

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
August 23, 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 5:05 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 Thompson
Board Member Threet

Absent: Board Member Coonerty

Absent: Board Member Vestal

Superintendent Kris Munro
Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Student Services Director Brown
Student Services Administrative Secretary Luna

Family – Student #2

Inter-District Transfer Appeal Hearings – Presentations of Cases

Note: Although there were four hearings originally scheduled for this meeting – two of the hearing requests were withdrawn prior to the meeting and one hearing request was withdrawn at the meeting. As a result, the Trustees will only vote on the appeal for Student #2 tonight. Format: 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. At the conclusion of the presentations, all parties returned to the board room.

IDT Appeal Hearing Student #2

Convene Full Board Closed Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Closed Session to order at 5:39 p.m. in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA. Superintendent Munro noted that a revised agenda has been presented to each Trustee and made available to the public that lists the addresses and negotiating parties for Closed Session Item 2.4.1.4. Real Property Negotiations. This information had been inadvertently missing from the original agenda.

Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items

None

Convene Open Session

Board President Tracy-Proulx called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:38 p.m. in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Frank Wells, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
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 the family of Student #2 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 (Thompson/Perez-Granados) 4-1-2, the Board of Education upheld the denial of the Inter-District Transfer for Student #2. Board Member Threet voted No. Board Members Coonerty and Vestal abstained from this vote as they were not present for the Appeal Hearing for Student #2.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The GSCFT officers were introduced to the Board of Education: President, Casey Carlson; Helayne Ballaban, Elementary Vice President; Matt Bruner, Secondary Vice President; Martha Dyer, Secretary; Mark McConnell, Treasurer and Chief Negotiator. Ms. Carlson also reported that the number one concern for both new and experienced district teachers is the cost of housing in the Santa Cruz area. The union is very interested in helping to facilitate discussions and solutions connected with housing issues. The GSCFT also extends thanks to Board Member Thompson for her service and wishes her continued success in future endeavors. District Grandparent and Bay View Elementary School neighbor Joy Parker expressed her dissatisfaction with the general maintenance of the grounds and buildings at this neighborhood school. Ms. Parker provided photos of conditions at this site, and asked the board for an immediate response to her complaints. Santa Cruz Sister Cities representative Brennan reported on a new opportunity for students. Each year, the Sister Cities organization will provide a Santa Cruz city youth in their junior or senior year of high school an opportunity to represent Santa Cruz County in one of the five sister cities abroad through the Galen Eidam Wilson Youth Ambassador Scholarship. Application forms for the Spring 2018 award will be available in September 2017 @ <https://galenwilsonyouthfund.org> Stuart Rosenstein, Chair of the Queer Youth Task Force of Santa Cruz

County, thanked the Board Members and Administrators/Leadership of Santa Cruz City Schools for their support of queer youth; and, in particular, Dr. Thompson for her exemplary leadership and support of all youth. Santa Cruz Education Foundation President Stephanie Pache shared several pieces of good news from the Foundation: Santa Cruz City Schools, the Santa Cruz Education Foundation and ETR (Education, Training and Research) have been awarded a 2-year, \$300,000 National Science Foundation grant to address disparities, bolster computer science education and expand computer science pathways for K-12 students in Santa Cruz public schools; Visual and Performing Arts grants were awarded to each of our 10 schools; on August 22, the Education Foundation provided a Playworks training for elementary and middle school employees proposing engaging ways to manage children on the playground.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported a productive first week of employee work and a great first day for students at Santa Cruz City Schools. The District welcomes 51 new certificated and 30 new classified staff members. Student welcome events included Web Crew, Link Crew and Kinder Open Houses. The District offered the first-ever full day of professional development for nine month employees at Harbor High School on August 22, and this day of learning was preceded by our 8th annual Employee Welcome Breakfast. Cabinet Members were honored to serve breakfast for staff members and would like to acknowledge the Food Services department for providing an excellent meal. As our district transitions to a new student information system (Illuminate), Superintendent Munro acknowledged the Information Technology Department, as well as individual SCCS team members and the crew from Illuminate for many hours of data work and training to ensure a smooth process for all. SCCS is excited to utilize the same student information system as our feeder districts, and we are expecting a great improvement in data transition as students move into district high schools. The Superintendent acknowledged the tremendous summer break work by our maintenance/custodial teams, with a shout out to Paul Lipscomb and Brian Bettar. Summer learning opportunities for teachers included: Santa Cruz Instructional Leadership (SCIL); Math; Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS); Visible Learning. Superintendent Munro is excited by the news of the National Science Foundation Grant spearheaded by Education Foundation Board Members Pache and Cappella and ETR Senior Research Scientist and SCCS Parent Jill Denner. This \$300,000 grant not only provides current computer science support for K-8 students but also makes the District/Education Foundation/ETR eligible for future NSF funding. The Superintendent provided each Trustee with a copy of the new city ordinance before city council today incorporating extra protections for the parks and areas around school campuses. Superintendent Munro is pleased to be a part of the Community Leadership Visit through the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce August 24 – 26. Mr. Wells is working with our Principals to select our 2017-18 Student Board Representatives, and we look forward to welcoming the students in September.

Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Board Member Dr. Alisun Thompson

Superintendent Munro extended her thanks to all of the Board Members. The job of a school district Trustee takes a great amount of time to do well, and our community is very grateful that this board spends the time and effort to achieve great things for children. Dr. Thompson brought her vision, her passion and her leadership to this governing board and our entire community benefitted from her presence. We are pleased for you as you take this next step to further your career and look forward to a continued relationship when we visit the Portland area for teacher recruitment.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Board Member Thompson reported that she will move to Portland tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Thompson will be realizing her “dream job” – the only thing that have could made it more perfect would have been if it were in Santa Cruz! It has been an honor and privilege to work with my colleagues. Dr. Thompson is amazed by the great respect exercised by each Trustee as we grapple with grave issues to achieve positive outcomes for students. Dr. Thompson has been very proud to work in a district that prioritizes attracting, supporting and retaining excellent teachers. Dr. Thompson’s grade 12 daughter will stay in Santa Cruz to finish her high school career – although she will be missed, it makes a parent’s heart joyful to know that her reluctance to leave her school and her teachers is a reflection of the wonderful work in the district. The district and community have provided an excellent education for my children and it has been an honor to be of service.

Board Member Perez-Granados bid a fond farewell to Dr. Thompson and thanked her for her leadership. Dr. Perez-Granados learned a great deal from Dr. Thompson – especially regarding students who are not often heard from often enough.

Board Member Shonick wished Dr. Thompson good luck and safe travels. Thank you.

Board Member Threet congratulated Dr. Thompson on achieving her dream job. Trustee Threet has been very appreciative of Dr. Thompson’s perspective during many meetings and discussions – thank you. Ms. Threet thanked the SCEF for the wonderful news of the NSF grant and for all of the work you do on behalf of students. Board Member Threet met with County Office of Education Superintendent hopeful Faris Sabbah to hear his vision for education and would like to thank him for his time. Trustee Threet reports that many people in the community are very excited by the goats who have been on the high school campuses to help with weed abatement! Thanks for the commitment to green maintenance practices. Ms. Threet mentioned the passing of legendary local athlete, educator, coach and administrator for SCCS, Mr. Ron Walters. He will be greatly missed.

Board Member Vestal attended the New Certificated Employee Orientation at the District Office and it was inspiring. New teachers bring an exciting new energy to the district and receive our fantastic leadership as well! Trustee Vestal attended the Delta High School Board Retreat, which included student leadership as well. It is great to be part of this very committed group and it would be wonderful to have Delta students collaborate with the LGBTQ Task Force. Ms. Vestal will miss Dr. Thompson greatly but wishes her the best of luck.

Board Member Coonerty thanked all the teachers and administrators for a wonderful first day of school – Facebook and other social media are full of touching stories and photos and they are great to see. Dr. Coonerty would love to hear more about how the funds from the NSF grant award will be used for our students in Santa Cruz City Schools. When Dr. Coonerty first met Dr. Thompson she was thinking of running for a seat on the board of education but was not certain she had the time, as she was getting ready to publish her dissertation, search for her dream job, had a very busy family life, etc. Dr. Coonerty told her she could do all those things and be a Trustee – and she has done all those things so exceptionally well! Dr. Thompson served as Board President, worked on campaigns to bring parcel taxes and bond revenues to our district, has been a major force and contributor for the LGBTQ community – and accomplished her personal goals as well. It has been an honor to work with you.

Board President's Report

Board President Tracy-Proulx reported that it has been an honor to work with Dr. Thompson and she will be sorely missed on the Board of Education. Board President Tracy-Proulx appreciates the new city "School Safety Zone" and is pleased that Santa Cruz Police Chief Mills made himself available to children and parents today. Board President Tracy-Proulx thanked the Santa Cruz Education Foundation for all the work done on behalf of Santa Cruz City Schools students, staff, families and members of the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 28, 2017,

Consent Agenda

Board Members Shonick and Perez-Granados asked clarifying questions about Items 8.1.10.3. Special Education Contracts and Agreements. Superintendent Munro and Mr. Wells provided the requested information/explanations. Board Members Coonerty and Perez-Granados asked clarifying questions regarding Item 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Bids and Quotes. Superintendent Munro, Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Miller provided the requested information. Board Member Threet asked clarifying questions about Item 8.1.8. Change Order and Superintendent Munro, Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Miller provided information. Ms. Threet also expressed a desire to have Change Order information brought to the Board of Education for approval prior to the performance of work. Dr. Perez-Granados 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. Williams Complaint Report-4th Quarter FY 2016-27; Item 8.1.7. Disposition of Surplus Property; Item 8.1.8. Change Order; Item 8.1.9. Revised Salary Schedules for Licensed Professionals; Item 8.1.10.1.1. Agreement: SCCS/COE – portables @ 255 and 313 Swift Street, Santa Cruz, CA; Item 8.1.10.1.2. Contract: Wenger Associates – Illuminate Support; Item 8.1.10.1.3. Contract: Blackboard – Illuminate Support; Item 8.1.10.1.4. Agreement Amendment: Bartos Architects – Santa Cruz HS; Item 8.1.10.1.5. Contract: Colbi – Bond Monitoring Software; Item 8.1.10.1.6. Contract: Crowe Horwath LLP – audit for bond projects, Measure A; Item 8.1.10.1.7. Consultant Service Agreement: Jerene Lacey – help with closing the financial books for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year; Item 8.1.10.1.8. Contract: MBS – Gas valves seismic evaluation and safety upgrades @ all sites; Item 8.1.10.1.9. Contract: Bowman & Williams topographic map for Harbor HS; Item 8.1.10.1.10. Contract: MACRO, 133 Mission Street, SC – extension of lease month to month; Item 8.1.10.1.11. Facilities Use Agreement: Senderos – 1 yr. extension; Item 8.1.10.2.1. Consultant Service Agreement: Conservation West Hearing – hearing testing; Item 8.1.10.2.2. Consultant Service Agreement: Margaret Lacey – vision and hearing screening; Item 8.1.10.3.1. Contract: Non Public Agency – ABRITE org; Item 8.1.10.3.2. Contract: Non Public School – the Bay School; Item 8.1.10.3.3. Contract: Non Public School – The Bridge School; Item 8.1.10.3.4. Contract: Non Public School – the Bridge School; Item 8.1.10.3.5. Contract: Non Public School – the Heritage School; Item 8.1.10.3.6. Contract: Non Public Agency – the Pediatric Therapy Center; Item 8.1.10.3.7. Contract: Non Public Agency/Non Public School – Rebekah Children's Services/Phoenix School; Item 8.1.10.3.8 Contract: Non Public Agency – Trumpet Behavioral Services; Item 8.1.10.3.9. Agreement for Professional Services: Maria Ballard, PT; Item 8.1.10.3.10. Agreement for Professional Services: SpeechRighter; Item 8.1.10.3.11. Contract: Medical Billing Technologies, Inc. – Medi-Cal Billing. Dr. Thompson 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 Trustees heard an update regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
2. The Board of Education conferred regarding the properties at 255 Swift Street and 133 Mission Street in Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Board of Trustees took action on Certificated, Classified, and Management leaves, retirements, resignations, and appointments.

The Board of Education will return to Closed Session at the conclusion of the Open Session this evening to hear information regarding Closed Session Item 4 – Superintendent’s Annual Goals.

ITEMS of BUSINESS to be TRANSACTED and/or DISCUSSED

8.3.1. Staff Report: Student Centered Master Scheduling

Superintendent Munro introduced several members of the SCCS Administration Team to present information to the Board of Education; Santa Cruz High School Principal Kline, Santa Cruz High School Assistant Principal Poirier, Harbor High School Principal Runeare and Soquel High School Assistant Principal Kendall. The report included, but was not limited to, the following information: Ensuring that the Master Schedule reflects district goals and values (i.e. college and career goals, opportunities for CTE/Academic pathways, varied programs to meet student needs (examples: Newcomer, ELD, AVID, CTE, AP); equity, access and student support; four year planning workshops; building a schedule reflecting student needs; strategic and responsible use of resources; students at the center of decision making. Following the presentation, Board Members asked questions and made comments and comments were taken from audience members. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.3.2. Staff Report: Bond Projects Update

Mr. Gaffney introduced members of the MADi Architect team to present information to the Board of Education: Ralph le Roux, President Program Manager; Mariana Alvarez-Parga, Director of Architecture; Vijay Jayachandran, CEO Planning. Mr. le Roux provided details about what has already occurred and what will be occurring at the Adult School, Branciforte Small Schools, Bay View Elementary, DeLaveaga Elementary, Natural Bridges campus and Soquel High School. Following the presentation, Board Members asked questions and made comments. This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.3.3. Staff Report: Transportation Update

Mr. Gaffney introduced Facility/Maintenance/Operations Director Miller and Transportation Supervisor Frates to report to the Board of Education. Information included, but was not limited to, the following: overview of services (Special Needs Students, DeLaveaga Students, Athletic & Activity transportation); Special Needs fleet size; grant availability; general education fleet years of service. The Transportation team will formally submit a grant proposal for one new large bus and five small buses. Immediate purchase recommendations included eight small wheelchair buses (\$650,000) and one large bus (\$177,000). This report was informational in nature, and no actions were taken by the Board of Education regarding this matter.

8.3.4. New Business: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Bylaw Revisions – First and/or Final Reading

Mr. Gaffney reported to the Trustees regarding this matter. Previously, the committee was extremely large and it was difficult to gather a quorum for voting issues. The new bylaws change the size and the composition of the committee. Board Members made comments and asked questions.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Carlson commented that past committee members Faix and Ballaban reported that these changes in the bylaws were exactly what they expected and they expressed an interest in ensuring that meeting times and opportunities for comments and recommendations from both staff and community members be as inclusive as possible.

The Board directed the bylaws to be a first reading, and Trustees will contact Superintendent Munro with suggested additions and/or changes to the language prior to the item returning for final approval on September 13, 2017.

8.3.5. New Business: Board Policies: First and/or Final Reading for CSBA Revisions and Updates

Superintendent Munro reported that there are quite a number of new and/or revised policies for review by the Trustees and recommended a first reading of this item. A revised Board Policy 6144 Controversial Issues was made available to the Trustees today – this updated document follows thoughtful language additions from the GSCFT. The Board of Education directed the policies to be a first reading with the documents returning to the Trustees for final approval on September 13, 2017.

8.3.6. New Business: Lease-Leaseback Contracts for Harbor HS Track and Field Project and Harbor and Soquel HS Pools Project

Mr. Gaffney introduced Maintenance/Operations/Facilities Director Miller to report to the Board of Education. Mr. Miller provided an overview of the Lease-Leaseback process: prequalification of qualified bidders using a third party web-based tool/firm; advertising requirements; Request for Proposal (RFP) process; interviews; the review of all gathered vendor information and submissions to find the vendor who is the best fit for the District. Per documents from legal counsel, and using the procedures and guidelines set forth in Resolution 26-16-17, adopted by the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education on March 29, 2017, the contractor XL Construction is the firm with the highest best value score for the District. Following Board Member comments, questions and discussion, MSP (Thompson/Vestal) 6-1, the Board of Education approved the lease-leaseback contract. Ms. Threet voted no.

9. Adjournment of Open Session

As there was no further business for the Open Session Meeting, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this Open Session at 9:29 p.m.

10. Return to Closed Session

The Board of Education returned to Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

11. Closed Session Action Report

4. The Board of Education heard an update regarding the Superintendent's Annual Goals.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Tracy-Proulx adjourned this meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

1. The Regular Meeting on September 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

2. The Regular Meeting on September 27, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
3. The Regular Meeting on October 18, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
4. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session: Student Discipline on November 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
5. The Regular Meeting on November 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
6. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session: Budget Development on December 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
7. The Regular Meeting on December 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
8. The Regular Meeting on January 17, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
9. The Regular Meeting/Board Study Session: District Goals, Resources & Alignment on January 31, 2018, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
10. The Regular Meeting on February 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
11. The Regular Meeting on February 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
12. The Regular Meeting on March 7, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
13. The Regular Meeting on March 28, 2018, 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 April 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
15. The Regular Meeting on April 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
16. The Regular Meeting on May 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
17. The Regular Meeting/Board Self-Evaluation/Study Session for the Budget: May Revise on May 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m., will be held in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.
18. The Regular Meeting on June 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m., will be held in the County Office of Education Board Room, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA.
19. The Regular Meeting on June 20, 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