

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY DISTRICTS
AUGUST 19, 2020**

Convene Closed Session

Board President Ranii called this Closed Session Meeting to order at 5:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Attendance at Meeting

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

Absent:

Trustee John Owen
Student Board Representative Xhu Lopez Guzman
Student Board Representative Sophie Nigh

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.

3.2. Agenda Changes, Additions, or Deletions

Superintendent Munro made the following announcements:

Item 8.5.2.1. New Business: Living by Chemistry: Contract and Curriculum Adoption was moved to the beginning of the agenda before the Reopening Update.

The Superintendent had planned to make a recommendation for action regarding reopening schools by setting a term, but due to postponement of the Reopening Committee meeting and lack of stakeholder input, the Superintendent recommends holding a special meeting on Wednesday August 26.

Trustee Tracy-Proulx made a motion to add an item to the meeting, which conveyed that if any Trustees lost power due to rolling blackouts, the remainder of agenda items would be tabled and brought back to the special meeting the following week. Trustee Threet seconded the motion.

MSP(Tracy-Proulx/Threet) 6-0, the Board of Education approved tabling the remainder of the agenda items and brought back to the special meeting on August 26, if any Trustees lost power during the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 as an update on the focus of district work. Additionally, the Superintendent acknowledged that 50 members of staff had been displaced by fire, along with many families. Staff worked to provide families resources and supports. Superintendent Munro welcomed the new Student Board Representatives.

New Student Board Member Introduction

Assistant Superintendent Coito formally introduced the Student Board Representatives for 2020-21. Xhu Lopez Guzman is a senior at Costanoa High School who is involved in leadership, plays volleyball, and is a member of the Mindfulness Club. Sophie Nigh is a senior at Soquel High School, ASB President, Interact President, Vice President of the Red Cross club, and plays water polo.

Student's Report

Student Board Representative Lopez Guzman reported on the challenges students at Costanoa are facing due to distance learning, and conveyed her peers' concerns about missing connections with friends and teachers.

Student Board Representative Nigh reported working with class leadership to involve and connect students with each other and the school during distance learning. Ms. Nigh shared that she participated in fundraising for fire victims.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

Vice President Coonerty welcomed the Student Board Representatives. She also shared that she attended the New Teacher Orientation and was pleased to see the enthusiasm of staff.

Trustee Vestal welcomed the Student Board Representatives. She also attended the New Teacher Orientation, and she appreciated the work of Human Resources to bring in new hires. Ms. Vestal gave a presentation at the Delta Board meeting on the Brown Act. She shared that the Schools Plus grant cycle was beginning, and encouraged teachers to apply online. Trustee Vestal expressed her hope that everyone remains safe during the fires.

Trustee Tracey-Proulx welcomed and thanked the Student Board Representatives for their participation.

Trustee Threet welcomed the Student Board Representatives, and expressed hope that they would take many opportunities to share their perspectives. Trustee Threet shared that those who are affected by fires are in her thoughts.

Board President's Report

Board President Ranii expressed gratitude for all employees for the work accomplished to open schools in distance learning. She also expressed gratitude to the families and students of the district.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MSP (Tracey-Proulx/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of June 24, 2020 meeting.
2. MSP (Vestal/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the Minutes of July 22, 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. Williams Quarterly Report, 8.2.1.1. Modern Teacher Contract, 8.2.1.2. Consultant Services Agreement: Organized Binder, 8.2.1.3. Consultant Services Agreement: Jennifer Russo, 8.2.1.4. SeeSaw License Agreement, 8.2.1.5. iStation License Agreement, 8.2.1.6. Guiding Instruction License Agreement, 8.2.1.7. EquatIO License Agreement, 8.2.1.8. Cengage Online: Curriculum Contract, 8.2.1.9. Pear Deck License Agreement, 8.2.1.10. Google Suite Upgrade, 8.2.1.11. Active Learning: Physics Curriculum Contract, 8.2.1.12. Read 180 Subscription, 8.2.1.13. Achieve 300 Contract, 8.2.1.14. Consultant Services Agreement: University of California, Santa Cruz MESA Program, 8.2.1.15. Learning Ally License Agreement, 8.2.1.16. Screencastify Contract, 8.2.2.1. Consultant Service Agreement: Curt Pollock, 8.2.4.1. Zoom: License Agreement, 8.3.1 Abacherli Fence Co.: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Field Fencing Improvements Cover, 8.3.2. Ausonio Inc.: Change Order 1: DeLaveaga Elementary School Modernization, 8.3.3. Central Coast Construction Company: Contract: Santa Cruz High School Library Blocking, 8.3.4. Hart Floor: Change Order 1: Mission Hill Middle School Multi-Purpose Room Flooring Replacement, 8.3.5. Locatelli Moving and Storage Inc.: Contract: Bay View Elementary School Moves, 8.3.6. Locatelli Moving and Storage Inc.: Contract: DeLaveaga Elementary School Moves, 8.3.7. Locatelli Moving and Storage Inc.: Contract: Soquel High School Moves, 8.3.8. Sierra School Equipment Co. Change Order 1 Branciforte Middle School Classroom Furniture, 8.3.9. TD Sports Group LLC: Quote: Turf Patching Mission Hill Middle School.

Trustee Tracey-Proulx motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Vestal seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Closed Session Items

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

Board Vice President Coonerty reported the following actions during closed session:

1. Ms. Parks did not have any information to share with the Board on Certificated/Classified/Management Leaves, Retirements, Resignations & Appointments.
2. Ms. Parks did not have any information to share with Trustees regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaints.
3. The Board of Education reviewed the Public Employee Evaluation regarding the Superintendent's 2020-21 Goals.

ITEMS TO BE TRANSACTED AND/OR DISCUSSED

8.5.2.1. New Business: Living by Chemistry: Contract and Curriculum Adoption

Director of Secondary Curriculum Hodges presented on the Living by Chemistry Curriculum, and provided information on the contract. As part of the district Curriculum Master Plan, Living by Chemistry was a curriculum that all Chemistry teachers at all three high schools wanted to pilot and adopt in the 2020-21 school year. This curriculum was vetted by all Santa Cruz City School high school chemistry teachers as well as by the BaySci Lawrence Hall of Science Learning and Teaching Group, which was attested to by Heather Murphy during the meeting. This chemistry curriculum stands out as the only curriculum currently available that aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards. Ms. Hodges recommended approval of the Living by Chemistry curriculum adoption and contract.

MSP(Threet/Coonerty) 6-0, the Board of Education approved the purchase and curriculum adoption of Living by Chemistry.

8.5.1.1. New Business: Update on School Reopening

Superintendent Munro, along with Assistant Superintendents Parks and Coito, provided an overview of the efforts the district has been making to plan for reopening schools in distance learning. Staff reported an update on County COVID data, and provided data on initial student attendance versus projected enrollment for 2020-21. Staff also shared about certificated and classified professional development on distance learning, the process and development of full year distance learning options, and provided an update on the development of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Additionally, staff shared the Reopening Subcommittee's recommendation to remain in distance learning for the duration of the first semester, and the first two weeks of the second semester of 2020-21. Superintendent Munro recommended that due to fires, power outages, and technology limitations within the community, this item be brought back to the special meeting on August 26.

Public Comment: Teacher Liz Vallance spoke to express her concerns with technology effectiveness during distance learning.

8.5.3.1. Staff Report: Bond Projects Update

Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture provided an update on Measures A and B bond projects for Gault Elementary School, Westlake Elementary School, Mission Hill Middle School, and Santa Cruz High School. Trustees asked questions and made comments.

8.5.3.2. New Business: Resolution 07-20-21: Limit the Spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Assistant Superintendent Monreal presented this resolution in support of limiting the spread of COVID-19 by suspending all non-school use of District-owned facilities and grounds. Mr. Monreal recommended approval of this resolution to in order to ensure and protect the welfare, safety, and educational wellbeing of all District students and staff, consistent with the District's comprehensive safety plan.

Trustee Threet made a motion to bring back the resolution at the Special Meeting of the Board on August 26, 2020, to allow for public input. Trustee Shonick seconded the motion.

MSP(Threet/Shonick) 3-0-3, the motion failed and no action was taken by the Board of Education. Student Advisory Vote 1-1.

8.5.4.1. Staff Report: New Teacher Report

Assistant Superintendent Parks presented the annual new teacher report for 2020-21. She shared that the district welcomed 56 new certificated staff to the district. She also shared about the new certificated employee orientation, which highlighted topics like SCCS Collective Commitments, SCCS Vision and Goals, Strategic Focus areas, Distant and Hybrid Learning, Google Suite, IT Support, benefits, and our Partnership between Administrators and Labor. This report was informational in nature, and no action was taken by the Board.

8.5.5.1. Discussion: Possible Items for Future Meeting Agendas

The Board did not have items for future meetings.

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

1. The Regular Meeting on September 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
2. The Regular Meeting on September 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
3. The Regular Meeting on October 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
4. The Regular Meeting on October 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
5. The Regular Meeting on November 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
6. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on November 18, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
7. The Regular Meeting on December 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
8. The Regular Meeting on January 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
9. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on January 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
10. The Regular Meeting on February 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
11. The Regular Meeting on February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
12. The Regular Meeting on March 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
13. The Regular Meeting on March 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
14. The Regular Meeting on April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
15. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on April 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
16. The Regular Meeting on May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
17. The Regular Meeting/Study Session on May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
18. The Regular Meeting on June 2, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.
19. The Regular Meeting on June 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m., will be held remotely via Zoom.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kris Munro, Superintendent
Santa Cruz City Schools

Cynthia Ranii, President
Board of Education