

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
October 25, 2023**

Convene Closed Session

Board Vice President Threet called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:29p.m.

Remote Attendance

Superintendent Munro requested approval of the board on behalf of Board President Owen to be allowed to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance permissions. Trustee Owen has requested remote attendance via the just cause exemption. Trustee Owen is doing work for a federal agency.

Trustee Coonerty motioned to approve Trustee Owen to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance. Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Meeker – Yes	Kelley – Yes	Threet – Yes	Grossman – Yes
Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Teleconference Notice

Superintendent Munro announced for the record that this meeting is being conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(b) concerning teleconferencing of meetings. Board member Grossman is participating in this meeting by video call from the Marriott Marquis Houston, 1777 Walker Street, Houston, TX, 77010. In accordance with the Brown Act, this location has been identified on the agenda for this meeting.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

Matt Bruner, Co-President of the GSCFT made a public comment alongside Helayne Ballaban, Jody Kropholler, Sarah Rominger, Jessica Hoffschneider and Sara Hapner to provide additional context to the Board regarding the union’s proposals at the negotiating table. Mr. Bruner discussed difficulties that staff are facing, saying a difficult housing market in Santa Cruz County along with the increase of benefits costs has eroded the value of their pay schedule. He stressed the necessity of showing current and prospective teachers that working with SCCS would enable them to become financially stable integral members of the communities they serve, asking the Board to consider their requests at the table. He noted that their colleagues in Classified positions are facing ongoing financial struggles as well. Mr. Bruner concluded by saying the union always negotiates with the District’s fiscal solvency in mind and conveyed gratitude for the ongoing efforts to improve working conditions with SCCS.

Convene Open Session

Board Vice President Threet called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:38p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

Patricia Threet	Angela Meeker	Kyle Kelley	Claudia Vestal
Sheila Coonerty			

Remote: John Owen

Remote: Kevin Grossman

Student Board Representative, Matthew Simon

Student Board Representative, Jimena Vazquez Veloz

Student Board Representative, Zach Von Worley

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

Absent: Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Members of the Audience

Welcome and Format

Board Vice President Threet welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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3.3 Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

A correction was made to the slide deck for agenda item 8.2.2.1 Preliminary CBEDS Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Munro began her report by discussing the College and Career awareness month and emphasized the importance of acknowledging efforts this month to engage students. Bay View elementary

held a series of talks by guest speakers discussing various professions, accompanied by students dressing up to represent their desired careers. Ms. Munro discussed the professional development work staff have been involved in, including numerous counselors' attendance at a statewide conference in Riverside, training sessions for classified staff, and coaches receiving training on positive feedback. Superintendent Munro concluded her report by expressing gratitude to Trustee Kelly for attending the Educator Workforce Housing community meeting and said she was happy about the community's curiosity about the housing plans.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon shared that counselors met with seniors to discuss college applications and Financial Aid. He discussed the new Principal's Advisory Committee, where the primary aim is to collaborate and devise strategies to enhance Soquel's school culture. Student Trustee Simon concluded his report by sharing that there are plans for a Halloween costume contest and highlighting the celebration of Dia de los Muertos with music, singing, and agua frescas.

Student Board Representative Vazquez Veloz shared that teachers engaged in professional development last Thursday, where they focused on integrated English Language Development (ELD) and how to support diverse learners in class. Ms. Vazquez Veloz celebrated Harbor's football victory during senior night against Pajaro Valley Unified. Additionally, she discussed the usage of the 5 Star app, revealing that 79% of students participated in 1 or 2 events, while 350 students joined in 4 or 5 activities. Furthermore, Ms. Vazquez Veloz addressed the commencement of student registration for IB testing, with 206 students signing up for one or more IB scores that could potentially earn college credit. Ms. Vazquez Veloz concluded her report by expressing profound pride for students embracing challenges, demonstrating their belief in themselves, encouraging themselves to take risks and to tackle difficult tasks.

Student Board Representative Von Worley shared that following a four-day weekend, which coincided with the conclusion of the first grading quarter, students used the time to focus on their college applications. He noted bathroom improvements made after an inspection with Superintendent Munro to address issues, such as acquiring larger trash cans and towel dispensers for the gender-neutral bathrooms. Mr. Von Worley also mentioned the recent Senior Night events, with an unfortunate loss at the Girls Volleyball Senior Night but the victorious outcome in the Water Polo Senior Night. Closing his report, he discussed upcoming events including a Halloween costume contest and an early childhood field trip, as well as plans to send staff members to Sacramento for training on promoting positive reinforcement and encouraging good behavior

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Meeker began her report by expressing gratitude to the dedicated staff who have been instrumental in facilitating opportunities for college and career exploration over the past week, and throughout the year. Specifically, she commended staff members who ensured that students were able to experience the opportunities firsthand. Trustee Meeker concluded her report by conveying her enthusiasm for future events, noting the upcoming 75th Annual Gault Halloween Parade and Dia de los Muertos celebrations.

Trustee Threet began by discussing her attendance at the sold-out CTE benefit dinner, where all six CTE programs from Soquel High School were represented. Ms. Threet shared that Mr. Bentley, Soquel's Agriculture teacher, expressed gratitude at the event to the board, leadership, and the community for their support for the parcel tax, which enables these vital programs to thrive. Trustee Threet emphasized the significance of these programs in preparing students for their post high school endeavors. Additionally, Ms. Threet shared that she attended the Cabrillo Pumpkin Sale where she had the opportunity to tour the agricultural department and

encountered a former SCCS student who had benefited from the CTE Agriculture course. Trustee Threet ended her report by noting the mandate from the Governor for elementary schools to incorporate cursive writing into their curriculum again.

Trustee Grossman shared updates from a recent parent leader dinner. He was pleased to gather insights from various parent leaders about enhancing community communication. Mr. Grossman noted the valuable knowledge he has gained from CSBA Courses which have been aiding him in his role as a board member. Trustee Grossman joined in a well-attended choir and band performance at Mission Hill, noting the impressive turnout. Looking ahead, he expressed anticipation for upcoming events like the 7th Annual Gault Halloween Parade along with other activities in the district and broader community. Towards the end of his report, Trustee Grossman expressed gratitude to teachers, classroom aids, facilities and classified staff for their dedicated efforts in educating students and maintaining conducive learning environments. Additionally, he appreciated the support of parents and acknowledged students for their commitment to academic excellence.

Trustee Coonerty noted an observation she made concerning community members who have pursued professions aligned with their aspirations after high school; citing examples such as doctors, medical associates, and mechanics. She commended the District for providing these individuals with opportunities to pursue their desired career paths.

Trustee Vestal recounted that she attended a SCHS Band Review rehearsal where she observed band members creating individual buttons for the 59 participating bands. She admired the leadership demonstrated during the rehearsal, especially in light of having a substitute teacher that day. Moreover, she participated in a California School Board Association event, where legislative updates were provided, covering areas such as school nurse protocols, cybersecurity support, and advocating for transparency in the County Office of Education programs. To wrap up her report, Trustee Vestal praised the exceptional leadership within the district and commended the remarkable efforts of the student trustees for their outstanding work and contributions.

Trustee Kelley discussed attending the community meeting regarding educator housing, where he heard a mix of concerns and positive sentiments from the public. Notably, former principals, trustees and members of the Santa Cruz Education Foundation showed up to express support, signaling their genuine interest in welcoming educators to their neighborhood. He emphasized the Westside community's eagerness to learn more about the plans for implementing this housing initiative.

Board President's Report

Board President Owen had no report to share. Trustee Owen stated that he has been away for nearly two weeks and expressed his anticipation to return to Santa Cruz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Mr. Monreal shared information with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments. Vote 7-0.
2. Ms Munro did not have information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.

3. Mr. Monreal provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.
4. Mr. Monreal provided an update to and received direction from Trustees regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: School Based Mental Health Programs and Support

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Director of Student Services Casey O'Brien to present the report on School Based Mental Health Programs and Support. SCCS utilizes the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Framework to address mental health and social emotional learning for students. Positive mental health and wellness have a direct impact on students' ability to engage in learning, on their social development, and on their academic achievement. SCCS has made investments in additional staffing such as Social Emotional Counselors to address the increasing mental health challenges our students face. Staff will share examples of the District's tiered programming, some data from the Social and Emotional Health Survey, and hear from staff experts about their work with students. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.2.1 Staff Report: Preliminary CBEDs Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Preliminary CBEDs Report. The California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) is an annual data collection administered the first Wednesday in October. The purpose of CBEDS is to collect demographic information on students, faculty, and district employees. The District has experienced a slight increase in enrollment from 2022-23 to 2023-24 of 169 students. Staff will provide a report on year-over year enrollment variations by grade span. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.3.1 Staff Report: Annual Personnel Commission Report

Superintendent Munro introduced Director of Classified Personnel Kenee Houser to present the Annual Personnel Commission Report. As required by Education Code Section 45266, the Director shall prepare an annual report on Personnel Commission activities which shall be submitted to the Board of Education. The attached report describes the activities of the Personnel Commission for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.4.1 New Business: CSBA for Board Policies First and/or Final Reading

Superintendent Munro introduced the CSBA Board Policies for First and/or Final Reading. Policies are submitted through the GAMUT online board policy book updating 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. In addition, there was a change to BP 6142.1 to reflect current school curriculum practices. The Policy Guidesheet provides a basic overview of the policy changes. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Trustee Vestal motioned to approve the CSBA Board Policies for the First and Final Reading. Trustee Meeker seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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Coonerty – Yes	Vestal – Yes	Owen – Yes	

Student Trustee Simon recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Trustee Vazquez Veloz recommended a yes vote on this matter.

Student Von Worley recommended an Abstain vote on this matter.

MSP (Vestal/Meeker) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the First and Final Reading of the CSBA Board Policies.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.3.1.1 1st Quarter Williams Report, 8.3.1.2 Career Technical Advisory Committee Appointments, 8.3.1.3 Overnight Field Trip Request: Outdoor Science School, 8.3.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.3.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.3.2.3 Budget Transfers, 8.3.2.4 Disposition of Surplus, 8.3.2.5 Budget Development Calendar, 8.3.2.6 Notice of Completion, 8.3.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.3 Resolution 08-23-24: Week of the Administrator, 8.3.3.4 Resolution 09-23-24: School Employee Appreciation Week, 8.4.1.1 Contract: Non-public Agency: Maxim Healthcare Services, 8.4.1.2 Contract: Agreement with Santa Cruz Community Health, 8.5.1 Albion Environmental: Change Order 3: Santa Cruz High School Underground Utility Replacement Construction Monitoring, 8.5.2 Moore Twining: Change Order: 1 Gault Elementary School New Building Site Work Special Inspection and Material Testing Services, 8.5.3 Peartree+Belli Architects, Inc.: Amendment Agreement: Branciforte Middle School Automated Entry Doors, 8.5.4 Project Support Services: Proposal: DSA Project Closeout and Certification

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Kelley seconded the motion.

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Student Von Worley recommended a yes vote on this matter.

8.6 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 Owen adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Study Session on November 1, 2023, 6:00 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 November 8, 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 November 15, 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 December 13, 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 January 17, 2024, 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 31, 2024, 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 14, 2024, 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 28, 2024, 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 13, 2024, 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 27, 2024, 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 10, 2024, 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 24, 2024, 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 15, 2024, 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 22, 2024, 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 29, 2024, 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 12, 2024, 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