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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 March 7, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Board Present

Rose Filicetti
Sandra Nichols
Sue Roth
Dana Sales
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Faris Sabbah (Secretary)

Staff Present

Jivan Dhaliwal
Jean Gardner
Sage Leibenson

Absent

Jane Royer Barr

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

It was M.S.C. (Roth/Nichols) to approve the agenda.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Sales allotted time for public comment within agenda item 5.1.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Integrative Leadership Academy (Resolution 19-01 or 19-02)

Introduction of Item by Board President

President Sales addressed the Board and Public to explain how the agenda item would be conducted prior to the the vote to either conditionally approve (Resolution 19-01) or deny (Resolution 19-02) the petition for the creation of a charter school in San Lorenzo Valley (Integrative Leadership Academy).

Overview and Introduction of Legal Counsel

Superintendent Sabbah provided an overview of the review process and introduced Devon Lincoln, Partner, Lozano Smith, Attorneys at Law as the COE's legal counsel.

Presentation by Counsel

Ms. Lincoln explained the legal context and fifteen required elements of a charter petition, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Review Team's process and rubric, grounds for denial of a charter petition, and recommendations from staff.

Ms. Lincoln explained that the Review Team determined the the charter petition was insufficient in the following areas: unsound educational program, demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition, petition does not contain all affirmations required under the Education Code, and the petition does not include reasonably comprehensive descriptions of required elements under Education Code. The Review Team recommended the Board deny the charter petition on these grounds.

Ms. Lincoln concluded her presentation by introducing the two resolutions presented before the Board. Resolution 19-01 would conditionally approve the Integrative Leadership Academy contingent on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would need to be negotiated between the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the Integrative Leadership Academy. Alternatively, Resolution 19-02 would deny the charter petition based on the findings of fact set forth in the Staff Report. Ms. Lincoln also explained that the Board has a third option to take no action regarding the petition, which would be considered a denial by default.

The Board then had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions about Ms. Lincoln's presentation.

Comments on the Charter Petition

Dr. Nicky-Ramos Beban, lead petitioner for the Integrative Leadership Academy, gave a brief presentation on the charter petition. Superintendent Laurie Bruton of the San Lorenzo Unified School District (SLVUSD), was allotted an equivalent amount of time to present the District's views of the petition.

Following statements by the petitioner and school district, President Sales invited teachers, employers, parents, guardians, or any other member of the public to speak on this matter. The following individuals spoke before the Board: Mark Sherby, Noah Standridge, Gail Levine, Brinly Standridge, George Wylie, Jacqui Rice, Steven Travis, Genevieve Florea, Jeff Goelitz, Jacquie Spracklen, Mary Kashmar, John Lemmo, Tyler Pennington, Kate Bowland, Emma Reid, Swati Bargava, Scott Kley Contini, David Ramos-Beban, Shonti Burke, Shelly Beban, Theo Karakotsios, Sarah Mozelle, Angie Pennington, and Estella Fein.

Questions from the Board

Following public comment, the Board asked clarifying questions of the staff, legal counsel, Petitioners, and District representatives.

Deliberation by the Board

Trustee Sanchez disclosed that after reviewing the petition and staff report, the County Board Charter Subcommittee recommended denial of the petition. Each Board member then stated their views concerning the petition.

After Board deliberation, it was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve Resolution (19-02) denying the petition to create the Integrative Leadership Academy.

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

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz CA 95060
March 21, 2019
4:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Sales adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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