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Mr. Ed Acosta ● Ms. Rose Filicetti ● Ms. Sandra Nichols ● Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen ● Ms. Alyssa Wall

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday January 21, 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)

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, Jason Borgen, and Scott Keller

Absent

Ed Acosta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as submitted (Roth/VanAllen 6/0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items approved with correction of future meeting date indicated on December 17, 2020 Minutes (Nichols/VanAllen 6/0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

6. REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 Positive Program Report: Information Communication Technology Initiative (ICT) Program

Jason Borgen, Chief Technology Officer, and Scott Keller, Information, Communication, Technology (ICT) Teacher on Special Assignment provided an overview of the Santa Cruz County K-12 Computer Science and Information Technology Initiative. The presentation highlighted the needs around computer science education, partnerships with local school districts, industry, and higher education, awareness around the importance of Computer Science for families and students of all ages, and alignment of new Computer Information System Career Technical Education courses that are planned in both North County and South County to align with Cabrillo College's program that builds a career pathway for students.

6.2 COVID-19 and School Plans to Expand In-Person Services Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation regarding the ways in which 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. He described efforts to increase surveillance testing and designs for a "closed pod" vaccination clinic for the community of education staff in Santa Cruz County.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Resolution #21-01 Regarding Cash Loans to District

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board was asked to approve a Resolution to allow the Santa Cruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

Resolution approved as submitted (VanAllen/Nichols 6/0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

7.2 First Reading: Board Policies

The Board reviewed the revised version of BP 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment and Gender Based Harassment which updates the Policy and combines two versions into one cohesive document.

Board Policy approved as submitted (VanAllen/Roth 6/0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah provided the group with an update on the Governor's Safe Schools Plan and the steps that the County Office of Education has taken to continue to ensure the safety of staff, and the students and families they serve. Updates for Student Leadership, Educational Services and Alternative Education divisions were also provided (information on file with Clerk of Board).

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Each Trustee reported on their participation in recent meetings, training opportunities, and community events. Several members participated in the virtual Town Hall on racial equity held January 19, 2021.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
February 18, 2021
4:00PM

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
March 18, 2021
4:00PM

10. ADJOURNMENT

_____The Board President will adjourn the meeting.

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