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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
Thursday May 21, 2020
Open Session 4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL Meeting hosted from the Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Board Present (via videoconference)

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

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)
Mary Hart
Debi Bodenheimer
Sage Leibenson

Absent

None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A call for a motion was made to make agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence, or approve the agenda as submitted.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board Clerk recited the public comments that were emailed to the COE prior to the meeting for up to three minutes each. Public comments received included:

- One letter from Anna Eshoo, Member of Congress, regarding certain provisions of the HEROES Act
- One comment from James and Deneen Guss in recognition of Mary Hart's retirement
- One comment from Mary Ann James in recognition of Mary Hart's retirement

5. 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.

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2020

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Surplus Items

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Sales) to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)

None.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

Each item of official correspondence received by the Board was recited by the clerk for up to 3 minutes. New correspondence received included the following:

- One letter from the Scotts Valley School Board of Education in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision
- One email from Deb Tracy-Proulx, Board Trustee of the Santa Cruz City Schools Board of Education in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision
- One letter from Cindy Rainii, Board Trustee of the Santa Cruz City School Board of Education in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision
- One email and attached letter from Superintendent Sabbah to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education with information regarding the California Department of Education's Second Interim Report
- One letter from George Wylie, Board Trustee of the San Lorenzo Valley Board of Education in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision
- One email from Sage Leibenson to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education inviting the Board to a COE Staff Appreciation Event
- One email from Sage Leibenson to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education inviting the Board to a Capitol Advisors May Revise Budget Workshop
- One email from Shannon Greene, parent, in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision
- One email from Sage Leibenson to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education containing a red-lined version of the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Oasis Student Recognitions

Students from Oasis High School were recognized for their outstanding performance throughout the 2019-2020 School Year. Oasis High School Teacher, Jeffrey Matlock, facilitated the recognition ceremony.

Superintendent Sabbah expressed appreciation for Oasis to make the ceremony possible and congratulated the students on their achievement.

7.2 Educator of the Year Awards

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, and counselors. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah. The award ceremony was facilitated by Superintendent Sabbah and Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services.

Award Recipients: Shanti Blanck, Classified Employee of the Year, SCCS
 Laura Denny, Teacher of the Year, SLVUSD
 Nancy Puente, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD
 Greg Stein, Administrator of the Year, LOSD

Shanti Blanck was not present.

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Dr. Laurie Bruton, Superintendent of San Lorenzo Unified School District, introduced Laura Denny and congratulated her on her achievement. Laura Denny then had an opportunity to speak and accept the award.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of Pajaro Valley Unified School District, said a few words in honor of Nancy Puente. Ximena Ospina also had an opportunity to honor Nancy. Nancy then had an opportunity to speak and accept the award.

Dr. Lorie Chamberland, Superintendent of Live Oak School District, said a few words in honor of Greg Stein. Greg Stein then had an opportunity to speak and accept the award.

7.3 Retirement Recognitions

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2019-2020 school year.

Retirees: Camy Ditter, Teacher, Alternative Education
 Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
 Stephanie Sommer-Kass, Senior Instructional Aide, Special Education

Camy Ditter was not present.

Stephanie Sommer-Kass was not present.

Superintendent Sabbah, Jean Gardner, Rebecca Olker, Trustee Van Allen, and Trustee Barr all said a few words to recognize Mary Hart for her years of service in education. Mary Hart then accepted her award.

7.4 Public Hearing regarding REVISED PCS Petition for Material Revision

The Board held a public hearing to consider the level of support from the community for a revised request for a material revision to Pacific Collegiate Charter School that would add a 6th grade program to the charter.

Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, gave an introduction of the item and overview of the Petition.

President Roth opened the public hearing, explained the procedures of the hearing, and introduced the Petitioner to make their opening presentation.

Lead Petitioner Maria Reitano, Head of School at PCS, had five minutes to make an opening presentation.

The Board Clerk recited all comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting for up to two minutes each. Comments received via email in opposition to the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision were received from Allison Endert, Andy Tatum, Barbara Lawrence, Sarah Herr, Isabelle Tuncer, Diane Putnam, and George Wylie. Letters in opposition to this petition co-authored by SVUSD Board Member Shulman and President Snyder, as well as an additional letter co-authored by the ten Santa Cruz County School District Superintendents were also received. The Board Clerk recited one comment received via email in support of the revised PCS Petition for Material Revision from Krista McCollough.

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The following members of the public made live comments at the meeting in support of the revised PCS Petition for Material revision: Nathan Tiller, Todd Livingston, Deb Tracy-Proulx, Lauren Friend, Andrea Roth, Ken Olson, Deanna Tanguay, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Chiara Grabiell, Yulianna Ortega, Maya Lev, Judit Camacho, Glenn Weyhausen, Caitlin Spohrer, Emily Garcia-Solis, Brandon Garcia-Solis, Jason Miller, Sikina Jinnah, and Brianna Garcia-Solis.

Following the public comments, the Board President closed the public hearing and announced the Board would consider approval or denial of the petition at the regular June 18th meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

7.5 Public Hearing regarding Conversion of Cypress Charter High School into a Alternative Education Community School

The Board held a public hearing to consider the level of support for the conversion of Cypress Charter High School into an alternative education community school by teachers employed by the school district, other employees of the school district, parents, and members of the public.

Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, gave an introduction of the item and overview of the Petition.

President Roth opened the public hearing, explained the procedures of the hearing, and introduced the Petitioner to make their opening presentation.

Superintendent Sabbah made the opening presentation explaining the request to convert Santa Cruz County Cypress Charter High School into an Alternative Education community school.

The Board Clerk received no public comments to be recited prior to the meeting. No other public comments were made.

President Roth then closed the public hearing and announced the Board would consider approval or denial of the request to convert Cypress Charter High School into a community school at the regular June 18th meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

7.6 COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation to the Board explaining how the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working in collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Health Services agency and school districts to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 in our community. The Board received an update on the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The presentation will also include the anticipated impacts of COVID-19 on funding for California public schools.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions.

President Roth expressed appreciation for Superintendent Sabbah's leadership and consistent communication with the COE's stakeholders throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

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7.7 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the County Superintendent of Schools 2020-2021 Initial Negotiations Proposal to the Classified Employees Bargaining Unit (CSEA)

Alternative Education Director, John Armstrong, sunshined the Superintendent’s 2020-2021 initial negotiations proposal to the Classified Employees Bargaining Unit, CSEA.

7.8 Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities

Rebecca Olker, Senior Director, Fiscal Services presented a report to the Board about the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Benefits, which is required every two years in compliance with GASB43/45.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #20-02

The Board held an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

President Roth invited all the parties present to introduce themselves and announced the meeting would remain in open session. No letter of appeal was submitted or read. Superintendent Sabbah stated the powers of the County Board in interdistrict transfer appeal hearings. President Roth then explained the procedures for the hearing and invited the Appellants to state their reasons for the County Board to overturn the denial of the interdistrict transfer. Representatives of the Scotts Valley Unified School District then had an equal amount of time to explain why the Board should uphold the decision of the Scotts Valley Board. Both parties then had an equal amount of time to make their rebuttals. The Board then had an opportunity to ask questions of the parties. The Board then had an opportunity to deliberate and come to a decision.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Barr) to uphold the interdistrict transfer decision of the Scotts Valley Unified School District governing board for appeal #20-02.

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

8.2 Cancel Previously Scheduled June 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Due to COVID-19, the deadline for submitting the LCAP has been extended to December 15, 2020, negating the requirement to have a special meeting in June. The Board was asked by Mary Hart to cancel the previously scheduled June 25, 2020 special meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Barr) to cancel the Special June 25, 2020 meeting.

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

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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 Roth attended meetings of the Board Charter Committee, Agenda Committee, and a Lozano Smith Workshop regarding Brown Act requirements.

Trustee Van Allen has been researching proposed California and U.S. budgets affecting public education.

Trustee Barr attended meetings of the Board Charter Committee and Agenda Committee.

Trustee Sanchez attended a meeting of the Board Charter Committee.

Trustee Filicetti attended COE All Staff meetings, Santa Cruz COVID-19 community briefings, the 6th Annual Regional Economic Summit, and a SCZCSBA meeting featuring guest speaker Superintendent Sabbah who spoke about COVID-19 updates affecting education. She also attended the Region 9 Prep for CSBA Delegate Assembly, the CSBA Delegate Assembly, a CCBE State Board of Directors meeting, and State Superintendent Tony Thurmond's Discussion on School Re-opening facebook webinar.

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

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
June 18, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
July 16, 2020
4:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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