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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 March 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)

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

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), John Armstrong, Debi Bodenheimer, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, 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 the sequence of the agenda, moving agenda item 8.3 before agenda item 7.1. (Van Allen/Roth 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Filicetti invited public comment regarding any items not on the agenda.

Christina Cuevas invited Santa Cruz County families, teachers, and staff to attend Cabrillo College's upcoming educational community events related to the exploration of a possible name change for the college.

Vijja Joyce expressed concerns regarding the 6 feet social distancing requirement in schools.

Shannon Finney-Candelario urged the Board to allow for high school athletics to return.

Sarah Erickson urged the Board to uphold 3 feet social distancing requirements in schools and to urge schools to allow full time in person instruction.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board is included herein. No new correspondence was received.

6. 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.

- 6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 18, 2021
- 6.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 11, 2021
- 6.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 6.0.4 Donations
- 6.0.5 Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions from CZU Lightning Complex Fire
- 6.0.6 COE Court & Community School program officially changing to a schoolwide program
- 6.0.7 Quarterly Treasurer Report for period ending December 31, 2020

Trustee Sanchez requested an edit to item 6.0.1. (Van Allen/Sanchez 7-0)

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

8.3 RESOLUTION FOR RECOGNITION OF DIGNITY HEALTH

The Board was asked to approve Resolution #21-03 recognizing the work done by Dignity Health to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all educators and support staff in Santa Cruz County. Dr. Magee and Dr. Mickiewicz were also recognized for their work on this project. Dominique Holister was present on behalf of Dr. Mickiewicz.
(Nichols/Van Allen 7-0)

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

7.1 COVID-19 and Reopening Schools 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 the plan for reopening schools. An update was provided on the current CDPH guidance, testing efforts, vaccination updates, mitigation strategies, reopening plans, and student athletic programs.

7.2 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, 2021-2024 Successor Contract to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, SCCEA President, sunshined the following articles in the 2021-2024 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 2 regarding term, Article 6 regarding compensation, benefits and welfare, Article 10 regarding leave, Article 12 regarding class size, and Article 17 regarding safety. The Board had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

7.3 Santa Cruz COE 2020-2021 Second Interim Financial Report

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review prior to filing the report with the State Department of Education. Liann Reyes gave the presentation about this report and highlighted the most noteworthy aspects. The Board had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

7.4 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will sunshine the 2021-2024 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association. John Armstrong, Director of Alternative Programs, sunshined two areas, term and compensation.

7.5 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484 (CSEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will sunshine the 2021-24 Agreement to the California School Education Association. John Armstrong, Director of Alternative Programs, sunshined the following areas, term, hours and overtime, paid allowances, health and welfare.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading.

A motion was made to approve BP1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures and bring the following Board Policies for a second reading in Apri’s Board meeting due to a formatting

issue: BP6020 COE LEA Parent Engagement Policy and BP6020.1 COE School Parent Engagement Policy (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0).

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

8.2 APPROVE 2021-2022 COE AND STUDENT PROGRAM CALENDARS

The Board was asked to approve the 2021-2022 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars. (Nichols/Roth 7-0)

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. In particular, he invited the Board to the County Office of Education's *Equity Series Event: Supporting LGBTQ+ Students and Families* on March 25.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Roth attended Santa Cruz County Office of Education All Hands Meetings, attended the Back to School: What Elementary Schools Need to Consider in Reopening event by University of California, Santa Cruz, attended the Santa Cruz County School Boards Meeting, engaged in a Conversation with CA State Senator John Laird, CA State Assemblymember Mark Stone, CA State Assemblymember Robert Rivas. Trustee Roth attended the California County Boards of Education: Effective County Board Governance Team 201, attended the Prevention Violence with CARE event, attended the SCCOE Board Governance Workshop, and attended the California County Boards of Education: Creating Positive Appeals - Interdistrict & Expulsion event.

Trustee Van Allen spent a lot of time working on policies for the Policy committee, has been working on a community calendar committee, and working on a committee to improve the County's response to emergency mental health situations.

Trustee Nichols has been fully vaccinated and was working the Dignity Health Resolution this week.

Trustee Wall spoke at Women Ignite Meeting at UC Berkeley, highlighting her role as a board member and gave advice to young women interested in elected leadership. Trustee Wall has fully transitioned to the classroom and returned to hybrid learning. Trustee Wall will be attending an Anti-Bias, Anti-Racist Educator training in the wake of the growing number of anti-Asian hate incidents in our country and hopes to bring these practices into the classroom and her work as a Trustee.

Trustee Acosta had no report.

Trustee Sanchez attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Pajaro Valley High School's football and softball fields. They also shared that California adopted an ethics studies curriculum model for schools.

President Filicetti attended the Santa Cruz operational call on COVID-19 and wildfire relief and vaccine distribution, met with Michael Paynter and Martine Watkins regarding Jon E.

Nadherny-Calciano Annual Youth Symposium on "Childhood Trauma: Addressing the Clinical Needs from Current and Historical Perspectives", attended the Pediatric Health Workgroup, attended a Town Hall for Teachers, attended CSBA Legislative Action Week 2021 Training Webinar, Board Agenda Committee, and meeting with County Health Officer, Dr. Gail Newell for an update. President Filicetti attended bi-monthly meetings of the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association (SCZCSBA), began a series of CCBE County Board Governance Training: Effective County Board Governance 201 , attended a Board Governance Workshop with Sarah Levitan Kaatz, Partner at Lozano Smith, for a presentation regarding Board governance policies, attended CCBE County Board Governance Training: Creating Positive Appeals, and participated in the American Rescue Plan Education Briefing with Capitol Advisors.

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

None.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

[LBGTQ+ Student Panel Event](#)

March 25, 2021

6:00PM

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting (Virtual)

April 15, 2021

4:00PM

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting (Virtual)

May 20, 2021

4:00PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President will adjourn the meeting at 6:07pm.

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