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

Regular Board Meeting  
November 15, 2018  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Board Room

APPROVED 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

Absent

None.

2.0  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3.0  APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4.0  PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5.0  CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 18, 2018
5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 2, 2018
5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
5.0.4 Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report, Quarter Ended September 30, 2018
It was M.S.C. (Sales/Filigetti) to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.0.1, 5.0.2 and 5.0.3.

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

Trustee Barr asked a few clarifying questions concerning the Treasurer’s Quarterly Investment Report.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sales) to approve Consent Agenda Item 5.0.4.

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

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 RECOGNITIONS

7.1 Debbie Stanbra

The Board recognized Debbie Stanbra, Director, Technology, Business Information Services, for her 21 years of service to the COE.

7.2 Carol Trent

The Board recognized Carol Trent, Senior Instructional Aide, Alternative Education, for her 40 years of service to the COE.

7.3 Heather Hutchison

The Board planned on recognizing Heather Hutchison, Fiscal Accountant, Career Technical Education Partnership, for her 22 years of service to the COE; however, Ms. Hutchison was unable to attend the meeting.

7.4 Dave Barnett

The Board recognized Dave Barnett, Director, Technology Infrastructure, for his 20 years of service to the COE.
8.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C)

The Board received an in-depth report on the Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C) from Cristine Chopra, Executive Director of S4C. Ms. Chopra discussed how workers with education beyond high school fared much better than those without a higher education during the recession. She also went over the S4C Governance Structure, the Theory of Change, and creating a college-going culture in Santa Cruz County.

8.2 California School Dashboard Local Indicators

The Board received a report on the California School Dashboard Local Indicators from John Rice, Sr. Director, Alternative Education. Mr. Rice gave an in-depth explanation on each of the 10 Priority State and Local Indicators and their ratings for our programs.


Thom Dunks, Leadership Coach, TICAL, presented to the Board the annual Williams Legislation report for Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District. This report is completed in accordance with Education Code Section 1240(2)(B) which requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools.

8.4 Annual Report – Pacific Collegiate School

Tom Morell, Board President of Pacific Collegiate School (PCS) and Simon Fletcher, PCS Principal presented to the Board the annual report for PCS. Topics covered during the presentation included: 2018 CAASPP results, Advanced Placement (AP) test results, the 2017 SAT results, the 2017 ACT results, College Admissions, 2017-2018 LCAP goals, WASC Accreditation (six year accreditation term through 2021), the PCS Strategic Plan, and the PCS Diversity Plan and progress. Also discussed during the presentation were: School Culture and Climate, Overall Enrollment Annual Comparison (2014-2015 through 2018-2019), financial oversight (LCAP Template for 2018-2019), and the PCS Diversity Report and Action Plan (2016-2020).

8.5 Superintendent Salary Schedule

Troy Cope, Senior Director, Human Resources, presented to the Board the recommendation by the Superintendent’s Compensation Subcommittee (Trustees Van Allen, Barr and Sales) on creating a new Superintendent Salary Schedule and setting a salary for incoming Superintendent Dr. Faris Sabbah. The Subcommittee recommended that the Board approve a five-step salary schedule and that the Board also approve placing Dr. Sabbah on Step I of the salary schedule.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Barr) to approve the new Superintendent’s Salary Schedule and to place incoming Superintendent Faris Sabbah on Step I of the new Superintendent’s Salary Schedule.
9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintended of Schools, Michael Watkins, provided an update on his activities and matters of interest since his last report on October 18, 2018.

12.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Van Allen stated that he helped a few school board members with their campaigns and also helped with a couple of school bonds that passed during the election.

Trustee Roth advised the Board that Proposition A in Scotts Valley had reached 69% in hopes of passing. She also stated that she had attended a property meeting, a charter meeting and the most recent SCZCSBA meeting. Trustee Roth advised that we check with legal counsel on when a charter applications can be presented to the Board.

Trustee Nichols reported that she was recruited by the Tony Thurmond campaign to volunteer as a poll watcher during election night. She stated that it was a stimulating experience watching how the votes were tabulated at the elections office.

Trustee Sales did not have a report.

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Trustee Filicetti stated that she volunteered for Santa Clara County Supervisor Simitian’s event: “Which Way Congress?” Will Democrats Win Back The House? And If So, What Do They Do With It? She also volunteered at the polls on Election Day and at Digital NEST’s 4th Birthday party.

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

November 29-   CSBA Annual Education Conference
December 1, 2018 San Francisco, CA

December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
4:00 pm 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

January 7, 2019 Special Meeting of the County Board of Education
5:00 pm 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

January 17, 2019 Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
TBD 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Van Allen (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.