

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING/GOVERNANCE SESSION
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
May 29, 2019**

Convene Closed Session

Board Vice President Ranii called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA.

Public Comments

GSCFT President spoke in regards to negotiations for multi-year proposal for teachers. She stated that she continues to hear from teachers that higher salaries are needed to live in Santa Cruz County. Alongside her was a math teacher from Soquel High in her fourth year of teaching who shared her personal experience of salary and cost of living in the county.

Convene Open Session

Board Vice President Ranii called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:30p.m. in the Harbor High School Library, 300 La Fonda Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Attendance at Meeting

Sheila Coonerty	Deedee Perez-Granados	Cynthia Ranii	Jeremy Shonick
Patty Threet	Claudia Vestal		

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Patrick Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
Dorothy Coito, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Molly Parks, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Members of the Audience

Absent:
Board President Deb Tracy-Proulx

Welcome and Format

Board Vice President Ranii welcomed those in attendance and explained the format used for this Regular Meeting and later Study Session of the Board of Education.

Agenda Changes

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heather Murphy, Teacher on Special Assignment, spoke regarding the needs, challenges, and strengths of the science curriculum of the district. She expressed the hope that the district and the Board would choose a path that moves us forward for science.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

None

Closed Session Action Report

6.1. Report of Closed Session Actions

1. The Board of Education heard an update from, and provided direction to, Ms. Parks regarding negotiations with the SCCCE for 2018-19.
2. The Board of Education heard an update from, and provided direction to, Ms. Parks I
3. The Board of Education heard information on Expulsion 05-18-19 to prepare for a vote on these matters in Open Session.
4. The Board of Education heard information on Expulsion 09-18-19 to prepare for a vote on these matters in Open Session.
5. The Board of Education heard information on Expulsion 11-18-19 to prepare for a vote on these matters in Open Session.

Vote on Student Expulsion

7.1. Vote on Expulsion Student 05-18-19

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 6-0, The Board of Education approved the expulsion of student 05-18-19.

7.2. Vote on Expulsion Student 09-18-19

MSP(Coonerty/Perez-Granados) 6-0, The Board of Education approved the expulsion of student 09-18-19.

7.3. Vote on Expulsion Student 11-18-19

MSP(Coonerty/Vestal) 6-0, The Board of Education approved the expulsion of student 11-18-19.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

8.1.1. Report on 2020 Census

Superintendent Munro introduced US Census Bureau Partnership Specialist Tory Del Favero, who presented a report on the 2020 census. Ms. Del Favero provides outreach to the public to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the census. Every ten years, each person in the country is counted to serve as the basis for distributing federal assistance to schools and educational institutions, including Title I aid, the National School Lunch Program, and special education grants to states. The results of the census are also used to reapportion the House of Representatives, which determines the number of seats held by each state. State officials then redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts. Ms. Del Favero stressed that United States law requires that the Census Bureau keep all acquired information confidential. Responses may only be used for statistical purposes, and any information provided cannot be used against anyone. Ms. Del Favero conveyed that the Census Bureau is job recruiting for local people to assist with the 2020 census count. She also stated that further information and presentations can be provided

to non-English speaking communities as to the importance and safety of responding to the census. Santa Cruz County has an organized Complete Count Committee to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. The census can be responded to by phone, by mail, in person, or online.

8.1.2. Process for Addressing Declining Enrollment in the District and Update on Superintendent's Elementary Declining Enrollment Task Force

Superintendent Munro has created an Elementary Declining Enrollment Task Force in response to families leaving our community and the issue of declining enrollment. The task force will provide recommendations to address the immediate elementary facilities decisions that need to be made, given the projected elementary enrollment. Santa Cruz City Schools has been using bond resources to repair and renovate our schools and must now optimize both facilities and staffing to align with current projected enrollments. The Superintendent also plans to expand the existing Budget Advisory Committee to provide ongoing recommendations regarding TK-12 enrollment and optimization of human, facilities and fiscal resources.

Public Comments:

Monarch parent Zeke Bean thanked the superintendent and Trustees for upcoming participation in the Elementary Enrollment Task Force. Mr. Bean expressed concern for the scheduled timeline of the task force meetings.

Costanoa teacher Kim Woodland provided testimonial for Branciforte Small Schools Campus, which she described as a multi-age inclusive and equitable community that has various programs where high school students have the opportunity to help elementary school teachers and students.

Monarch parent Paul Danter made request to be part of Elementary Enrollment Task Force. Mr. Danter provided a list of various budget and enrollment-related questions to the Superintendent.

Monarch parent Sabina Brown thanked the Superintendent and Trustees for acknowledgement of community concerns. She stated that the Elementary Enrollment Task Force has motivated the community to participate in a meaningful way. Ms. Brown made suggestion to the Board to meet all requirements and provide direction on major decisions to the superintendent.

Alternative Family Education parent Anne Lahara expressed concern that the AFE community was not consulted in regards to facility changes.

8.1.3. 2019-2020 Budget Study Session

Assistant Superintendent of Business Gaffney reviewed budget being developed for 2019-20. The 2019-20 Budget will come forward for a Public Hearing and discussion on June 12, 2019, and come back to the Trustees for approval on June 19, 2019. Information reported by Mr. Gaffney included: a review of the Santa Cruz City Schools budget principles; a review of budget highlights and assumptions; revenue and expenditure summaries; impact to 2019-20 fund balance; revenue sources and projections; expenditure projections; multi-year budget assumptions; multi-year projections; local and state funding descriptions; parcel taxes; LCAP supplemental. Trustees asked questions and discussed many aspects of the budget. A request was made to form an ad hoc committee to follow up on budget questions posed by the Board.

9. Adjournment of Meeting

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board Vice President Ranii adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Board Meeting Schedule Information

* ***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,

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Santa Cruz City Schools

Cindy Ranii, Vice President
Board of Education