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Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen ● Ms. Alyssa Wall

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday February 18, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Board Present (via videoconference)

Ed Acosta, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez (Vice President), Bruce Van Allen, Alyssa Wall, and Rose Filicetti (President)

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Christine Bennett, Debi Bodenheimer, Liann Reyes, and Johnny Rice.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as submitted (Nichols/VanAllen 7/0).

Ayes: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brian Caulfield expressed his support and thanks to the Board and Superintendent Sabbah for all of their efforts regarding the pandemic (testing, vaccines, returning students to classroom with modified environment for safety).

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items approved as submitted (VanAllen/Nichols 7/0).

Ayes: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation regarding the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working to keep our school community healthy and preparing for the reopening of schools. He described efforts to increase surveillance testing and updated Trustees on the number of educators that have or soon will receive the vaccine.

7.2 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2021-2024 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Rory Bruce, the designated representative of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484, representing classified staff, "sunshined" proposed changes to the following articles within the 2021-2024 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, Article 15 regarding Assignment and Transfer, and Article 21 regarding Professional Growth.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 CONSIDER SPECIAL MEETING FOR BOARD RETREAT

The Board voted to hold a Special Meeting for the Board Retreat on March 11, 2021 beginning at 3:00PM to review the 9000's series of Board Policies and review the Trustee Handbook. (Roth/VanAllen 7/0)

Ayes: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.2 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY

The Board reviewed BP6163.4 - Student Use of Technology. The modifications recommended were to correct wording for section regarding 6-12 to read "only acceptable" and to change all reference to i-Pad/i-Pod to "tablet." Policy was approved as amended and the second reading was waived by the Board. (VanAllen/Nichols 7/0)

Ayes: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.3 RESOLUTION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Board approved Resolution #21-02 recognizing February as Black History Month for contributions to the development of our country, for continued efforts to ensure equality for all citizens, and for inspiring future generations as amended because the last section was omitted from the version included in Board Packet sent to Trustees prior to meeting. (Nichols/VanAllen 7/0)

Ayes: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall
Nays: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

8.4 CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY BALLOT

The Board approved the reappointment of Trustee Filicetti to represent Region 9 of the Delegate Assembly, which meets twice each year. The Assembly sets CSBA's general policy direction and fulfills a critical governance role within the association. Delegates act as liaisons between CSBA and local board members in their regions, and they also meet with the other Delegates and the CSBA Director in their regions. Delegates serve two-year terms that begin April 1st. (Roth/Nichols 6/0)

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Wall
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Acosta

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah provided the group with an update regarding vaccination of staff and the return of TK-6 grade students to in-person instruction beginning in March (PVUSD in April). Updates for Student Leadership, Educational Services and Alternative Education divisions were also provided (information on file with Clerk of Board).

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Sanchez: Attended Capital Advisor's Meeting in mid-January and met last week with the Board Charter Committee and PCS to introduce new members and open lines of communication with agreement to meet more often going forward.

Wall: Attended various workshops and meetings this month. Attended Capital Advisor's Meeting and Charter Committee. Also participated in Connecting Environmental Advocacy to Teen Wellbeing webinar, Community Advisor Council meetings and Latina Power Hour. Also involved in the Community Advisory Council for WASC Adult Education and Inside Education meeting. Looking forward to returning to in-person instruction as a teacher with Pacific Elementary.

Van Allen: Worked with both the Policy Committee and the Community Outreach and Legislation Committee to develop the items on today's Agenda. Has received calls from parents in the community about the reopening of schools. Acknowledged the impact and influence for him of Jori Post (previously of Happy Valley) who passed away.

Nichols: Worked with the Community Outreach and Legislation Committee to develop the Resolution on today's Agenda.

Roth: Attended the SCCOE All Meetings in January and February; Charter Committee meeting with PCS; UCSC 37th Annual MLK, Jr. Convocation; Agenda Committee meeting; "The Path to Reopening Schools" webinar; and the Capitol Advisor's Meeting.

Filicetti: Attended the Santa Cruz Operational Call every other Monday; Budget Perspectives Workshop with Capitol Advisors; PVUSD Special Board Meetings (observed); Policy Committee meeting; Agenda Committee meeting; and UCSC MLK, Jr. Convocation.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting (Virtual)
March 11, 2021
3:00PM

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March 18, 2021
4:00PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

_____The Board President adjourned the meeting at 5:44PM.

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