

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
February 14, 2024**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Vestal called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:10p.m.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Vestal called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

Patricia Threet Kevin Grossman Claudia Vestal

Remote: Kyle Kelley

Absent: Sheila Coonerty, Angela Meeker, and John Owen

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

3.3 Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

None

3.4 Remote Attendance

Superintendent Munro requested approval of the board on behalf of Trustee Kelley to be allowed to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance permissions. Trustee Kelley requested remote attendance via the emergency circumstance exemption. Trustee Kelley was ill.

Trustee Threet motioned to approve Trustee Kelley to attend remotely per AB 2449 Remote Attendance. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes

Grossman – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Kelley – Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Munro began by congratulating the ten students who participated in the Interact Rotary Speech Contest, where four students were recognized for their strong work and one will move on to the finals. Ms. Munro mentioned that Mock Trial would also be participating in finals later this week. Superintendent Munro then discussed her attendance at the ACSA Superintendents Symposium where she sat in on seminars ranging in topics from student mental health resources to leadership training. Ms. Munro shared that the Business Department is preparing for their second interim budget report and that there have been many meetings throughout the district to communicate about the current year and to plan for the next.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Simon shared that Soquel High had Valentine's Day Grams delivered across the campus today. Mr. Simon shared that the Biotech 2 CTE class is currently on a trip through the United Kingdom where they will be learning about scientific history to gain a broader understanding of the topics shared in their classes.

Student Board Representative Vazquez-Veloz informed the Board that Harbor's Winter Formal theme was voted to be "Under the Northern Lights". Harbor's medtech class hosted a blood drive, and the Varsity Basketball team held a Harvest Food drive. Ms. Vazquez-Veloz shared that students have been busy preparing for exams and IB class testing. She concluded her report by congratulating Harbor's Interact Club for participating in the Rotary Speech Contest.

Student Board Representative Von Worley shared that both of Santa Cruz High's Basketball teams won and are headed to CSS, along with the boys Soccer team. Mr. Von Worley shared that their Mock Trial team is currently second in the league to Pacific Collegiate School, saying he was proud to see a public school high in the ranks. Mr. Von Worley discussed that SCHS also had Valentine's Day Grams, where students could pay \$5 to have a friend sung to by the choir. Mr. Von Worley concluded his report by relaying that a presenter came to the school to speak about their experience in the Holocaust, saying he was glad to have heard their chilling perspective.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Trustee Threet began by stating that she was happy that sites are open to hosting blood drives again, saying she was happy to have donated blood at the Soquel High event hosted by the American Red Cross. Ms. Threet then congratulated the winter sports teams for their successes, and shared her joy that so many students and staff were involved in the events that follow the games. Trustee Threet concluded her report by discussing her visit to SCHS where she found valuable insight from Principal Poirer and Superintendent Munro about the different challenges that face each site.

Trustee Grossman shared that he attended the Back to School nights at SCHS and MHMS and was happy to meet his children’s teachers and hear what they will be learning in the second half of the year. Mr. Grossman spoke about having just completed his fourth Masters in Governance course where the topic was Human Resources and Collective Bargaining, saying it has been integral to his learning as a new Trustee. Mr. Grossman shared that he attended an exciting SCHS Varsity Girls Basketball game and congratulated the team for moving on to the next round. Trustee Grossman concluded his report by reiterating Trustee Threet’s sentiment that meeting with Principal Poirer and Superintendent Munro at SCHS was incredibly valuable with excellent conversation.

Trustee Kelley shared that he attended the Educator Housing Committee meeting where he met with building and design partners. The committee reviewed a draft programming document timeline, processes to obtain city permits, and the Educator Housing Bill to be certain they are locking in objective standards for the project. Prior to the meeting Trustee Kelley met with the city and stated that he was excited to see the collaboration between the two entities to keep the project moving forward.

Board President’s Report

Board President Vestal attended the SCZBA meeting where she saw Trustee Kelley give an abridged version of his presentation from the CSBA Conference on Artificial Intelligence. Ms. Vestal attended the LGBTQ+ Huddle where there was county wide attendance. She said it was great to hear the successes and challenges different organizations have faced while working towards LGBTQ+ support for all students countywide. Trustee Vestal then shared that at the LGBTQ+ Task Force Meeting they discussed the use of pronouns, name changes and the legal parameters regarding whether students need parental consent for said name changes. Trustee Vestal concluded her report by discussing her visit to the DELTA Board Special Meeting and her visit to Harbor High School with Principal Hernandez and Trustee Kelley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Meeting. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes Grossman – Yes Vestal – Yes Kelley – Yes

MSP (Threet/Grossman) 4-0, with 3 absences, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Meeting.

2. Trustee Threet motioned to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Finance Authority Meeting. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes

Grossman – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Kelley – Yes

MSP (Threet/Grossman) 4-0, with 3 absences, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Finance Authority Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

1. Ms. Coito provided trustees with information regarding student expulsion #07-23-24.
2. Ms. Coito provided trustees with information regarding student expulsion #08-23-24.
3. Ms. Coito provided trustees with information regarding student expulsion #09-23-24.
4. Mr. Monreal provided trustees with information regarding Real Property Negotiators (Govt. Code Section 44956.8).
5. Ms. Munro shared information with and received direction from the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
6. Ms. Munro had no information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
7. Ms. Munro provided an update regarding negotiations with the GSCFT.
8. Ms. Munro provided an update regarding negotiations with the SCCCE.

Vote on Student Expulsion #07-23-24

Trustee Threet motioned to accept the District's recommendation to expel student #07-23-24. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes

Grossman – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Kelley – Yes

Vote on Student Expulsion #08-23-24

Trustee Threet motioned to accept the District's recommendation to expel student #08-23-24. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes

Grossman – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Kelley – Yes

Vote on Student Expulsion #09-23-24

Trustee Grossman motioned to accept the District's recommendation to expel student #09-23-24. Trustee Threet seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes

Grossman – Yes

Vestal – Yes

Kelley – Yes

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.2.1.1 Staff Report: Local Control Accountability Mid-Year Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito presented the Local Control Accountability Mid-Year Update. As this is a mid-year update, some metric outcomes are unknown, some are in progress, and some

are known. Similarly, some LCAP actions are in progress and some are completed. Santa Cruz City Schools continues to work to align human, time and fiscal resources to achieve the LCAP goals. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.1.2 Staff Report: CA School Dashboard Update

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Directors Shannon Calden and Julia Hodges to present the California School Dashboard Update. The California School Dashboard is an online tool designed to help communities across the state access important information about K–12 schools and districts. Results are presented for all districts, schools, and defined student groups (e.g., racial groups, low income, English learners, homeless, foster youth, and students with disabilities). Performance levels are calculated based on how current performance compares to past performance. This provides a more complete picture of performance than a point-in-time snapshot. 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 New Business: District Financial Audit

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Charles Raibley of Crowe to present an analysis of the 2022-23 external financial audit for the district through June 30, 2023. The District is required to have an independent financial audit performed annually in accordance with audit standards established for K-12 schools by the State Controller. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of the District Financial Audit. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Trustee Threet motioned to approve the District Financial Audit. Trustee Grossman seconded the motion.

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes Grossman – Yes Vestal – Yes Kelley – Yes

8.2.2.2 New Business: Measures A & B Audit Report

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Charles Raibley of Crowe to present the Measures A & B Audit Report. Article XIII A of the California Constitution requires school districts that have passed general obligation bonds under the provision of Proposition 39 to conduct an annual performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects approved by the voters and specified by the Board of Education. Written analysis of each audit prepared by Crowe are included in their audit reports. Assistant Superintendent Monreal recommended approval of the Measures A & B Audit Report. Trustees asked questions and had discussion.

Trustee Grossman motioned to approve the Measures A & B Audit Report. Trustee Threet seconded the motion.

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes Grossman – Yes Vestal – Yes Kelley – Yes

8.2.2.3 Staff Report: Governor’s Budget Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented a report on the Governor’s Budget Proposal. Each January, the Governor presents the initial budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. District staff attended a workshop on 1/16/24 facilitated by School Services of California about the proposed education funding for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Monreal presented highlights of the proposed Governor’s budget. Some highlights from the Governor’s Budget Proposal include: California Budget, Budget Shortfalls impact Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), Historical Statutory COLAs, What’s not in the Education Budget, LCFE Entitlements for School Districts, Fluctuating Statutory COLAs from Dept. of Finance, State Categorical Programs receiving COLA, Minimum Wage Future Forecast, and Certificated and Classified Layoffs & State Budget Timelines. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

8.2.2.4 Staff Report: Preliminary Enrollment Projections

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented a report on the Preliminary Enrollment Projections. Staff work with PowerSchool, formerly DecisionInsite, a demography service, to research and develop both short and long-term enrollment projections. The report outlined projections based on district and partner district data, housing development plans, and other factors. Given the changing demographics due to changing Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), staff have contracted with Schoolworks, a new demographer, that will provide another projection report to support the District with future planning. This report is based on PowerSchool data and will be updated when the District receives the Schoolworks report. Trustees asked questions and had discussion. This report was informational in nature and no action was taken by the Board at this time.

Jody Kropholler, Co-President of GSCFT, began his public comment by thanking Superintendent Munro and the Board for continuing to be fiscally responsible. Mr. Kropholler shared concerns around cutting staff before true enrollment numbers are recorded, including summer enrollments. He shared with the Board his commitment to advocating for smaller class sizes.

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

8.3.1.1 Career Technical Education Advisory Recommendation, 8.3.1.2 Overnight Field Trip Request: Harbor High, 8.3.2.1 Purchase Orders, Bids & Quotes, 8.3.2.2 Warrant Register, 8.3.2.3 Disposition of Surplus, 8.3.2.4 Notice of Completion, 8.3.2.5 2nd Quarter Investment Report, 8.3.3.1 Certificated Personnel Actions, 8.3.3.2 Classified Personnel Actions, 8.4.1.1 Agreement for Professional Services: Total Vision, 8.4.1.2 Consultant Services Agreement: Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, 8.4.1.3 Memorandum of Understanding: Neighbouring Districts: Special Education, 8.4.2.1 Contract: Climatec: Change Order 2: Energy Services Agreement, 8.4.2.2 Contract: Laptop Replacements, 8.4.2.3 Contract: Renewal: Zoom Teleconference Services, 8.4.2.4 Contract: Renewal: T-Mobile Hotspots, 8.4.4.1 Consultant Services Agreement: Lisa Fraser, 8.5.1 Dilbeck & Sons, Inc.: Quote: Soquel High School Door Replacement, 8.5.2 Dilbeck & Sons, Inc: Proposal: Harbor High School and Santa Cruz High School Door Hardware Replacement, 8.5.3 Fiber Optic Telecom International: Proposal: Harbor High School and Santa Cruz High Electronic Key Card System Access Control Implementation,

8.5.4 Kone Inc.: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Chair Lift Decommissioning, 8.5.5 Secureall: Quote: Card Reader Retrofit Kits

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

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 a yes vote on this matter.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Threet – Yes Grossman – Yes Vestal – Yes Kelley – Yes

9. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

None

10. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Vestal adjourned this Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The Study Session Board Meeting on March 27, 2024, 6:00 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 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.
5. The Study Session on April 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and will be broadcast to the public remotely via Zoom.
6. 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.
7. The Study Session on May 22, 2024, 6:00 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 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.
9. 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