracy-Proulx – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Assistant Superintendent Coito presented information about student expulsion 04-22-23 and student expulsion 05-22-23.
2. Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the Board with information about certificated, classified, and management resignations, leaves, and appointments.
3. Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the board with information about employee discipline.

Vote on Expulsion

Vote on Expulsion MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation of expulsion of student 04-22-23 as submitted.

Vote on Expulsion MSP (Owen/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the recommendation of expulsion of student 05- 22-23 as submitted.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.1.1 Staff Report: Transitional Kindergarten Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Elementary Learning and Achievement Director Shannon Calden to present the Transitional Kindergarten Update. California Education Code (EC) Section 8281.5 requires the implementation of Universal Prekindergarten for all four-year-olds beginning in the 2022-23 school year and continuing for the next four years. The legislation requires that nine hours of programming (combining instructional time and after-school enrichment time) be offered to students turning five. The State requires that districts consider five areas when developing the expanded Transitional Kindergarten program, and Santa Cruz City Schools has chosen to focus on vision and coherence, community engagement and partnerships, workforce recruitment and professional learning, curriculum, intervention and assessment, and facilities, services, and operations. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.5.1.2 **Staff Report: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)**

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress Assessment is given to students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 to gauge performance in English Language Arts, Literacy, Mathematics and Social Sciences, including the ability to write clearly, think clearly and solve problems. CAASPP scores are part of the California student assessment system, and scores are posted on the California Dashboard annually to determine both current ability and growth over time. Student performance data from 2016 through 2019 was provided, as well as preliminary data for 2022-23. Leadership and staff will study students' results to set program and plan goals based on areas of growth, and to celebrate areas of strength and build upon them. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.5.1.3 **New Business: Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Grant (ELOP)**

The Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant provides districts the opportunity to provide supplemental instruction and support to students ranging from transitional kindergarten to sixth grade. "Expanded learning" means before school, after school, summer, or intersession learning programs that focus on developing academic, social, emotional, and physical needs and interests of students through hands-on engaging learning experiences. The Elementary District qualifies for \$1,300,000 in Expanded Learning Opportunities Funds. The State has not been clear about plan submission requirements; however, staff have prepared a plan for the ELO Grant and recommended Board approval. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP (Vestal / Coonerty) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Grant; Trustee Ranii abstained

8.5.2.1 Staff Report: Food Service Update

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Director of Food Service Amy Hedrick-Farr. Amy presented a report on the 2022-23 Food Service Program, including program achievements, participation, budget and 2022-23 goals. It is noteworthy that with new legislation allowing all students to eat for free that there was no need for a contribution to the food service budget in the 2021-22 school year. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken.

8.5.2.2 Staff Report: Bond Projects Update:

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Ralph le Roux of 19six Architects, formerly MADI Architecture. Ralph le Roux presented an update on Measures A and B bond projects at Bay View Elementary, DeLaveaga Elementary, Branciforte Small Schools and Soquel High School. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken.

8.5.2.2 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 8:49 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.
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
 9. 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.
 10. 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.
 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 13. 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.
 14. 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

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education