

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
June 28, 2017**

Convene Closed Session for Inter District Transfer Appeals

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Closed Session Meeting for Inter District Transfer Appeals Hearings to order at 5:08 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance for Inter-District Transfer Appeal Hearings

Board President Tracy-Proulx

Board Member Shonick

Board Member Perez-Granados

Board Member Threet (participated in hearing for Student #2 only)

Board Member Vestal (participated in hearing for Student #1 only)

Absent: Board Member Coonerty

Absent: Board Member Thompson

Superintendent Kris Munro

Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Student Services Director Brown

Student Services Administrative Secretary Luna

Family – Student #1

Family – Student #2

Inter-District Transfer Appeal Hearings – Presentations of Cases

Format: Each of the families was escorted separately to meet with the Trustees. Parent/Guardian Advocate had five minutes to present the case for the appeal of the denial. Ms. Brown had five minutes to present the case for the denial of the transfer. The Trustees had 10 minutes to ask clarifying questions. After the presentation of each case, the family was excused and the next family proceeded into the room for an opportunity to address the Board Members. At the conclusion of the presentations, all parties returned to the board room.

IDT Appeal Hearing Student #1

IDT Appeal Hearing Student #2

Convene Full Board Closed Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting/Study Session Full Board Closed Session to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting/Study Session Open Session to order at 6:32 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Deedee Perez-Granados	Jeremy Shonick	
Patty Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal	Alisun Thompson – teleconference

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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.

Vote on Inter-District Transfer Appeals

Board President Tracy-Proulx thanked each family for their presence at the hearing and for sharing their personal story. The Board of Education reviews each hearing packet with respect and gives serious consideration to each situation.

1. MSP (Perez-Granados/Vestal) 4-0-1-2, the Board of Education upheld the denial of the Inter-District Transfer for Student #1. Ms. Threet recused herself from this vote as she had previously met the Parent of Student #1 and was aware of the student/situation. Board Members Coonerty and Thompson abstained from this vote as they were not present for the Appeal Hearing of Student #1.
2. MSP (Perez-Granados/Shonick) 4-0-3, the Board of Education upheld the denial of the Inter-District Transfer for Student #2. Board Members Coonerty, Thompson and Vestal abstained from this vote as they were not present for the Appeal Hearing for Student #2.

Agenda Changes

Board Recording Secretary Lentz provided revised agendas to: 1) list the Expulsions that are being reported on in Closed Session as numbers 29-16-17 and 30-16-17; 2) delete Item 8.1.7.3.7. Contract: Gateway School – 255 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA. This items were previously corrected for the electronic agenda and board book, but were missed in the edits of the hard copy items. MSP (Perez-Granados/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved moving Item 8.3.2. Staff Report: Bond Update – Soquel and Harbor High School Pool Projects and Harbor High School Field Project to immediately follow Item 8.2.2.2. Vote on Expulsion 30-16-17.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community supporter Dr. Logsdon had the opportunity to befriend many folks at Dominican Hospital during his recent stay and heard many appreciative comments regarding Santa Cruz City Schools. The district has a great deal of support in the community. Outgoing GSCFT President Kirschen commented that tonight marks his final Board Meeting in an official capacity. As he retires, Mr. Kirschen expressed his appreciation for forty amazing, engaging and rewarding years of service in one capacity or another at Santa Cruz City Schools. Mr. Kirschen expressed particular admiration and gratitude for this board and administration, his colleagues and all the students who have touched his life.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Munro

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Shonick is pleased to learn that Santa Cruz City Schools will receive one-time funds in the approximate amount of \$1 million which might be used to provide curriculum development for Common Core subjects. In the future, Trustee Shonick hopes to discuss possible expenditures for the development of curriculum of History and Social Science.

Board Member Threet had the pleasure of attending the ceremony for the renaming of the Soquel High School Softball Field to the JR Blinkenberg Memorial Field. It was a heartwarming ceremony attended by approximately 85 people.

Board Member Coonerty passed on a recommendation made by a community member to have a recognition ceremony for the many outstanding scholarships received by our graduating seniors each year. Dr. Coonerty expressed concern that the Santa Cruz City Council meeting yesterday evening only focused on the difficulties of low-income families to find affordable housing in our community. Dr. Coonerty feels that middle-income wage earners are also experiencing great difficulty finding a place to reside in our area. Dr. Coonerty expressed her great satisfaction that Santa Cruz City Schools is making significant progress in improvements for under-served student populations with the limited funds this district receives through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Dr. Coonerty would also like to explore using one-time funds to develop curriculum for Common Core History and Social Studies.

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx expressed her appreciation to outgoing GSCFT President Kirschen and thanked him for his service to our students, employees and community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Coonerty/Threet) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2017, including an addition to the minutes to reflect Dr. Coonerty's request to Superintendent Munro to provide information on how the determination is made to use an outside consultant vs. district personnel to provide an Individual Education Evaluation for Special Education students.
(Consent Agenda)

Consent Agenda

Board Members Shonick, Coonerty and Threet had questions regarding the quote from vendor OnPoint for demonstration classroom furniture contained in Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Quotes and Bids. GSCFT Vice President Ballaban also had questions regarding this item. Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Miller and Superintendent Munro provided the requested information. Mr. Shonick expressed his interest in leasing the furniture instead of purchasing the furniture. Board Member Vestal moved approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of: Item 8.1.1. Personnel Actions – Certificated; Item 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – Classified; Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Quotes and Bids; Item 8.1.4. Warrant Register; Item 8.1.5. Budget Transfers; Item 8.1.6. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.7.1. Agreement Renewal: Soquel High School Resource Officer Contract for 2017-18; Item 8.1.7.2.1. Contract: Educational Services/Special Education-Balance for Kids; Item 8.1.7.2.2. Contract: Educational Services/Special Education-Easter Seals; Item 8.1.7.2.3. Agreement for Professional Services: Educational Services/Special Education-Rachel M. Haven, Independent Education Evaluation; Item 8.1.7.3.1.

Agreement Amendment: Business Services-Belli Architects Group: Branciforte MS Special Education Portable; Item 8.1.7.3.2. Agreement Amendment: Business Services-Bridges to Kinder; Item 8.1.7.3.3. Contract: Business Services-Applied Materials & Engineering: Water Intrusion Analysis @ 536 Palm Street, Santa Cruz, CA; Item 8.1.7.3.4. Consultant Service Agreement: Business Services-Jerene Lacey: assistance with Finance Office operations; Item 8.1.7.3.5. Contract: Business Services-Palace Business Solutions: Piggyback contract for office/classroom supplies; Item 8.1.7.3.6. Contract: Business Services-California Premier Restoration: Harbor HS Poolhouse abatement work; Item 8.1.8. Change Order: DeLaveaga Shade Structure; Item 8.1.9. Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Policy. Board Member Threet seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote, as follows:

Roll Call Vote: Coonerty – Yes	Perez-Granados – Yes	Shonick – Yes	Thompson – Yes
Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes	

8.2 Closed Session Actions

1. The Board of Education conferred regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA.
2. The Board of Trustees heard an update regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
3. The Board of Trustees heard information on Expulsions 29-16-17 and 30-16-17 to prepare for a vote on these matters later this evening in Open Session.
4. The Board of Trustees took action on Certificated, Classified, and Management leaves, retirements, resignations, and appointments.

Vote on Expulsions

1. MSP (Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 29-16-17 as submitted. Dr. Thompson abstained from this vote.
2. MSP (Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 5-1-1, the Board of Education approved Expulsion 30-16-17 as submitted. Ms. Threet voted no. Dr. Thompson abstained from this vote.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.3.2. Staff Report/New Business: Bond Update – Soquel and Harbor HS Pool Projects; Harbor HS Field

Mr. Gaffney introduced Mr. Stu Isaac of the Isaac Sports Group to report to the Trustees on this matter. Mr. Isaac conducted research in the community during the dates of June 6 through June 8, 2017. His report included: the goals of the study; the process for gathering information; community needs, goals and opportunities; 40 meter pool designs and configurations; 50 meter pool designs and configurations; facility amenities and support spaces for 40 meter vs. 50 meter pools at both Soquel and Harbor High Schools; costing process; construction cost estimates; cost reductions and project support options; next steps. Board Members asked questions, made comments and discussed the presentation with Mr. Isaac.

Superintendent Munro thanked Mr. Isaac for this comprehensive report. The Superintendent reported that, after careful consideration, her recommendation to the Trustees is to proceed with the construction of two new 40 meter pools – one at Harbor High School and one at Soquel High School. The Superintendent feels that the construction of a 50 meter pool and a teaching pool exceed the budgets that have been set aside for these projects, and rely on projections from outside agencies for revenue commitments. Superintendent Munro is not comfortable taking chances with the resources that must provide for all facility needs for our students. The district has identified facility needs of over \$300 million and the bonds proceeds will provide just over \$200 million. There are many projects to be

considered. The 40 meter pools are larger than the district originally anticipated building and will create opportunities for both our students and our community. Superintendent Munro shared that professional workshops/organizations are encouraging school districts to prepare for another recession, and Santa Cruz City Schools is experiencing declining enrollment. Board President Tracy-Proulx noted that although this report originally was noted as a staff report, action could be taken by the Trustees tonight since the Superintendent has made a recommendation.

Public Comments:

Harbor High School Principal Runeare advocated for 40 meter pools at both Soquel and Harbor High Schools. As the principal of a high school in an open enrollment district, Ms. Runeare is concerned that building a 50 meter pool at one location sends a message to the public. The 50 meter pool will better serve private organizations, but a 40 meter pool at both sites will more than serve the needs of students at both sites, and will more equitably serve our community. A member of a private swim club program advocated for two 40 meter pools. These facilities will serve the needs of students, which is the first priority of the district, and will also better serve the private clubs in the area. The 50 meter pool is not necessary for this community. Another Harbor High School parent noted that many families of grade eight students discuss the pros and cons of each available high school program – and families expect equitable athletic facilities at each site. A parent expressed concern about declining enrollment and encouraged the Trustees to act swiftly to address the pool and field projects at Harbor High School to retain students at local public schools. Harbor High School Athletic Director Hollis O'Brien expressed support for Superintendent Munro's recommendation of two 40 meter pools. Santa Cruz City Schools needs to plan for equity for all – Mr. O'Brien does not feel that Harbor High School athletes are interested in a 50 meter pool. Soquel High School does not have a theater and many other facility needs. Mr. O'Brien also expressed concern with the revenue projections in Mr. Isaac's presentation and encouraged caution with expenditures. Educator Jason Robertson advocated for two 40 meter pools and equity of facilities at both high schools. Soquel High School Atlansky advocated for two 40 meter pools at both Soquel and Harbor High Schools. Soquel High School is the only comprehensive high school in the district without a theater, and we want to have funds for this project as well. A private Santa Cruz Swimming Club Coach said he looks forward to the development of two 40 meter pools at both sites and feels this will best serve both students and the community. The Coach expressed concern that the deck space presented in the report tonight is not large enough to host swim meets and should be larger to adequately accommodate the equipment and the people needed to host a meet. A warm water therapy pool will not fit well into a public school space. PVUSD Nurse Kathleen Kilpatrick feels that the therapy pool is important and will provide value to the district. Examine your program and needs before making a decision about the warm water therapy pool. Superintendent Munro shared that our students who require the warm water pool currently have access at the local 24 Hour Fitness facility in Santa Cruz.

Following further discussion by the Board Members, Ms. Vestal moved approval of the construction of a 40 meter pool at Soquel High School and a 40 meter pool at Harbor High School. Dr. Perez-Granados seconded the motion. Ms. Threet made a friendly amendment to proceed with the 40 meter pool at Soquel High School and provide a 6 month timeline for the district to explore the possibility of community funding for either a 50 meter pool or a warm water therapy pool at Harbor High School. The amendment was not accepted by motion maker Vestal. The Board of Trustees approved the construction of a 40 meter pool at each site with a vote of 5-2. Ms. Threet and Dr. Perez-Granados voted no.

Recess: Board President Tracy-Proulx called for a short recess at 9:22 p.m.

Reconvene: Board President Tracy Proulx reconvened this meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Note: Dr. Alisun exited the meeting via teleconference at 9:26 p.m.

Mr. Miller reported on the Harbor High School Field projects. The projected estimated total cost of the renovation of the Track and Field Stadium, the Volleyball Courts and East Track Event Plaza, the Softball Fields and improvements to the Baseball Fields at \$9,877,934.01. Mr. Miller provided a schematic drawing showing the preferred concept for these renovations/improvements. The projected timeline to complete the projects is December 2018. Following Trustee comments, questions and discussion, the Board of Education thanked Mr. Miller for the information. No actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.3.1. Staff Report: Facilities Services – Groundskeeping Update

Mr. Miller reported to the Board of Education. The district consists of approximately 170 acres. Currently the district employs five (5) groundskeepers to maintain our sites. Maintenance is focused on improving site curb appeal and playfields. Pest management strategy revolves around prevention through sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard are used as a last line of defense to protect health and safety. The district uses a five (5) layer approach to the control of weeds: biological (goats); physical (weed pulling and mowing); cultural (modifying irrigation, tolerating non-harmful weeds, aerating, etc.); chemical exempt (clove oil, vinegar); chemical non-exempt (3 gallons of diluted chemical a year over our 170 acres of property).

Public Comments: Project Pollinate Director Glover feels that the presentation by Mr. Miller is a great start for the district, but hopes the district will work towards the elimination of chemicals on school properties in order to protect both students and employees. Project Pollinate would be excited to work with the district to provide alternate solutions. Project Pollinate Member Goss also advocated for the elimination of chemicals at Santa Cruz City Schools and offered to utilize his education and experience to help the district work towards this end. Another speaker shared the story of the ban of glyphosate in Pajaro Valley Unified School District, and urged Santa Cruz City Schools Trustees to seek ways to eliminate the use of this product. PVUSD School Nurse Kathleen Kilpatrick encouraged the Trustees to continue to seek data and explore alternative solutions.

Following Trustee questions, comments and discussion, the Board of Education thanked Mr. Miller for this information. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.3.3. New Business: Belli Architectural Group – Amendment Agreement for Soquel & Harbor HS Pool Projects

Based on the Board's approval earlier in the meeting of a 40 meter pool at Soquel High School and a 40 meter pool at Harbor High School, Mr. Gaffney recommends amending the agreement to specify the construction of 40 meter pools. MSP (Shonick/Perez-Granados) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the agreement amendment.

8.3.4. New Business: Approve Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2017-18

Superintendent Munro provided information on the Local Control Accountability Plan and recommended approval for the 2017-18 LCAP. Following Board Members questions, comments and discussion, MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the 2017-18 LCAP.

8.3.5. New Business: Adopt Santa Cruz City Schools Budget 2017-18

Mr. Gaffney and his team made some adjustments to the budget documents based on comments from the Board at the previous meeting in order to make the budget easier to read and understand. Mr. Gaffney also made modifications to deferred maintenance funds, building funds, and cafeteria funds. Per Trustee request, Mr. Gaffney has received data from School Services of California regarding the Santa Cruz City Schools contribution to the cafeteria funds as compared to approximately 25 other districts in California. The Business Services team will study this data and provide information to the Board of Education at a later date. Mr. Gaffney recommends approval of the SCCS 2017-18 Budget. MSP (Perez-Granados/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the SCCS 2017-18 Budget.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business for the Open Session Meeting, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this meeting at 10:48 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on August 23, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

* ***For more details about this meeting, please visit our district website and listen to the meeting recording:***

<http://www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us/about-us/board-of-education/agendas-a-minutes.html>

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Deb Tracy-Proulx, President
Board of Education