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Ms. Jane Royer Barr ● Ms. Rose Filicetti ● Ms. Sandra Nichols ● Ms. Sue Roth ● Mr. Dana Sales
Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday August 20, 2020
Open Session 4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL Meeting hosted from the Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present (via videoconference)

Jane Royer Barr
Rose Filicetti (Vice President)
Sandra Nichols
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Dana Sales

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)
Debi Bodenheimer
Sage Leibenson

Absent

Sue Roth (President)

Vice President Filicetti chaired this meeting in the absence of Board President Roth.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A call for a motion was made to make agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence, or approve the agenda as submitted.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Barr) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None

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Absent: Roth

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board Clerk recited public comments that were received via email before the Board materials were posted. The following comments were recited:

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 16, 2020
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Alternative Education Consolidated Application
- 5.0.4 Letter Appointing Liann Reyes as Authorized Signer for COE Bay Federal Accounts

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Roth

5.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence was received in addition to what was included in the Board packet.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 COVID-19 and School Reopening Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation to the Board about what the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working on in collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Health Services agency and school districts to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 in our community. The presentation also included the anticipated impacts of COVID-19 on funding for California public schools and a brief update about the CZU Lightning Complex Fire. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of staff.

7.2 Admin Kick Off Update

Associate Superintendent of Business Services, Debi Bodenheimer, gave a presentation to the Board about the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators held via Zoom on August 5th, from 9-11:30 AM. Almost 200 people attended, to hear the keynote speaker, Dr. Victor Rios from UC Santa Barbara, and a student panel of 10 students from

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Santa Cruz County high schools. The focus was on equity, anti-racism, and developing connections during a time of distance learning. The session was recorded, and follow up will include reaching out to the students for follow up on their views of how to best support students during this time. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of staff.

7.3 Santa Cruz COE Arts Update

COE Arts Coordinator, Audrey Sirota, provided the Board with an update about Professional Development opportunities for teachers in the Arts including the Arts Integration Institute and ongoing, weekly teacher meetings in the Arts disciplines during this time of Distance Learning. The Arts are deemed as core curriculum by the Every Student Succeeds Act. The Arts are essential for developing the whole child in using the 4 C's: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity. In our Strategic Plan, Strategic Priority 1, states we aspire "to increase student access to ongoing, standards-based programs in the Arts." In this time of COVID-19, the Arts are also essential in supporting students in their academic as well as social and emotional learning. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions and commended Audrey for her work on this project.

7.4 Countywide Virtual Math Camp

COE Math Coordinator, Kevin Drinkard, gave a presentation to the Board about the first-ever countywide "Virtual Math Camp" for twenty-six 6th grade students in our county. During the week, students engaged synchronously for 75 minutes each morning and asynchronously for 45 minutes each afternoon to have fun doing math problems, use math content and practices, use math to explore equity and social justice, strengthen the power and identity of young mathematicians, and make friends virtually. The camp also served as a learning lab for educators. Survey data from the event indicated that it had a significant impact on students' growth mindset. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions and commended Kevin on his work on this project.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Public Disclosure: CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that before a public school employer enters into a written agreement with an exclusive representative, the major provisions of the agreement shall be disclosed in a public meeting. Senior Director of Fiscal Services, Rebecca Olker,, presented this public disclosure to the Board.

8.2 First Reading: Board Policies (BP)

Modification and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 0450	Comprehensive Safety Plan
BP 1112	Media Relations
BP 1113	Santa Cruz COE and School Websites
BP 1114	Santa Cruz COE-Sponsored Social Media
BP 3290	Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
BP 3550	Food Service/Child Nutrition Program

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BP 3551	Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
BP 3553	Free and Reduced Price Meals
BP 3555	Nutrition Program Compliance
BB 9010	Public Statements
BB 9323	Meeting Conduct

The Board discussed each item individually and then took the following actions:

The Board tabled board polities 3290, 3550, 3551, 3553, and 3555.

It was M.S.C (Nichols/Van Allen) to waive the second reading and adopt board policies 0450, 1112, 1113, 1114, 9010, and 9323.

Ayes:	Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Roth

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Sales attended meetings of the policy committee and has been working on preparing to run for re-election to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Trustee Sanchez has been keeping up with Educational News from CSBA, attended the Admin Kick Off, and COE All Staff meetings. Trustee Sanchez also expressed appreciation for being able to participate in virtual meetings of the Santa Cruz COE.

Trustee Van Allen expressed appreciation for the COE’s leadership during the coronavirus crisis.

Trustee Filicetti attended the Santa Cruz County COVID-19 Operational calls, COE All Staff meetings, a special meeting of the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA) which featured Superintendent Sabbah for a 2020 Fall School Reopening Update and Roundtable Discussion. Trustee Filicetti also attended the CCBE Board of Directors Retreat, the 2020 Santa Cruz County Administrators Kick Off, a meeting of the Board Agenda Committee, a Back-to-School Town Hall with EdSource reporters and editors, a PolicyMatters: 2020-2021 School Year in California webinar, and a meeting of the policy committee.

11. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

11.1 California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Report

Trustee Filicetti gave an update on recent CCBE activities. The CCBE Directors Retreat focused on strategic planning under COVID-19 circumstances. Trustee Filicetti explained that LCAPs are more effective than Board policies and resolutions to address equity discrepancies for COE students such as digital equity, learning loss, and effects of racism. The meeting also included advocacy matters for federal and

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state funding for schools which include money for PPE costs and flexibility for attendance reporting.

11.2 CO&L Updates

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Board Budget Workshop and Special Meeting (Virtual)
September 10, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
September 17, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
October 15, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
November 19, 2020
4:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at

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