

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
October 3, 2018**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:39 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty	Cynthia Ranii	Jeremy Shonick	Patty Threet
Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal		

Absent: Deedee Perez-Granados

Absent: Student Representative Selvartham, Soquel High School

Absent: Student Representative Rodriguez, Costanoa High School

Kris Munro, Superintendent

Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Patrick Gaffney, 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.

**Vote on Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing**

The Board of Education reviews each hearing packet with respect and carefully considers each situation and family. If the voting result tonight does not allow your student to enroll in Santa Cruz City Schools, our staff is here to help you transition to your new district/school.

1. Vote on Hearing Student #1

MSP (Ranii/Threet) 4-0-2, the Board of Education upheld the denial of the Interdistrict Transfer. Board Members Shonick and Coonerty abstained from the vote, as they were not present for the hearing.

## **Agenda Changes**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Since the last Board Meeting on September 26, Superintendent Munro participated in the District Principals' site visits and enjoyed the second annual District PAL (Partnership between Administration and Labor) meeting. The Superintendent was present for the Branciforte Small Schools playground structure ribbon cutting ceremony and was pleased to host the City of Santa Cruz/City Schools meeting on October 2. Superintendent Munro sent the final draft of the annual State of Our Schools message to print on October 2.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Ms. Tracy-Proulx attended the Branciforte Small Schools playground ribbon cutting ceremony and noted that it was great fun to see all the children playing on the new structure. Ms. Tracy-Proulx visited grades 6 and 8 Science classrooms at Mission Hill Middle School and attended the joint Santa Cruz City Schools/City of Santa Cruz Meeting.

Dr. Ranii reported that since the last meeting, she had visited both Happy Valley and Mountain Elementary Schools and enjoyed meeting each of the Principal/Superintendents of these Santa Cruz City Schools feeder districts. Dr. Ranii was impressed with the programs that these K-6 sites provided for students. Dr. Ranii attended the Schools Plus Reception and acknowledged Board President Vestal for her leadership role in this fine organization. Dr. Ranii attended the PAL Meeting and thanked GSCFT President Carlson for making her feel very welcome at the event.

Ms. Threet had the opportunity to attend some District Water Polo matches and had great fun. This October the Inside Education Meeting at the County Office of Education focused on Pre-School education and we visited the Buena Vista and Cabrillo College Head Start programs, as well as the Cabrillo College Early Education Certificated classroom. Some additional Federal funds may be available for the Cabrillo College Head Start program soon. Trustee Threet visited Soquel High School with Board President Vestal, Superintendent Munro and Principal Atlansky. Ms. Threet was reminded on her visit that this high school has the largest enrollment of students and she looks forward to the completion of bond projects to meet the needs of these students.

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

Board President Vestal was pleased to be a part of the Schools Plus event to honor teachers and provide grants and opportunities for classroom programs. Now that the event has passed, a new cycle of grants has begun – so please encourage your Principals and Teachers to apply. The Board President visited Soquel High School with Trustee Threet and acknowledged the important ongoing work at this site focused on improving the school climate. The Santa Cruz City Schools/City of Santa Cruz joint meeting was very collaborative.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MSP (Ranii/Coonerty) 5-0-1, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Meeting on September 26, 2018. Ms. Tracy-Proulx abstained from this vote, as she was not present for the meeting.



**8.5.2.2. Staff Report: Bond Budget Update**

Mr. Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture provided an update on the bond program budgets and expenditures by site. Information included funds available to site, allocation based on latest cost estimates and prioritized projects by site teams, expenditures to date for a given project from November 2016 through April 2018 and percent expended by site per total site resource. Board members asked questions and provided feedback and comments. This item was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**8.5.2.3. Staff Report: Parcel Tax Update**

Mr. Gaffney provided a brief overview of the current District Parcel Tax Measures I, J, O and P. The next steps for the District are to seek a consultant in January 2019 to assist the District with a plan for renewing parcel taxes, conduct a community poll regarding parcel taxes and identify renewal options. This report was informational in nature and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

**8.5.2.4. New Business: Contract-SCCS/SCCOE for new financial system ESCAPE**

Mr. Gaffney reported that the Santa Cruz County School Districts (SCCSD's) collectively identified a need to review other financial software systems to replace the existing system known as Digital Schools (DS). The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the SCCSD's began reviewing systems in June 2018 with the intent to find a replacement and implement by July 2019. After initial presentations and a conversation with the current system's new owner, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued and distributed in July 2018. Simultaneously, the districts reviewed the most prominent systems in the State, which are Escape Technology and QSS. The initial reviews included mini demos by the vendors and two site user visits. The site user visits were with North Monterey Unified School District, a user of Escape Technology, and with San Benito County Office of Education, a QSS user. The demos were done in August 2018. After the RFP closed, the three vendors that submitted RFP's were evaluated – QSS, Escape Technology and Tyler Munis. All three were invited to present to a broader group of users from the districts. Tyler Munis declined the offer. The other two vendors presented in the month of September. After discussion, a unanimous decision was made by the Districts to move forward with Escape Technology. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the contract for the new financial system ESCAPE.

**8.5.4.1. New Business: Board Policies Updates: Final Reading and Adoption**

The Board of Education reviewed and approved these policies for first reading on September 26, 2018. They return tonight for final adoption. 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. Staff have reviewed the policies to ensure that any required customization for Santa Cruz City Schools has been included. MSP (Tracy-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the policies for final reading and adoption.



13. The Regular Meeting on June 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
14. The Regular Meeting on June 19, 2019, 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:***

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Respectfully submitted,

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Claudia Vestal, President  
Board of Education