

**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
MAY 26, 2021**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:08 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	Cindy Ranii	Jeremy Shonick
Patricia Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	

Absent: Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh
Student Board Representative Xhu Lopez Guzman

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 Vestal welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Study Session of the Board of Education.

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

GSCFT President Casey Carlson asked the Board to think about how the district might be proactive when looking at declining enrollment and the budget implications of declining enrollment. Ms. Carlson shared the Union is in support of getting the community involved in exploring solutions presently, rather than waiting.

SCCCE President Jeanie Brown asked the Board to be thoughtful when building the budget and reserves, particularly when considering salary and cost of living increases. Ms. Brown also thanked the Board and Cabinet for collaborating with the SCCCE all year, and she expressed gratitude for positive negotiations.

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Board Vice President Tracy-Proulx reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding SCCCE negotiations.
2. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding GSCFT negotiations.
3. The Board President represented SCCS in negotiations regarding the Superintendent's Annual Contract Review.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

5.3.1. New Business: Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant

As a part of California Senate Bill 86, Santa Cruz City Schools met the reopening criteria of offering in-person instruction by April to be eligible to apply for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant. The Elementary District may apply for \$1,260,602 in Expanded Learning Opportunities Funds and the Secondary District may apply for \$3,205,917 in Expanded Learning Opportunities Funds. Both Districts will receive full funding if the Grant plans which include stakeholder input are Board approved before June 1, 2021 and then submitted to the County Office of Education. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant.

5.3.2. Study Session: Budget

Governor's May Revise

Assistant Superintendent Monreal reviewed the May Revise from the Governor and drew attention to the fact that districts are being asked to start programs with one-time monies from federal and state COVID stimulus funds. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Projected Budget for 2021-2022

Assistant Superintendent Monreal reviewed the budget being developed for 2021-22. The budget will come forward for a Public Hearing on June 2, 2020. Information reported by Mr. Monreal included: a review of Santa Cruz City Schools budget principals; budget highlights and assumptions; revenue and expenditure summaries; impact to 2021-22 fund balance; revenue sources and projections; expenditure projections; multi-year budget assumptions and multi-year projections; local and state funding descriptions; parcel taxes; and Local Control Accountability Plan supplemental resources. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Potential Establishment of Fund 17

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the possible establishment of a Fund 17 to the Board. Fund 17 is used primarily to provide for the accumulation of General Fund funds for general operating purposes other than capital outlay. Districts create these funds to weather the volatility of state funding and tax revenues in order to protect critical district programs and services. Assistant Superintendent Monreal requested the Board consider establishing a Fund 17. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

6. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Study Session on May 26, 2021, 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 Meeting on June 2, 2021, 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 Meeting on June 16, 2021, 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

Claudia Vestal, President
Board of Education