Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday August 15, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

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

   Board Present

   Jane Royer Barr
   Sandra Nichols
   Sue Roth
   Abel Sanchez
   Bruce Van Allen
   Dana Sales (President)
   Faris Sabbah (Secretary)

   Staff Present

   Debi Bodenheimer
   Mary Hart
   Sage Leibenson

   Absent

   Rose Filicetti

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. (Barr/Nichols) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   Four members of the public, J. Rosella Myers, Drew Lewis, Marlene Garret, and Gail [last name not written legibly], appeared before the Board to express their concerns about the potential dangerous effects that wireless technology can impose on students and teachers. They advocated for the use of wired technology to be installed in all educational sites in the County.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2019  
   5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions  
   5.0.3 Donations  
   5.0.4 Treasurer’s Quarterly Report

   It was M.S.C. (Barr/Nichols) to approve the consent agenda item 5.0.1 through 5.0.4.

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

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

   None.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

   The Board received a letter of correspondence from a member of the public, Ann Jenkins, which advocated for the continuation of the Young Writers’ Project. Superintendent Sabbah orally addressed this letter by outlining the next steps the COE is scheduled to take to help ensure the program continues.
7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Admin Kick Off

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Debi Bodenheimer, gave a presentation to the Board that highlighted the successful aspects of the Santa Cruz COE’s Admin Kick Off, which was held on August 7, 2019.

7.2 Countywide Data Integration Initiative

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation about a new effort of the Santa Cruz COE to create a countywide warehouse that would house student data from birth to career. This data will allow the Santa Cruz COE and other providers to improve the delivery of services for students. It would require obtaining consent from parents and data sharing agreements from a variety of partners.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 First Reading: Board Policies

The Board engaged in a first reading of the 9000 Series of County Board Policies.

Modification and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the proposed policy or policies as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading.

Board Policies:

- 9000 Role of the Board
- 9005 Governance Standards
- 9010 Public Statements
- 9011 Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information
- 9012 Board Member Electronic Communication
- 9100 Organization
- 9121 President
- 9124 Attorney
- 9130 Board Committees
- 9140 Board Representatives
- 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority
- 9220 Governing Board Elections
- 9222 Resignation
- 9223 Filling Vacancies
- 9224 Oath or Affirmation
- 9230 Orientation
- 9240 Board Training
- 9260 Legal Protection
- 9270 Conflict of Interest
- 9310 Board Policies
- 9320 Meetings and Notices
- 9321 Closed Session
- 9322 Agenda Meeting Materials
- 9323 Meeting Conduct
- 9323.2 Actions by the Board
The Board determined that a number of changes be made to this policy series and/or addressed with Counsel. The Board ordered that this series be brought back to the Board for a second reading on September 19, 2019.

Trustee Barr left the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

10. **TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Van Allen did not share any events, but did highlight a report titled “School Resources and the Local Control Funding Formula: Is Increased Spending Reaching High-Need Students?” for the Board.

Trustee Sanchez made some heartfelt and respectful remarks about local educational champion, Rhea DeHart, in the wake of her passing.

Trustee Nichols attended a policy committee meeting, and three other community oriented meetings.

Trustee Roth attended a Girl Scouts camp, and two UCSC meetings on the topics of Title IX and minority housing curriculum.

Trustee Sales attended the COE Administrative Kick Off, The South Santa Cruz County Indivisible meeting, and an agenda committee meeting of this Board.

11. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)**

11.1 **Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Update**

No update.

12. **ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

None.
13. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz COE Staff Orientation  
Sequoia High School  
229 Green Valley Rd., Freedom CA 95019  
August 19, 2019  
8:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
September 19, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
October 17, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.
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