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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 April 15, 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):

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

Staff Present (via videoconference):

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Celeste Gutierrez, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to change Trustee Van Allen's title to "Member, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee" on item 8.1. (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2020
- 6.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 6.0.3 Donation to the Alternative Education Program

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Roth 7-0) to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

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

6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

7. REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Student Leadership and Engagement Activities

The Board received a presentation from County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris Sabbah, Student Leadership Coordinator, Celeste Gutierrez, and Santa Cruz County high school students Lena Jones, Azucena Nieto, and Carolyn Randolph from the student leadership group Youth for Environmental Action (YEA). They showcased their efforts to increase student leadership and environmental awareness. They also presented their future plans, invited the County Board of Education to their Solidarity for Change Virtual Summit, and asked the Board to create a resolution surrounding environmental studies and climate change awareness.

Trustee Van Allen expressed interest in working with YEA to develop an environmental awareness resolution.

7.2 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 School Districts and other partners to support students during the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was shared that there is new guidance in place regarding student athletics and graduations. The County Office is also continuing their efforts to vaccinate students, staff and families of staff.

7.3 AB 86 COVID-19 Relief and School Reopening, Reporting, and Public Health Requirements

Superintendent Sabbah and Deputy Superintendent of Business Liann Reyes gave a presentation on COVID-19 relief funding provided by the Federal and State government sources. They described the funding allocations and the potential uses of these funds in support of the students of Santa Cruz County.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Resolution Supporting People of Asian and Pacific Island Ancestry and Condemning Hatred and Violence Toward Asian-Americans

The trend of increased discrimination, hate and violence against the Asian-American Pacific Islanders community has been exacerbated by false narratives and xenophobia around the coronavirus. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #21-04 in support of the Asian-American Pacific Islanders Community.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0) to approve Resolution #21-04:

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

8.2 Resolution in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S. The Board was to adopt Resolution #21-05 in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Filicetti 7-0) to approve Resolution #21-05 and share the resolution with State Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond and local Santa Cruz County School Districts:

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

8.3 Second Reading: Board Policies

The Board was asked to adopt the following policies:

BP6020 COE LEA Parent Engagement Policy
BP6020.1 COE School Parent Engagement Policy

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Filicetti) BP 6020 and BP 6020.1:

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

8.4 Approval of Professional Governance Standards for County Board

The Board was asked to adopt the Professional Governance Standards for County Boards by the California School Boards Association.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Filicetti/Nichols):

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

8.5 Schedule a Special Board Meeting to Comply with the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Requirements

The Board was asked to consider scheduling a Special Board Meeting on June 24, 2021, to comply with Education Code 52062(b)(2), which requires the Board to adopt an annual update to the LCAP in a public meeting after, but not the same day as, the public hearing.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Filicetti/Nichols) to schedule a Special Board Meeting:

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Sanchez expressed their appreciation for the County Office of Education leadership, staff, collaboration, the office's response to the pandemic, and work with vaccinated community members.

President Filicetti has attended the Santa Cruz Operational Call COVID-19 and wildfire relief and vaccine distribution meeting every other Monday, attended on March 19 a CSBA Legislative Action meeting with Sen. John Laird, participated in a CCBE County Board Governance Training on Charter Schools Oversight and Advocacy Matters, attended the CCBE Special Board of Directors' meeting about a Project Proposal for a Computer Science Education Initiative. President Filicetti reported that Eric Yuan, Zoom CEO, will provide an initial donation of \$100,000 to be used by California County Boards of Education (CCBE) to launch a statewide computer science education initiative. The initiative was approved unanimously. President Filicetti will be reviewing the 9000s Board Bylaws for presentation to the Board with the Policy Committee for adoption including the three updates recommended by Legal Counsel: BB 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications, BB 9124 Obtaining Legal Counsel and BB 9400 Board Self Evaluation. President Filicetti was confirmed for reelection to CSBA Delegate Assembly and the CCBE Board of Directors.

Tustree Nichols worked alongside the Community Outreach and Legislation committee to create two resolutions for April. She shared that their granddaughter was very excited to begin in-person kindergarten instruction. She also shared that a reporter from the Pajaroian interviewed her regarding a story on Trustee's attendance to Board meetings.

Trustee Wall participated in the Board's Policy committee meeting and shared the exhaustion and difficulty they have been feeling this month. They expressed their desire to work on racial equity initiatives to help combat injustices. They also shared that they are currently in the process of transitioning their classroom to a hybrid system. They also expressed their support for all educators as they navigator this new teaching time.

Trustee Van Allen worked with the Policy committee and Community Outreach and Legislation committee. He expressed the need to develop a response plan that is comprehensive and responds to the needs of the community as a whole. He is currently working with other agencies to move forward with a safety team that will include social workers and have a model of responding to crises before they occur.

Trustee Roth attended CCBE training and attended the County Office of Education's LGBTQ Equity Series. She reported the desire students have to include their pronouns in their student records. She also attended UCSC's Practicing Equity with Fidelity to Racial Justice

Trustee Acosta had nothing to report at this time.

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

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

[Youth for Environmental Action: Solidarity for Change Summit](#)

Virtual Event
April 29, 2021
4:00PM

Equity Series: Focus on Students of African Descent
The Power of Community, Relationship, and Student Voice
Virtual Event
May 11, 2021
6:00PM

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
May 20, 2021
4:00PM

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
June 17, 2021
4:00PM

12. ADJOURNMENT

Board Vice President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:02pm.

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