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Ms. Sue Roth ● Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen

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

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Trustees Present

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

Excused Absence

Alyssa Alto

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Denise Sanson, Verenise Valentin

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with the amendment that item 8.1 will be presented at 5pm (Van Allen/Roth 6-0-1).

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Corsino (Parent) expressed concerns with the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act Grant.

Erica (*last name not provided*) (Community Member) stated that parental input is needed on the approval of grant funds.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 21, 2021
- 5.0.2 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2021
- 5.0.3 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending September 30, 2021

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Roth 6-0-1).

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

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the packet.

**7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report**

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter School make an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals. Dr. Maria Reitano, Head of School and Aliyya Hatcher, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access presented an update to the Board, as well as shared their diversity plans.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

**7.2 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District**

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools. Bryan Wall, Williams Coordinator, Santa Cruz COE and Richard Reid, Director, COE Maintenance and Operations presented the findings to the Board.

President Filicetti asked a clarifying question on the ventilation systems.

Trustee Van Allen and Trustee Nichols thanked Mr. Wall and Mr. Reid for their work.

**7.3 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan shall be presented in a public meeting of the county board of education, before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education presented to the Board.

President Filicetti asked a clarifying question on funding.

Trustee Van Allen thanked Dr. Izant Gonzales for her presentation.

**7.4 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Career Advancement Charter**

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan shall be presented in a public meeting of the county board of education before its adoption in a subsequent public meeting. Denise Sanson, Executive Director, Student Programs presented to the Board.

President Filicetti thanked Ms. Sanson for her presentation.

Superintendent Sabbah extended an invitation to Ms. Sanson to return to another Board meeting to share the work and future plans of the County Office's Adult Learning Programs.

**7.5 COVID-19 School Update**

Superintendent Sabbah presented the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working in collaboration with School Districts and other partners to keep schools open and students and staff healthy.

Trustee Nichols shared her gratitude and appreciation for Superintendent Sabbah and his work.

President Filicetti asked Superintendent Sabbah a clarifying question.

**7.6 Review and Discuss Board Bylaw 9400: Self Evaluation**

The County Board of Education shall annually conduct a self-evaluation in order to demonstrate accountability to the community and ensure that district governance effectively supports student achievement and the attainment of the vision and goals. The Board reviewed the requirements and process for the 2021 Board Self Evaluation.

Trustees asked clarifying questions on the process.

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Resolution #21-27: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month**

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #21-27. Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee and Valentin Lopez, Chairman, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band presented the Resolution to the Board.

Chairman Lopez asked the Board to consider the land they are on and to reflect on their relationship with indigenous communities, the benefits they receive from the displacement of the original people, the benefits the tribes receive from the activities of their homeland, and one's responsibilities and obligations the Board have to acknowledge the true history.

President Filicetti and Trustee Van Allen thanked Chairman Lopez for his insight and for his presentation.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-27 Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month (Nichols/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**8.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools**

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement be reviewed and approved by the governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

A motion was made to adopt the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools (Roth/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**8.3 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools**

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement be reviewed and approved by the governing board at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

A motion was made to adopt the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**8.4 Resolution #21-28: Board Members Compensation**

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education appreciates the services provided by members of the Board and provides compensation for meeting attendance in accordance with Education Code 35120 and Board Bylaw 9250. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #21-28.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-28: Board Members Compensation (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**8.5 First Reading: Board Policies 6000s Series**

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:

BP 6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

Trustee Sanchez asked a clarifying question about the possibility of adding to this list of holidays.

A motion was made to adopt Board Policy 6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs, with the amended clause "shall include" and "This may be amended with Board approval" (Van Allen/Acosta 6-0-1).

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

**8.6 Second Reading: Board Policies 5000s Series**

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

BP 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

A motion was made to adopt Board Policy 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments as presented with the Policy Committee edits (Nichols/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**8.7 First Reading: Board Policies**

Modification and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board considered action to remove the following policies:

BP 5144 Discipline  
BP 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency  
BP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials  
BP 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials  
BP 6162.5 Student Assessment  
BP 6164.2 Guidance Counseling Services

A motion was made to remove the following Board Policies: BP 5144 Discipline, BP 6146.2 Certificate of Proficiency/High School Equivalency, BP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials, BP 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials, BP 6162.5 Student Assessment, and BP 6164.2 Guidance Counseling Services (Van Roth/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**8.8 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #21-29 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on October 21, 2021, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #21-26, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The County Board of Education discussed and considered adopting Resolution #21-29, to make a finding after reconsidering the state of emergency, that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

President Filicetti, Trustee Van Allen, and Trustee Sanchez discussed the current local circumstances.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-29 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Van Roth/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

**10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Acosta did not share a trustee update.

Trustee Nichols worked on several Board Resolutions for this month's meeting.

Trustee Roth attended the Board Agenda Committee meeting.

Trustee Sanchez did not share a trustee update.

Trustee Van Allen worked on Board Policies and Board Resolutions for this month's meeting. He also participated in the Climate Change March in Downtown Santa Cruz and heard the concerns of students.

Present Filicetti participated in the Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19/vaccine distribution, wildfire season and emergency prep, and CZU Fire recovery. She also attended the board Agenda Committee Meeting, Policy Committee Meeting, and attended the Solidarity Economics: OUR Movement, OUR Economy, with a panel that included the authors, - Chris Benner, Professor, Director of the Institute for Social Transformation at UC Santa Cruz - Manuel Pastor, Distinguished Professor, Director of the Equity Research Institute at the University of Southern California. She also received her Booster from the COE's vaccine clinic. She also participated in the Final DEI Learning Group: Sustaining DEI, Preventing Burn-Out and hosted an event for Digital NEST's 7th Birthday!

11. **AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

None.

12. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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