

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
JUNE 16, 2021**

**Convene Closed Session**

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

**Attendance at Meeting**

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

Absent: Trustee John Owen  
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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

**3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions & Announcements**

An error was corrected during Closed Session on the Superintendent's Goals, correcting the year from 2020-21 to 2021-22.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Certificated Union President Casey Carlson shared her relief that the CDPH has announced that masks will be required in the new school year. Ms. Carlson spoke of the importance of continuing to wear masks for those who are not able to get vaccinated or for those who are immunocompromised.

Members from the community shared their concerns regarding the requirement to wear masks in schools for the next school year. The community members stated students should have the choice to wear masks. Community members also expressed their concerns that masks could be detrimental to children's health, rather than protective.

Santa Cruz City Schools teacher, Linda Aragon, thanked the district for always including stakeholders in district decisions, when possible. Ms. Aragon also thanked the district for requiring all teachers and students to wear masks, as well as for the ventilation reports conducted before in-person instruction began.

Community members voiced their concerns regarding the new Ethnic Studies curriculum.

Santa Cruz City Schools Teacher Marissa Ferejohn-Swett voiced her support for the implementation of the Ethnic Studies Curriculum. Ms. Ferejohn-Swett noted that many elements of the Ethical Studies Curriculum has already been a part of History and Social Studies Curriculum for several years.

Santa Cruz City Schools Activities Director Katie Rowe-Kairys thanked the district for helping make the class of 2021 feel important during this difficult year. Santa Cruz High School hosted a movie night, a barbeque, and a successful graduation. Ms. Rowe-Kairys also thanked the district for including her students in the district LCAP survey and the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Santa Cruz City Schools Teacher Cathy thanked the district and the Board for all their hard work and support during this difficult year. Cathy also stated that the History and Social Studies framework does emphasize critical thinking and that it is part of the responsibility of the History / Social Studies teacher to equip students with the skills to critically analyze material, and articulate their analysis, both verbally and in writing.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Recognition of Measures T & U Campaign Leaders**

Superintendent Munro acknowledged Campaign Chairperson Davis Terrazas and Campaign Treasurer Brad Bereton for their effort and support during the Parcel Tax Measures T and U campaigns that passed on March 3, 2020. These parcel taxes support smaller class sizes, counseling services, visual and performing arts, life lab, after-school programs, Career Technical Education, athletics, and after-school supports. Superintendent Munro thanked Mr. Bereton and Mr. Terrazas for their countless hours of work to support Measures T and U. Mr. Terrazas thanked the district, the Board, and the community members who supported the campaign.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro began her report by sharing that the district has been planning with the leadership team for the next school year. The district has also conducted data conversations with each principal related to student success and student engagement. Superintendent Munro reported that summer school has started and she was able to visit two of the summer school sites. There was much engagement and enthusiasm in the summer school classrooms. The district is actively working on professional development for staff including planning workshops, leadership days, and completing leadership evaluations. Superintendent Munro thanked Trustee Ranii for opening her home to host for the final leadership retreat of the school year. Superintendent Munro spoke about the extensive work that has been put into transferring data from the student information system Illuminate into Infinite Campus and thanked Belynda Flippo from Information Technology. Lastly, Superintendent Munro attended the Computer Science for All debrief and planning with all the grant partners and the State of Our Schools webinar with the County Office of Education.

#### **Student's Report**

None.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

#### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Shonick did not have a report to share.

Trustee Ranii did not have a report to share.

Trustee Threet acknowledged the athletic teams that went further into CCS and congratulated to the Santa Cruz High Girls Basketball team for their CCS Central Coast Championship. Trustee Threet also acknowledged Max Walters from Soquel High, who has been recognized as student athlete of the year. Trustee Threet thanked the Soquel High baseball coach Robert Zuniga who coached the team for twenty years and also acknowledged that he has been a volunteer the entire time. Trustee Threet stated that Coach Zuniga will be sorely missed by the district.

Trustee Tracy-Proulx noted that as she lives close to Gault Elementary, and it has been so nice to hear the students as they use the field and play on the new structure during summer school. Trustee Tracy-Proulx also shared that the district will be partnering with Parks and Recreation to allow children to use the facilities and the field when school is not in session.

Trustee Coonerty thanked Superintendent Munro and the Assistant Superintendents for all their hard work during this difficult year.

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

Board President Vestal did not have a report to share.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of May 26, 2021 meeting.

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

##### **Consent Agenda**

Trustee Threet requested that the vote on the consent agenda be moved to the end of the agenda.

##### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

##### **Closed Session Items**

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

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

1. The Board of Trustees took action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding GSCFT negotiations.
4. Ms. Parks provided an update and received direction from the board regarding SCCCE negotiations.
5. The Board discussed public employee performance evaluation (Govt. Code Section 5497)

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

##### **8.5.1.1. New Business: Curriculum Master Plan**

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Curriculum and Instruction Directors Julia Hodges and Shannon Calden who presented on the Curriculum Master Plan. The purpose of the Master Plan is to guide the district's academic and social emotional learning for the next five to seven

years. Since its creation, it has undergone multiple iterations based on stakeholder input. The revision of the Curriculum Master Plan has been informed by MTSS Retreats and by the results of a Professional Development needs survey for teachers. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

MSP(Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Curriculum Master Plan.

**8.5.1.2. Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Plan Local Indicators**

Assistant Superintendent Coito reported that the California School Dashboard contains both State and Local Indicators. For Local Control Funding Formula priorities where data is not collected at the state level, a Local Education Agency must measure and report its progress through the Dashboard based on locally collected data. The Local Control Accountability Plan local indicators are as follows: basic conditions at school; implementation of State Academic Standards; parent engagement; local climate survey; access to a broad course of study. For each of these local indicators, Santa Cruz City Schools has compiled evidence to substantiate meeting the criteria for each indicator, including site facility reports, evaluation of instructional materials, master schedule offerings, completion of social emotional health surveys and “Healthy Kids” surveys and parent attendance at school and district meetings. 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: Local Control Accountability Plan 2021-22 Adoption**

Assistant Superintendent Coito brought the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan to the Board for final approval. The LCAP was presented to Trustees on June 2, 2021, and a Public Hearing was held to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the LCAP prior to approval.

MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the 2020-21 Local Control Accountability Plan.

**8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Student Climate Action Proposal**

Students from Youth for Climate Justice presented on how the district may have a more proactive approach to climate action. The students shared multiple options for how to determine the district’s current greenhouse gas emissions and shared their hope that the district would make it their goal to have net zero emissions by 2030. 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: 2021-22 Budget Adoption**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the 2021-22 budget for adoption. A Public Hearing was provided for the public to comment on the proposed budget on June 2 prior to approval. Mr. Monreal reviewed the budget development process, shared district revenues and expenditures, projected reductions, and an update on the State Budget after the governor’s May Revise. Mr. Monreal explained that the budget presented tonight will likely be out of date shortly, as the Governor’s Budget is in a constant state of flux. Mr. Monreal recommended the approval of the 2021-22 Budget Adoption.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the 2021-22 Budget.

- 8.5.2.3. New Business: Resolution 39-20-21: Education Protection Account Spending Plan for 2021-22**  
Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forward the annual resolution to determine how monies received from the Education Protection Account will be spent by the district. Mr. Monreal explained that these funds are taken directly from Local Control Funding Formula. The district's intent for these monies is to go to teacher salaries. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended the approval of Resolution 39-20-21.

MSP(Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 39-20-21: Education Protection Account Spending Plan for 2021-22.

- 8.5.2.4. Staff Report: Green Schools Committee Annual Report**  
Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Green Schools Committee's Annual Report. The report discussed highlights of the 2020-21 school year, as well as recommendations to the Board to integrate climate action into the district's goals. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the board at this time.

- 8.5.2.5. New Business: Resolution 40-20-21: Summer Contract Approvals by Cabinet**  
Assistant Superintendent Monreal brought forward the resolution that authorizes the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and the Director of Finance to award bids from June 16, 2021, through August 18, 2021. This resolution is presented each year in school districts across California as a prudent measure, should unforeseen conditions or an emergency arise, which may cause delay of projects or jeopardize the start of school.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 40-20-21: Summer Contract Approvals by Cabinet.

- 8.5.3.1. New Business: Annual Resolution 41-20-21: Summer Personnel Actions**  
Assistant Superintendent Parks brought forward the resolution that authorizes the Superintendent to approve the routine certificated and classified personnel action items between June 17, 2021, and August 17, 2021.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved Resolution 41-20-21: Summer Personnel Actions.

### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.1.1. Williams 4th Quarterly Report, 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 Property, 8.1.3.1. Personnel Actions—Certificated, 8.1.3.2. Personnel Actions—Classified, 8.1.3.3. Job Description: School Bus Driver – Fleet Maintenance Technician, 8.1.3.4. Job Description: Transportation Trainer/Lead School Bus Driver, 8.2.1.1. Document Tracking Services License Renewal, 8.2.1.2. Consultant Services Agreement: Organized Binder, 8.2.1.3. Consultant Services Agreement: University of California Santa Cruz, MESA Program, 8.2.1.4. MyLexia Contract Renewal, 8.2.1.5. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Contract Renewal, 8.2.1.6. Your Future is Our Business Annual Agreement 2021-22, 8.2.1.7. CodeHS Annual Curriculum Purchase, 8.2.1.8. Pear Deck License Renewal, 8.2.1.9. Amplified IT Contract Renewal: Google Suite Upgrade, 8.2.1.10. Screencastify Contract Renewal, 8.2.1.11. EquatIO License Renewal, 8.2.1.12. Curriculum Contract Renewal: Newsela, 8.2.1.13.

Curriculum Associates Contract Renewal: iReady, 8.2.1.14. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress: 2021-22 Contract, 8.2.1.15. Learning Ally License Renewal, 8.2.1.16. Read 180 Subscription Renewal, 8.2.1.17. Achieve 3000 Contract Renewal, 8.2.1.18. SeeSaw License Renewal, 8.2.1.19. Project Bike Tech Contract, 8.2.1.20. EDPuzzle Contract Renewal, 8.2.1.21. History Textbook Purchase: McGraw Hill & National Geographic, 8.2.1.22. Extended School Year: Nonpublic Agency: Easterseals, 8.2.1.23. Consultant Services Agreement: Hearing Conservation Associates, 8.2.1.24. Zearn Account Renewal, 8.2.1.25. iStation License Renewal, 8.2.1.26. Educational Software for Guiding Instruction License Renewal, 8.2.2.1. Geo. H. Wilson Proposal: Gault Elementary Sewer Repairs, 8.2.2.2. Facility Adviser Proposal: Software and Services, 8.2.2.3. Food Service Bids: 2021-22, 8.2.3.1. Contract Addendum: Superintendent, 8.2.3.2. Contract Addendums: Assistant Superintendents, 8.2.4.1. Annual Agreement: California School Board Association 2021-22 Membership, 8.2.4.2. Annual Agreement: California School Boards Association 2021-22 Online Board Book and Policy Manual Maintenance, 8.3.1. 19six Architects Proposal: Soquel High School Culinary Arts Modernization, 8.3.2. 19six Architects Proposal: Soquel High School Fitness Center, 8.3.3. CRW Industries, Inc. Change Order 2: Branciforte Middle School Multipurpose Room Modernization, 8.3.4. CRW Industries, Inc. Change Order 2: Branciforte Middle School Street Presence Improvements, 8.3.5. Dilbeck & Sons, Incorporated Proposal: Facilities Yard New Driveway Approach

Trustee Tracy-Proulx motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Threet seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

#### **8.5.5.2. Potential Items for Futures Agenda**

Trustee Shonick requested that the district explore the creation of a climate action resource position at each school site and for the Board to receive feedback regarding the viability and need for such a position.

### **9. Adjournment of Meeting**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

\*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

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education