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**Ms. Jane Royer Barr ● Ms. Rose Filicetti ● Ms. Sandra Nichols ● Ms. Sue Roth ● Mr. Dana Sales**  
**Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 17, 2019**  
**Closed Session 3:00 p.m.**  
**Open Session 4:00 p.m.**  
**Board Room**

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Board Present

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

Staff Present

Debi Bodenheimer  
Mary Hart  
Sage Leibenson

Absent

None

**2. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

The Board President disclosed that the Board would, in closed session, hold an expulsion hearing and discuss matters relating to potential litigation as noted in items 3.1 through 3.3.

The Board President asked if any members of the public would like to comment prior to commencing closed session. No comments were made.

Presenter: Dana Sales (President)

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**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**3.1 Expulsion Appeal**

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education conducted a closed hearing regarding Scotts Valley Unified School District's (SVUSD) decision to expel a student (Pupil Appeal #19-02) and was asked to either approve or deny the appeal of SVUSD's decision to expel the student from Scotts Valley High School.

**3.2 Conference Call Regarding Potential Litigation, Real Property**

The Board conferred with Legal Counsel regarding initiation of anticipated litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. (1 Case)

**3.3 Conference Call Regarding Potential Litigation**

Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9, the Board conferred in closed session to receive information which, based on existing facts and circumstances, presents one case of potential litigation against the County Board of Education. (1 Case)

**4. OPEN SESSION**

Open session commenced at 4:40 p.m.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

Trustee Nichols requested the word "chairperson" be corrected to "representatives" in item #9.7.

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

**7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Sales reported that in closed session, the Board upheld the governing district's decision regarding the Pupil Appeal #19-02 with a 6-1 vote and conferred with legal counsel regarding item 3.2 pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9. President Sales also reported that item 3.3 was not discussed.

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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Sales acknowledged a new piece of correspondence from Andy Tatum regarding the PCS charter renewal.

Jason Miller, a member of the public, made a comment in response to Mr. Shulman's letter to the Board which was included in this month's Board packet.

**9. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board must organize a meeting held each year by electing one of their members as president of the Board. The meeting must be on the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November (EDC § 1009).

**9.1 Nominations for President of the Board**

Dana Sales (President) called for nominations for Board President.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Roth for Board President. Trustee Filicetti seconded this nomination.

**9.2 Election of the Board President**

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Filicetti) to elect Trustee Roth as Board President.

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

**9.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board**

Trustee Roth called for nominations of the Vice President.

Trustee Roth nominated Trustee Filicetti for Vice President.

**9.4 Election of Board Vice President**

It was M.S.C. to elect Trustee Filicetti for Board Vice President.

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

**9.5 Seating of New Officers of the Board of Trustees**

New officers were seated.

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**9.6 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization**

The Board appointed Trustee Sales as chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

**9.7 Appointment of Representatives to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)**

The Board appointed trustees Roth and Filicetti as representatives to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

**9.8 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board**

The Board discussed the day of the month and the time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Filicetti) to designate the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. for regular meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

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

**9.9 Appointments to Standing Committees**

**9.9.1 Agenda Committee**

Trustees Roth, Filicetti, and Barr

**9.10 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees**

**9.10.1 Board Budget Committee**

Trustees Barr, Sales, and Sanchez

**9.10.2 Policy Committee**

Trustees Filicetti, Van Allen, and Sales

**9.10.3 Charter Schools Committee**

Trustees Barr, Roth, and Sanchez

**9.10.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee**

Trustees Filicetti, Nichols, and Van Allen

**9.10.5 Property Acquisition Committee**

Trustees Barr and Sales

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**9.10.6 Other committee(s) as determined**

None.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

- 10.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 21, 2019
- 10.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 10.0.3 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Sales) to approve the consent agenda.

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

**10.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)**

None.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board, if any, was included herein. Copies of correspondence received within 72 hours of the meeting was made available at the meeting location.

**12. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**12.1 First Interim Financial Report**

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report after a review by the Board in open session. Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, gave a presentation to the Board regarding this report. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions of staff regarding this report.

**12.2 Proposal for Data Storage, Backup, and Recovery Plan**

Jason Borgen and Joey Stanbra presented the plan to upgrade antiquated data center infrastructure. Santa Cruz COE's Storage Area Network, Backup Systems, and Disaster Recovery do not meet today's standards. The presentation provided an overview of the current infrastructure, the research and criteria developed in the evaluation process and the new systemic plan for redundant and seamless access to the most important digital resources provided to the Santa Cruz COE and our districts. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions of staff regarding this report.

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**13. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**13.1 Approval of the 2019-2020 Budget Calendar**

The Board was asked to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Filicetti) to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines.

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

**13.2 Petition to Renew Pacific Collegiate Charter School**

The Board was asked to either approve (Resolution #19-18) or deny (Resolution #19-19) the petition to renew Pacific Collegiate Charter School (PCS).

President Roth gave a brief overview of the process for item 13.2. Following this, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Debi Bodenheimer gave an overview and explanation of findings from the COE Staff report regarding this petition. Edward Sklar, Santa Cruz COE Legal Counsel, gave a brief overview of the legal procedure required for the Charter Renewal process. Following this, the lead petitioner, Maria Reitano, PCS Head of School, gave a five minute presentation regarding the renewal petition. The public then had an opportunity to make comments relating to this item, but no comments were made. The Board then had an opportunity to ask questions of staff, legal counsel, or the Petitioner. Following this, the Board deliberated on this item.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sanchez) to approve Resolution #19-18 conditionally granting the Petition to Renew Pacific Collegiate Charter School pending the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding no later than January 16, 2020.

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

**13.3 Petition for Material Revision to Pacific Collegiate Charter School**

The Board will be asked to either approve (Resolution #19-20) or deny (Resolution #19-21) the petition for a material revision to Pacific Collegiate Charter School.

President Roth gave a brief overview of the process for item 13.3. Following this, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Debi Bodenheimer gave an overview and explanation of findings from the COE Staff report regarding this petition. Edward Sklar, Santa Cruz COE Legal Counsel, gave a brief overview about the current laws regarding petitions for material revisions to charters. Following this, the lead petitioner, Maria Reitano, PCS Head of School, gave a five minute presentation regarding the petition for material revision. The public then had an opportunity to make comments relating to this item. Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Ken Olsen,

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Jason Miller, Lauren Friend, and Tom Morrell made comments. The Board then had an opportunity to ask questions of staff, legal counsel, or the Petitioner. Following this, the Board deliberated on this item.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Nichols) to approve Resolution #19-21 to deny the Petition for a Material Revision to Pacific Collegiate Charter School.

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

**14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

Trustee Filicetti attended a Santa Cruz Chamber Luncheon featuring guest speaker Lenny Mendonca, CA State Chief Economic and Business Advisor, CSBA Delegate Assembly, Including the Region 9 Caucus Breakfast, AND the Annual Conference of the California School Board Association. She also attended the second meeting of the Cabrillo College Bond Advisory Committee.

Trustee Sanchez attended meetings of the Charter Subcommittee and the Annual Conference of the California School Boards Association.

Trustee Roth attended a meeting of the Policy Committee, Charter Subcommittee, and the Annual Conference of the California School Boards Association.

Trustee Sales attended a meeting of the Agenda Committee and Annual Conference of the California School Boards Association.

Trustee Van Allen attended a meeting of the Policy Committee.

Trustee Nichols attended a meeting of the Policy Committee.

Trustee Barr attended meetings of the Charter Subcommittee and the Annual Conference of the California School Boards Association.

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

None.

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

None.

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**13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

Alt. Ed Graduations

Sequoia High School, 229 Green Valley Rd., Freedom CA 95019

January 14, 2020

10:00 am, 1:30 a.m.

Alt. Ed Graduations

Portuguese Hall, Santa Cruz, 216 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz CA 95060

January 15, 2020

9:00 am, 1:00 p.m.

Delivering on Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education

Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main St., Watsonville CA 95076

January 21, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Civics Summit

Cabrillo College Crocker Theater

January 24, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Delivering on Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education

Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, 705 Front St., Santa Cruz CA 95060

January 28, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



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