

**SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT OFFICE
133 MISSION STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Cruz City Schools District Office by Chair Bill Tysseling. Asst. Supt. Pat Gaffney welcomed all present to the meeting.

Attendance at Meeting:

Colleen Harrison – Business Community
Steve Houser – At Large
Kurt Meeker – At Large
Thomas Parker – Senior Community, Vice Chair
William Tysseling – At Large, Chair

Absent:

Maryanne Campbell – Elementary & Middle School Parent
Steve Kingsley-Jones – Elementary & Middle School Parent
John McKelvey – At Large

Staff:

Patrick Gaffney, Asst. Supt., Business Services, SCCS
Tricia Hayes, Bond Projects Coordinator, SCCS
Catherine Meyer-Johnson, Executive Asst., Business Services, SCCS
Trevor Miller, Director, Facility Services, SCCS
Kris Munro, Superintendent, SCCS

Public Visitors:

None

Public Comment

None.

Change in Order of Agenda

Asst. Supt. Pat Gaffney proposed that the Bond Projects Update be moved to the beginning of the meeting, as Director Trevor Miller needed to leave early.

Bond Projects Update

Director Trevor Miller presented a slide show of projects at the sites.

- Soquel High – new 40 meter swimming pool complete. Room for two water polo games at the same time. Pool area is lit, so athletes can play at night. A new fire road was constructed, with two new water lines under it, in response to a mandate. Water at the school no longer tastes “stale”.
- Harbor High – new weight room has replaced the old one. New 33 meter swimming pool installed in a better location. Old pool location was deemed unsafe. It will now be replaced by two basketball courts. Fine Arts building will be modernized next summer, dependent on DSA approval.
- Santa Cruz High – Gym make-over, new floor with the logo painted on it. Walls painted.
- Mission Hill Middle School – new area in front of school for students to wait for pick-up. Design blends with rest of school.
- Delaveaga Elementary – new buildings have been set. Two blocks of three classrooms each, with

adjustable windows. Great natural light. Four of the six classrooms are occupied. Classrooms have new TVs and document cameras, white boards slide back and forth.

- Bay View Elementary – similar to Delaveaga. Modularity was replaced.
- Gault Elementary – school was repainted. Auditorium doors replaced. New tile roof.
- Branciforte Small Schools – Life sciences classroom, weight room, multi-use rooms, life skills classroom. Rolling doors keep secure during off hours. Frame is like a modular building but the finishes are different. Sits on a cement base, not near the ground. Courtyard feel.
- Westlake Elementary – Entire roof was replaced. Peaked roofs were previously shingled. Kids rode bikes on them. New roofs are metal, less attractive to bikers.
- Bay View Elementary – DROPS program involves rain catchment tanks, tiered system of bioswale filters to treat rain water before it flows into school drains. Signs installed to educate the public on the project.
- Plans are at the Division of the State Architect for Bay View, Delaveaga, Branciforte Middle and Santa Cruz High. Plans include a handicapped ramp in front of the school, a remodel of the multipurpose room, a new shade structure and a new music building.

Meeting Plan

At tonight's meeting Members will review the Unaudited Actuals for 2018-19. Dates for a visit from the auditors are being determined. They will present the bond audits to the Bond Oversight Committee.

2018-19 Measures A and B Unaudited Actuals Report

Members reviewed reports for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19 showing total expenditures by elementary and secondary districts, expenditures by school site, and school site expenditures by project. Approximately \$64 million has been spent to date for both measures. Pat Gaffney discussed each site and the work done or in progress there.

Discussion followed.

- Members asked what the amount over budget is to date. Asst. Supt. Gaffney said it depended on the project. Some came in much higher, others were closer. Discussions are ongoing regarding site priorities. The Board is updated regularly on the bond budgets and on changes in site priorities, due to escalating costs of construction. The sites' priority lists originated at the sites and together with the facilities master plan became part of the ballot language for Measures A and B. Since then, some priorities have changed. Some projects cost more than anticipated. Some projects are driven by mandated directives, or by utility projects.
- District-wide expenditures reflect the salary and benefits of bond projects staff.
- It was suggested that reports reflect what was budgeted v. what was spent. Supt. Kris Munro suggested that Members review the quarterly presentations prepared by Mark Bartos of Bartos Architecture.
- Members asked for the percentage of completion of priority projects.
- Members asked how bid results are reconciled to what is spent. Staff responded that we report the value of the assets, then depreciate it.

Supt. Munro said that the District has formed a Redistricting Committee to address how to balance declining enrollment. Some schools have lost more families than others. Recommendations will be drafted by early October. Last year, enrollment declined by 5%. Over the last five years, enrollment has declined by 400 students. The secondary schools have incoming students from private schools. Average daily attendance drives funding in the secondary district. It was commented that the cost of housing in the Santa Cruz area has contributed to the decline in enrollment.

Approval of Minutes for 5/21/19 Regular Meeting

Members reviewed the draft Minutes for the 5/21/19 meeting of the BOC. The Minutes were approved (M/S/P, Parker/Harrison/5-0).

Future Meetings & Closing Comments

Colleen Harrison announced that she has been accepted at the JFK University, where she will pursue a doctorate degree in Psychology. She said she may not be available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings once

she starts school.

Asst. Supt. Pat Gaffney announced that he had accepted a position with the San Mateo/Foster City School District, starting in October. Members expressed their appreciation for his work and wished him well.

Members will be sent a Doodle poll to determine the next meeting date, after it is determined when the District auditors will complete their audits.

There being no further business, a motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting (M/S/P: Parker/Harrison/8-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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Business Services

Catherine Meyer-Johnson
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Business Services