



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ms. Jane Royer Barr
Ms. Rose Filicetti
Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Dana M. Sales
Mr. Abel Sanchez
Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Dana Sales (President)
Jane Barr
Rose Filicetti
Sue Roth
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Faris Sabbah (Secretary)

Staff Present

Mary Hart
Sage Leibenson

Absent

Sandra Nichols

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Sales requested that Item 8.2, Strategic Planning Presentation, be moved to Item 9.2.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Van Allen) to approve the above change and additions to the Agenda.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Nichols

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 20, 2018.
- 5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 7, 2019.
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

8.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Annual Report

Terri Montgomery, Partner, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP presented to the Board the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report as of June 30, 2018. Ms. Montgomery highlighted many different areas throughout the report and concluded that the audit was found to have been presented fairly with findings no federal or state findings, no adjustments, and that both federal and state funds were unmodified.

Trustee Van Allen questioned Ms. Montgomery how Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP distributes the hours required to produce the Annual Audit Report. Ms. Montgomery replied that her team accrues the bulk of the time required to produce the report by holding three, one-week informational gathering sessions at the COE throughout the year.

Trustee Filicetti asked how long Ms. Montgomery has personally been conducting the COE audit and how long her company has been conducting the COE audit. Ms. Montgomery stated that the Ed. Code requires the partner conducting the Audit to rotate every six years. She has been personally auditing the COE for a total of seven years, and could not precisely recall the specific number of years that Vavrinek, Trine, Day, & Co., LLP has been performing the company audit.

Trustee Filicetti also questioned whether the OPEB represents the retiree's medical benefits. Ms. Montgomery confirmed this to be true.

Superintendent Sabbah commended Mary Hart and the entire Business Services team for their hard work and successful audit.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Cypress Charter Proposal

Superintendent Sabbah and current Principal of Cypress Charter High School, Megan Tresham, presented an introductory report to inform the Board about the prospect of authorizing a new charter school to be established at the current site of Cypress Charter High School, and asked the board to approve a motion authorizing COE staff to move forward on the development of a petition for this new charter. The report highlighted information about Cypress' academic achievement, financial status, facilities, human resources, special education, communication plan, and the transition plan that would be required to authorize a new charter petition.

Following an active discussion, it was M.S.C. (Roth/Van Allen) to approve a motion supporting COE staff bringing forward a charter petition to be submitted for review on February 21, 2019.

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

9.2 Strategic Planning Presentation

Nicole Young, Owner/Principal of Optimal Solutions Planning (OSP) provided the Board with a presentation on the current progress of the five-year strategic plan for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. The report provided an overview of the strategic planning process and illustrated the results that the needs assessment data has generated thus far. Through a lively and collaborative discussion, the Board provided their input to be included within the Strategic Plan.

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Faris Sabbah, provided his first report on activities and matters of interest.

13.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Filicetti attended the Special Board Meeting for Superintendent's swearing in ceremony and attended former Superintendent Watkins' retirement celebration. Trustee Filicetti also plans to apply for the Delegate Assembly appointment for the COE in region 9.

Trustee Sanchez attended the Special Board Meeting for Superintendent Sabbah's swearing in ceremony and former Superintendent Watkins' retirement celebration.

Trustee Van Allen attended the Special Board Meeting for Superintendent Sabbah's swearing in ceremony and former Superintendent Watkins' retirement celebration.

Trustee Roth attended a Santa Cruz County School Board Association meeting which featured a presentation on Comprehensive School Safety. Trustee Roth also attended the Special Board Meeting for Superintendent Sabbah's swearing in ceremony and former Superintendent Watkins' retirement celebration.

Trustee Sales attended the Board Agenda Committee meeting to prepare the January Board Meeting Agenda, the Special Board Meeting for Superintendent Sabbah's swearing in ceremony, and former Superintendent Watkins' retirement celebration.

14.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

15.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Sabbah suggested that the Board receive a presentation that explains the process and criteria used by the County Office of Education to review School Safety Plans.

16.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

January 16, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Alternative Education Graduation 216 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060
January 18, 2019 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.	Sequoia High School Graduations 229 Green Valley Rd. Freedom, CA 95019
January 26, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee Championship University of California Santa Cruz, CA 95060
February 21, 2019 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
March 21, 2019 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Dana Sales (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.