



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

Regular Board Meeting
 October 18, 2018
 Time: 4:00 p.m.
 Board Room

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

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

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
 Mary Hart
 Jivan Dhaliwal
 Jim Guss
 Devon Lincoln (Counsel)

Absent

None.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

12.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Barr asked that the Agenda order be changed (Item 8.5 moved prior to Item 8.4).

It was M.S.C (Filicetti/Barr) to approve the Agenda as amended.

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

12.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah introduced Jason Borgen as the new Chief Technology Officer for the COE.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 20, 2018
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations
- 5.0.4 Surplus Equipment

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

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 RECOGNITIONS

Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2 were postponed to the November 15, 2018 meeting.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Adopt Resolution 18-16: Gann Amendment Appropriations

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 18-16 by Rebecca Olker, Director, Fiscal Services. The Gann Amendment limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year by Board Resolution.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Barr) to adopt Resolution 18-16 in support of the Gann Amendment Appropriations.

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

8.2 Adopt Resolution 18-17: Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts.

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 18-17 by Jean Gardner, Senior Director, Fiscal Services. Pursuant to Education Codes 42621 and 42622, the County Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the County Board of Education, may make temporary transfers to any school district which does not have sufficient money to its credit to meet current operating expenses.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Roth) to adopt Resolution 18-17 in support of authorizing temporary cash loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts.

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

8.3 Pacific Collegiate Charter School

The Board was asked by Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, to approve a change to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pacific Collegiate Charter School (PCS). The change in the wording of the MOU would release PCS from having to use the same financial system that is in place with the COE.

It was M.S.C. (Roth/Nichols) to approve the change to the Memorandum of Understanding with Pacific Collegiate Charter School.

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

8.4 Adopt Resolution 18-20: Use of Proposition 30 Education Protection Act Funds

Item moved up from Agenda Item 8.5.

The Board was asked by Rebecca Olker, Director, Fiscal Services, to adopt Resolution 18-20 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 for educational expenditures within the Career Advancement Charter School budget.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Filicetti) to adopt Resolution 18-20 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 for educational expenditures within the Career Advancement Charter School budget.

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

8.5 Integrative Leadership Academy (Resolution 18-18 or Resolution 18-19)

Introduction of Item by Board President

Bruce Van Allen (President) introduced Item 8.5 to the Board by explaining the process by which the Item would be presented to the Board.

Overview and Introduction of Counsel

Jivan Dhaliwal, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, presented to the Board an overview of the review process that was completed by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Charter Review Team.

Superintendent Watkins introduced Ms. Devon Lincoln, Partner, Lozano Smith, Attorneys at Law as the COE's legal counsel.

Presentation by Counsel

Devon Lincoln presented to the Board the legal requirements for the review of the charter petition, the 15 required elements of a charter petition, the Review Team Process, and the grounds for denial of a charter petition.

Ms. Lincoln continued her presentation to the Board by discussing the findings of the Charter Review Team. The Review Team stated that the Petition lacked crucial details regarding how the charter school would address the needs of special education students, financial concerns and that the Charter School would not be able to achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its pupils. The Team also had concerns with the Educational Program.

Ms. Lincoln completed her presentation to the Board by stating that the Charter Review Team's recommendation to the Board would be to deny the Petition made by Integrative Leadership Academy. She also explained the two resolutions (Resolution 18-18 and Resolution 18-19) that were being presented to the Board and their ramifications for either approval or denial.

Approving Resolution 18-18 would be a "Conditional Approval" for the Integrative Leadership Academy Charter 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 the Integrative Leadership Academy.

Approving Resolution 18-19 would deny the Petition, as the Petition presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the Charter School (Education Code 47605(b)(1); Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the Petition (Education Code 47605(b)(2); and the Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the fifteen required elements as set forth in Education Code 47605, subdivision (b)(5)(A)-(O).

Comments on the Charter Petition

President Van Allen allowed Dr. Nicky Ramos-Beban, Ph.D. Executive Director, Integrative Leadership Academy (ILA) and Dr. Laurie Bruton, Superintendent, San Lorenzo 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: Angie Pennington, Estelle Fein, Mary Kashmar, Jason Miller, Vickee Flynn (for Genevive Florea), Swati Bhargara, Mark Sherby, George Wylie, Karen Ehrlich, Jacquie Sprackler, Nancy Hawkins, David Ramos-Beban, Kristen Rivers and Jacqui Rice.

Questions from the Board

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.

Deliberations by the Board

Following the questions by the Board, each of the Board members stated their views concerning the Petition.

Action

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Filicetti) to adopt Resolution 18-19 to deny the Charter Petition presented by Integrative Leadership Academy based on the findings of the Charter School Review Team.

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

The Board called a recess at 6:01 p.m.

President Van Allen called the meeting back to order at 6:08 p.m.

8.6 Approval of Implementation of New Financial System and Request for Support

The Board was asked by Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, to approve the implementation of a new Financial System, Escape Technology, for the COE and for the 10 Districts. Approval would also include authorizing a \$500,000.00 allocation on behalf of all 10 districts to implement the new system.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Roth) to approve the implementation of the new financial system and the request for support.

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

9.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Career Advancement Charter School Annual Report

Deputy Superintendent, Faris Sabbah, presented to the Board an annual report on the Career Advancement Charter School. The first year for the school was very successful with over 49 students graduating with their high school diploma. Mr. Sabbah was very complimentary to the staff who made this first year so successful. Mr. Sabbah introduced current student, Mauricio Velasquez, who shared with the Board his experience with the Career Advancement Charter School.

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 August 16, 2018.

12.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sales advised the Board that the Superintendent's Compensation Committee met and will have a report for the next meeting.

Trustee Nichols stated that she went to the Resource Center for Non-Violence and heard Gail McLaughlin speak. She was also invited by the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers to introduce and hear Assembly member Tony Thurmond speak. Trustee Nichols stated that she has recently started a letter writing campaign to new voters or voters who haven't voted in the last few elections. Trustee Nichols also recently attended a meeting with the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee. The Committee requests that any resolutions from the public in support of legislative action be referred to the Committee before being introduced to the Board for approval.

Trustee Filicetti informed the Board that she participated in the Capitola Beach Festival, attended a program with Doris Kearns Goodwin: Leadership in Turbulent Times, attended the Soquel Union Elementary School District Meeting, attended a Chamber of Commerce lunch with State Controller Betty Yee, attended an all-day NEST Flight Conference for college and career pathways, and attended the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee meeting.

Trustee Barr advised the Board that she attended a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting where she was able to hear California State Controller Betty Yee speak on a number of issues including education, the economy and housing.

Trustee Sanchez stated that he was preparing for the upcoming elections where he will be volunteering.

13.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None

14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

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
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October 18, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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October 25, 2018 7:45 a.m.	Inside Education - Elementary Santa Cruz County Office of Education – Boardroom 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
November 15, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
December 20, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Van Allen (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.