

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS  
May 6, 2020**

**Convene Closed Session**

Board President Ranii called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comments for Closed Session Agenda Items**

None

**Convene Open Session**

Board President Ranii called this Regular Meeting Open Session to order at 6:33 p.m.

**Attendance at Meeting**

Sheila Coonerty	John Owen	Cindy Ranii	
Jeremy Shonick	Patricia Threet	Deb Tracy-Proulx	Claudia Vestal

Violet Edwards, Student Board Representative, Santa Cruz High School

Absent: Jasmyn Lopez, Student Board Representative, Harbor High School

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

**Welcome and Format**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Westlake Principal Curley recognized National Teacher Appreciation Day, and thanked the district for sending messages of gratitude to staff; he expressed respect and admiration for teachers and thanked them for their tremendous work.

**Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Munro deferred to the report on COVID-19 District Response Update that would be provided later in the meeting.

**Student's Report**

Student Representative Edwards thanked teachers and the district for creating a smooth transition while schools are closed.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **Board Members' Reports**

Trustee Owen shared that he continues to be impressed by the diligence of staff, and the district's decision-making, especially with technology output.

Trustee Vestal shared that she attended an advisory meeting for Adult Education, which is increasing online classes. She reported that Schools Plus has extended their grants into next year. Ms. Vestal also attended several Delta Charter Board meetings, where they are working on budget balancing for 2020-21. Trustee Vestal shared her appreciation for district leaders and employees, along with her colleagues on the Board, and bid teachers a happy Teacher Appreciation week.

Trustee Threet recognized teachers for Teacher Appreciation week.

Trustee Tracy-Proulx expressed her gratitude as a parent for teachers who have been working quickly to keep students engaged in school, and provide great communication to keep families included and informed. She commended IT for quickly providing technology resources and support to families.

Vice President Coonerty expressed gratitude to all staff, and bid teachers a happy Teacher Appreciation week.

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

Board President Ranii attended an Extended Cabinet meeting to learn about the district's planning process for reopening schools, which included rich conversation among Cabinet, principals, and the unions. Dr. Ranii shared that she was looking forward to the COVID-19 District Response Update from the Superintendent later in the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. MSP (Vestal/Owen) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of the April 15, 2020 meeting.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **Consent Agenda**

8.1.1. Personnel Actions – Certificated, 8.1.2. Personnel Actions – Classified, 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, 8.1.4. Warrant Register, 8.1.5. Budget Transfers, 8.1.6. Disposition of Surplus Property, 8.1.7. 3rd Quarter Investment Report, 8.1.8. Revised Job Description: Deaf, Hard of Hearing Teacher, 8.1.9. Revised Classified Job Description: Translator/Interpreter, 8.1.10 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation League Representatives 2020-21, 8.2.1.1. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress: Contract Renewal 2020-21, 8.2.1.2. Rosetta Stone: Contract Renewal 2020-21, 8.2.2.1. Sierra School Equipment: Proposal: Soquel High School Classroom Furniture, 8.2.2.2. Demsey-Fillager Associates: Contract: Post-Retirement Healthcare Services, 8.2.2.3. Consultant Services Agreement: Jerene Lacey, 8.2.2.4. Cruzio: Contract: Wireless Drive-Up Service, 8.2.4.1. Memorandum of Understanding: Seniors Council Foster Grandparents Program, 8.3.1 Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Fine Arts Renovation, 8.3.2. Geo H Wilson: Contract: Westlake Elementary School Sewer Assessment, 8.3.3. Guerra Construction: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Fitness Concrete, 8.3.4. Kleinfelder: Proposal: Bay View Elementary School Materials Testing, 8.3.5. Kleinfelder: Proposal: DeLaveaga Elementary School Materials Testing, 8.3.6. Leach Group Inc.: Contract: Soquel High School Modernization Inspection Services, 8.3.7. Locatelli Moving & Storage Inc.: Contract: Bay View Elementary School Modernization, 8.3.8. Locatelli Moving & Storage Inc.: Contract: Bay View Elementary School Multipurpose Room Modernization, 8.3.9. Locatelli Moving & Storage Inc.: Contract: DeLaveaga

Elementary School Classroom Modernization, 8.3.10. Locatelli Moving & Storage Inc.: Contract: DeLaveaga Elementary School Library Modernization, 8.3.11. Locatelli Moving & Storage Inc.: Contract: Soquel High School 200 Building Classroom Modernization, 8.3.12. Madi Architecture: Change Order 1: Bay View Elementary School Modernization, 8.3.13. OC McDonald: Change Order 1: Santa Cruz High School Gym Rooftop Heating Ventilation Replacement, 8.3.14. Phil Allegri Electric, Inc.: Proposal: Santa Cruz High School Electrical for Gym Dividers, 8.3.15. PSR Electric: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Lower Campus Lighting Replacement, 8.3.16. SC Systems: Proposal: Soquel High School Phone Extension Identification, 8.3.17. Systems and Space, Inc.: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Mobile Shelving System, 8.3.18. Triad Electric Inc.: Proposal: Soquel High School Security Camera Electrical. Trustee Owen requested a review and revision of format and display in the future for items 8.1.3. Purchase Orders, Bids, & Quotes, and 8.1.4. Warrant Register. Trustee Threet asked to remove items 8.2.1.1. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress: Contract Renewal 2020-21, and 8.3.1 Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Fine Arts Renovation from the consent agenda and move to items to be transacted and discussed.

Trustee Shonick motioned for approval of consent items, except items 8.2.1.1. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress: Contract Renewal 2020-21, and 8.3.1 Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Fine Arts Renovation; Vice President Coonerty seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

**Closed Session Items**

**8.4.1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

Board President Ranii reported the following actions during closed session:

1. There was not action on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations and Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have any information to share regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint.
3. The Board heard an update from and provided direction to Ms. Parks regarding negotiations with GSCFT for 2019-20.

**ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED**

**8.5.1.1. Staff Report: Secondary Social Studies Annual Report**

Assistant Superintendent Coito introduced Secondary Director of Curriculum Julia Hodges and History/Social Science Teacher on Special Assignment Marissa Ferejohn. Ms. Ferejohn was hired as part of the Curriculum Master Plan to lead and facilitate the implementation of the new History/Social Science framework. A mission, vision, and goals were established to move the curriculum forward. This year, the program’s strengths and successes, along with areas for focus and improvement were identified. Next steps include each grade span’s commitment to piloting at least one curriculum in fall 2020, and a teacher survey to help revise and refine the guide for 2020-21. This report was informational in nature.

**8.2.1.1. NWEA Measures of Academic Progress: Contract Renewal 2020-21**

Trustee Threet requested the removal of this contract from the consent agenda. Assistant Superintendent Coito shared that the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing is a key component that provides important data to inform instruction and intervention supports

for students. Secondary Director of Curriculum Hodges shared that teachers use the data from MAP testing results to create instructional plans. Trustee Threet motioned to hold off on approving the contract until August to re-evaluate the need for the expense. Trustee Shonick seconded the motion.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Carlson thanked Trustee Threet for questioning the need for this expense, and recommended review of regular programs given the budget situation.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

**8.5.2.1. Staff Report: Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Annual Report**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal introduced Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Chair Matt Farrell to present the annual report. Mr. Farrell report that the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee met four times in the 2019-20 school year: September 30, 2019, December 3, 2019, March 31, 2020 and April 21, 2020. At each meeting, Committee members reviewed the 2019-20 Parcel Tax Budget summaries, focusing on a single parcel tax to examine a financial activity report, which showed all expenses to date. Members considered whether the expenses were aligned with the language of each parcel tax. Based on the information provided by the District, the committee reported that funds received for the fiscal year 2019-20 from Measures I, J, O, and P Parcel Taxes, as approved by voters, were in fact budgeted in accordance with the ballot language from the Measures. The Board of Education accepted of the annual Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Report.

**8.5.2.2. New Business: CRW Industries, Inc.: Contract: Branciforte Middle School Street Presence Improvements**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the CRW Industries, Inc. contract for Branciforte Middle street presence improvements. The project consists of new landscape, hardscape improvements, and sidewalk and gutter work. Mr. Monreal recommends the bid for contract be awarded to CRW Industries, Inc. for this project.

MSP (Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 7-0, the Board of Education approved the contract with CRW Industries, Inc. for Branciforte Middle School street presence improvements.

**8.5.2.3. MADI Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Soquel High School Performing Arts Center**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the MADI Architecture amendment agreement for the Soquel High School performing arts center. The amendment will provide the district with programming and project start up services, including schematic design for a new performing arts center. Mr. Monreal recommends approval of the amendment agreement.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Carlson asked the Board to consider not using RDA money for construction, but instead for staff and student safety materials and resources.

SCCCE President Brown offered support for GSCFT President Carlson's recommendation, and suggested that RDA money could be used for salaries to save as many employees as possible.

MSP(Coonerty/Tracy-Proulx) 6-0-1, the Board of Education approved the MADl Architecture amendment agreement for the Soquel High School performing arts center.

**8.3.1. Belli Architecture: Amendment Agreement: Harbor High School Fine Arts Renovation**

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented the Belli Architecture amendment agreement for Harbor High School fine arts renovation cost analysis. The amendment will provide a cost analysis to confirm the most efficient scope of work to prioritize for the renovations Harbor High School fine arts building. Mr. Monreal recommends approval of the amendment agreement.

Board President Ranii motioned to approve the agreement; Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – Yes	Threet – No	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

**8.5.3.1. New Business: Resolution 29-19-20: Certificated Final Layoffs**

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented Resolution 29-19-20 for certificated final layoffs. The resolution is the decision to eliminate 0.40 FTE of particular kinds of services. The District and the Greater Santa Cruz Federation of Teachers AFT Local 2030 entered into a Side Letter Agreement on April 24, 2020, which settled the effects of the layoff. Ms. Parks recommends the approval of the resolution to reduce or eliminate the services pursuant to the Side Letter Agreement and will direct administration to issue final layoff notices pursuant to the Side Letter Agreement.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Carlson shared that she worked closely with the Human Resources team during this process.

Vice President Coonerty motioned to approve the resolution; Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Coonerty – Yes	Owen – Yes	Ranii – Yes	
Shonick – No	Threet – Yes	Tracy-Proulx – Yes	Vestal – Yes

**8.5.4.1. Staff Report: COVID-19 District Response Update**

Superintendent Munro provided a comprehensive report on how the district has maintained essential services through the COVID-19 school closures. Services include providing meals for all children in the community and providing continuity of learning for secondary, elementary, and special education students. All departments have been collaborating to meet the needs of students, families, and employees during this time.

Public Comment: GSCFT President Casey Carlson thanked Superintendent Munro for the presentation and thanked teachers for the work they have done to create curriculum in a short time period. Ms. Carlson also thanked Trustee Threet for continuing to ask important questions.

**8.5.4.2. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas**

Trustee Owen requested to discuss changes to expense reports during the Budget Study Session. Trustee Threet seconded Mr. Owen's request for more clarity around the budget. Ms. Threet also requested a concrete measure of grading for 2020-21 to be reported to the Board before August.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Education, Board President Ranii adjourned this Regular Meeting 8:50 p.m.

**Board Meeting Schedule Information - Please Note: Meeting Locations Have Been Changed Below**

1. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on May 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely, via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on June 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely, via Zoom. **Meeting Date Change Noted Here.**
3. The Regular Meeting on June 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely, via Zoom.

\* ***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

Cynthia Ranii, President  
Board of Education