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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday May 20, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees 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, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Rene LaBranche, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Michael Paynter, Liann Reyes, Denise Sanson, Audrey Sirota, Sofia Sorenson, Verenise Valentin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to remove item 8.7, "First Reading: Board Policy 5000's Series", and to refer the policies to the policy committee (Van Allen/Roth 7-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sabina Holber expressed her concerns with the police presence at Bayview Elementary School and shared the experiences her child has had with police officers and school administrators on campus.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2020
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Surplus Items
- 5.0.4 Donations

President Filicetti thanked the donors for their generous donation to Cypress Charter School.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as submitted (Van Allen/Wall 7-0).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the packet. No new correspondence was received before the meeting.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Youth Artists Taking Action Presentation

Students from the *Youth Artists Taking Action* sharing their culminating projects from the year. Their artwork centered around 3 different themes, equity, racial justice, and youth mental health. The students expressed their hopes to design and create a mural on the outside of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. The presentation included student artwork and a student creed video.

President Filicetti, Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Nichols, and Superintendent Sabbah expressed their appreciation and support for the students in the *Youth Artists Taking Action*.

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 are 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: Christie Danner, Counselor of the Year, SVUSD
Christina MacLean, Administrator of the Year, PVUSD
JoAnne Roster, Teacher of the Year, SUESD
Kathy Pruet, Classified Employee of the Year, SCCS

Craig Broadhurst, New Brighton Middle School Principal, introduced JoAnne Roster and congratulated her on her achievement. JoAnne Roster expressed her gratitude for her students and her love for the role.

Erik Redding, Athletic Director at Santa Cruz High School, introduced Kathy Pruet and expressed his appreciation for her leadership and friendship. Kathy expressed her love for the Santa Cruz High School community.

Dr. Clara Fernandez, Principal of Watsonville High School, introduced Christina MacLean and shared the appreciation she has for Christina. Christina thanked those who nominated her and shared her hopes for the future.

Michael Hanson, Principal of Scotts Valley High School, introduced Christie Danner and praised her for the support she gives students, staff, and parents. Christie thanked her office staff for the nomination and continuous support.

7.3 COVID-19 Schools Update

Superintendent Sabbah presented an update on efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic in our schools. He explained the implications from our transition to the yellow tier, vaccination efforts, ongoing mitigation efforts, and plans for the reopening of all schools in-person and full-time for the 2021-2022 school year.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask Superintendent Sabbah questions.

7.4 Multilingual Students Presentation

Sofia Sorenson presented an overview of the Multilingual student community in Santa Cruz County, provided an update on their activities during distance learning, presented student data, and shared the future plans the Multilingual Network has for serving these students. The presentation which included several different student videos provided background on the Multilingual Network to inform board members on their vote for Resolution #21-7 (agenda item 8.2), *In Recognition of the Multilingual Network as Advocates for Multilingual Students*.

7.5 Pacific Collegiate School Diversity Update

Dr. Maria Reitano shared an update on Pacific Collegiate School (PCS)'s efforts to increase diversity amongst the staff and students. She shared that PCS was recognized as a California Distinguished School and included in US News's list of best high schools in California and the US. She explained the resources and programs PCS has in place for students who are having trouble with distance learning. She also shared the student enrollment data for 2021-2022 and the deliberate and focused efforts to increase diversity among students and staff.

Trustees engaged Dr. Reitano in questions and made comments.

7.6 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

Rebecca Olker introduced Jill Stenton from Eide Baily. The Board was provided with the 2019-2020 final, audited, prior year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller's Office.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve Resolution #21-06 In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month

Board members discussed the reality faced by millions of Americans who live with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board approved Resolution

#21-06, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Roth 7-0) to approve Resolution #21-06:

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

8.2 Approve Resolution #21-07 In Recognition of the Multilingual Network as Advocates for Multilingual Students

Board members discussed their desire to celebrate and honor multilingual students of Santa Cruz County, who represent nearly 43% of the population and the efforts to serve them. The Board approved the resolution to recognize the work of the Multilingual Network Members in supporting and advocating for multilingual students.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0) to approve Resolution #21-07:

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

8.3 Approve Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant for Alternative Education

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzalez presented the plans for Alternative Education schools' Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant. The Board approved the plan as required under California Education Code (EC) Section 43521(b). The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the County Office of Education, the California Department of Education, or the chartering authority within five days of adoption, as applicable. The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0) to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant for Alternative Education:

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

8.4 Approve Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant for Career Advancement Charter

Ms. Denise "Sony" Sanson presented the Career Advancement Charter's Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant. The Board approved the plan as required under California Education Code (EC) Section 43521(b). The plan must be adopted by the local governing board or body of the LEA at a public meeting on or before June 1, 2021, and must be submitted to the County Office of Education, the California Department of

Education, or the chartering authority within five days of adoption, as applicable. The plan must be updated to include the actual expenditures by December 1, 2022.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Vall Allen/Nichols 7-0) to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant for Career Advancement Charter:

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

8.5 Approve “We Can Work”, a Work Experience Grant

On behalf of the Alternative Education Department, Dr. Michael Paynter presented the “We Can Work” Grant proposal for the County Board of Education to consider approval to enter into a two year contract agreement with the California State Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). The grant would provide \$270,078 (\$135,039 per year) to serve students with documented or suspected disabilities. Up to 25 students would be placed in work experience settings with up to 100 hours of paid employment, each at minimum wage, as well as continuing a staff position to monitor and develop placement sites. The program is called We Can Work and is for both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years subject to state and federal budget approvals

It was M.S.C. to approve (Roth/Sanchez 7-0) to approve the “We Can Work”, Work Experience Grant:

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

8.6 First Reading: Board ByLaws 9000s series

The Policy Committee asked the Board to review the following Board Bylaws for adoption) with minor edits:

BB 9012	Board Member Electronic Communications
BB 9121	President
BB 9124	Obtaining Legal Services
BB 9210	Officers of the Board (no we did not, we asked that it be deleted)
BB 9223	Filling Vacancies
BB 9250	Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits
E 9250	Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits
BB 9250.1	Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits
BB 9250.2	Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits
BB 9270	Conflict of Interest
E 9270	Conflict of Interest
BB 9290	Conflict of interest
BB 9320	Meetings and Notices
BB 9322	Agenda/Meeting Materials
BB 9323	Meeting Conduct

BB 9400 Board Self-Evaluation

The following Board Bylaws were sent back to the Policy Committee for review, BB 9250, E 9250, BB 9250.1, BB 9250.2, and E 9270.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Van Allen/Wall 7-0) the following Board Bylaws, BB 9012, BB 9121, BB 9124, BB 9223, BB 9270, BB 9320, BB 9322, BB 9323, and BB 9400, and to delete the following Bylaws, BB 9210 and BB 9290:

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

An amendment to the motion was made (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0) to edit BB 9121 President to substitute “may” for “shall” in the fifth paragraph and edit the sixth paragraph to be written as, “When the president resigns or is absent, the vice president shall perform the president’s duties. When both the president and vice president are absent, the Board shall choose a president pro tempore to perform the president’s duties”:

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

An amendment to the motion was made (Vall Allen/Wall 7-0) to substitute all phrasing of “Governing Board” to “County Board of Education” in all the bylaws approved above:

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 the work and projects the County Office of Education is currently working on.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Sanchez attended the CSBA Broadband for California: Connecting to our Promise and the May Budget Revision They expressed their hopefulness for the future as more funding for education is provided.

Trustee Wall shared that she has been working on policies for the Policy Committee and has been preparing for the end of the school year.

Trustee Van Allen spent the month working on policies for the Policy Committee and has been working with other leaders to create a Comprehensive County Wide Crisis Response Team.

Trustee Acosta left the meeting before providing his trustee report.

Trustee Nichols spent the month working on resolutions for this month’s Board meeting. She encouraged Trustees to send their resolution suggestions to the Community Outreach and Legislation Committee. She also expressed her excitement to participate and attend the

upcoming graduation ceremonies for the COE next week and encouraged other Trustees to sign up.

Trustee Roth attended the following meetings and events this month: CSBA Broadband for California: Connecting to our Promise, "Santa Cruz COE all" Meeting, Santa Cruz County School Boards Association, Capitol Advisors' May Budget Revision, Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag Raising, and the SCCOE All Hands Meeting.

President Filicetti attended the following meetings and events this month: the Annual virtual Your Future is Our Business (YFIOB) Luncheon, the Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19 and wildfire relief and vaccine distribution every other Monday, CCBE Nominating Committee Meeting and SCZCSBA Exec Committee & Bylaws discussion, Policy Committee Meeting, 7th Annual Regional MBEP Economic Summit, CSBA May Budget Revision webinar, Regional DA caucus, CSBA May 2021 Delegate Assembly Meeting, and the CCBE Board of Directors meetings.

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

Committees had no reports for the Board.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Office of Education Annual Report
Presentation (Virtual)
June 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
June 17, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting (Virtual)
June 24, 2020
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.