

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

Regular Board Meeting  
August 16, 2018  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Tech Center/Board Room

## APPROVED MINUTES

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

#### Board Present

Bruce Van Allen (President)  
Jane Barr  
Sandra Nichols  
Sue Roth  
Dana Sales  
Abel Sanchez  
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

#### Staff Present

Faris Sabbah  
Mary Hart  
Jivan Dhaliwal  
Jim Guss  
Lauren Soukup (Legal Counsel)

#### Board Absent

Rose Filicetti (Late)

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Van Allen (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C (Sanchez/Barr) to approve the Agenda.

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

### 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nicky Ramos-Beban, Executive Director, Integrative Leadership Academy (ILA), came before the Board to officially appeal the denial by the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District for ILA to open a charter school in San Lorenzo Valley.

### 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on July 19, 2018
- 5.0.2 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on July 19, 2018
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sales) to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7.0 RECOGNITION**

The Board recognized Jim Howes, Assistant Director, Career Technical Education Partnership (CTEP) for his over 19 years of service to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education in CTEP.

Trustee Filicetti arrived at 4:06 p.m.

**8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Watsonville Prep School (Resolution 18-10 or Resolution 18-11)**

Introduction of Item by Board President

Bruce Van Allen (President) introduced Item 8.1 to the Board by explaining the process by which the Item would be presented to the Board.

Overview of the Review Process

Superintendent Watkins gave the Board an overview of the review process that was completed by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Charter Review Team.

Legal Requirements, Additional Considerations, Findings of Fact, Staff Recommendation

Loren Soukup, Senior Associate General Counsel, School & College Legal Services of California presented to the Board the legal requirements for the review of the charter petition. Ms. Soukup discussed how she assisted the Charter Review Team and the process that was followed to complete the review.

Ms. Soukup continued her presentation to the Board by discussing the “Additional Considerations” found by the Charter Review Team: Transportation, Conflict of Interest, Financial Accounting and English Language Learner (ELL) Assessments. She also presented to the Board the four Findings of Fact from the Charter Review Team (Local Parent/Community involvement in governance; Transitional Kindergarten; Services for English Language Learners; and Facilities.

Ms. Soukup completed her presentation to the Board by stating that the Charter Review Team's recommendation to the Board would be to "Conditionally Approve" the Petition made by Watsonville Prep School. She also explained the two resolutions (Resolution 18-10 and Resolution 18-11) that were being presented to the Board and their ramifications for either approval or denial.

Approving Resolution 18-10 would be a "Conditional Approval" for the Watsonville Prep School and approval of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools/Office of Education and Navigator Schools operating as Watsonville Prep School.

Approving Resolution 18-11 would deny the Petition, as the Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements of a Charter Petition as set forth in Education Code 47605.6(b)(5).

#### Comments on the Charter Petition

President Van Allen allowed Mr. Kevin Sved, CEO, Navigator Charter Schools and Ms. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent, Pajaro Valley Unified School District to each give their views/comments regarding the Petition.

President Van Allen opened the floor to allow teachers, employees, parents, guardians or any other member of the public who desired to speak on the matter. The following people spoke before the Board: Andrea Hernandez, Martha Denny, Lellie Castillo, Alba Yanira Rivas, Luisa Hernandez, Guadalupe G., Marcela Salas-Ibarra, Caitrin Wright, Kirsten Carr, Gabriela Roldan, Vanessa Castaneda, Jennifer Wildman, Crystal Toriumi, Kimberly DeSerpa, Francisco Rodriguez, Debbie Benitez, and Laura Zucker.

#### Clarifying Questions

President Van Allen opened the floor for the Board members to ask clarifying questions of staff, legal counsel, the Petitioners or the District. The Board asked numerous questions all of the participants.

#### Board Deliberations

Following the questions session, each of the Board members commented on their views concerning the Petition.

#### Action

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Roth) to adopt Resolution #18-10 to "Conditionally Approve" the Charter Petition presented by Watsonville Prep School and the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the County Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools/County Office and Watsonville Prep School with the conditions specified being fully addressed to the satisfaction of the County Board on or before October 1, 2018.

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

The Board called a recess at 7:03 p.m.

President Van Allen called the meeting back to order at 7:14.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to adopt Resolution #18-11 to deny the Charter Petition presented by Watsonville Prep School based on the Findings of Fact and that the Petition did not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements of a Charter Petition as set forth in Education Code 47605.6(b)(5).

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

**9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**10.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael Watkins, provided an update on his activities and matters of interest since his last report on July 19, 2018.

**12.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Van Allen attended Senator Bill Monning's K-12 Focus Group meeting held at the COE.

Trustee Sales congratulated the four Board members who are running unopposed to retain their seat on the Board.

Trustee Nichols announced that the People's Democratic Club held their retreat in August and that she has been elected as President for another term. She also attended a campaign kickoff for Justin Cummings who is running for Santa Cruz City Council.

Trustee Sanchez stated that he is very happy to be running unopposed (as with his fellow Trustees) to continue his seat on the Board and that he feels very fortunate to serve along with the rest of the Board members.

Trustee Barr advised the Board that she attend the Admin Kickoff breakfast at Seascap and was very impressed to see the excitement each of the Districts showed in starting a brand new school year.

Trustee Roth reported that she "survived" 11 days in the woods camping with the girl scouts.

During the month, Trustee Filicetti had lunch with Councilwoman Richelle Noroyan, MariaElena DelaGarza, Executive Director, Community Action Board and with Dr. Deneen Guss, incoming Superintendent of MCOE to discuss CTE and workforce development.. Trustee Filicetti attended a Screening of "Dark Money" a film on campaign spending transparency and the free press and also attended the Admin Kickoff with keynote speaker Dr. Trudy Arriaga, author of "Opening Doors" a book on cultural proficiency. She also signed the Soquel Elementary School Districts Parcel Tax Measure for the November Ballot.

**13.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

Trustee Barr advised that an ad hoc committee should be formed to discuss the Superintendent's (new) salary. Trustee Barr, Sales and Van Allen agreed to be on this Committee.

**14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

August 20, 2018 8:00 a.m.	SCCOE Employee Orientation Meeting Sequoia Schools 229 Green Valley Road Freedom, CA 95019
September 6, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Inside Education Kickoff Luncheon Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Boardroom 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
September 20, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
September 27, 2018 7:45 a.m.	Inside Education – Early Years Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Boardroom 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
October 18, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
October 25, 2018 7:45 a.m.	Inside Education - Elementary Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Boardroom 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Bruce Van Allen (President) adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.