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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday October 21, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees Present

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

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Jason Borgen, Celeste Gutierrez, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Liann Reyes, Amity Sandage, 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 (Nichols/Roth 7-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Rockow (Parent) submitted a request to speak during public comment, but was not present for the item.

Brandon Johson (Parent) expressed concerns with the Governor's proposed vaccine mandate for students.

Carol Bjorn (Community Member) asked the Board to consider holding in-person meetings and to stop enforcing CDPH guidance in schools.

Karen Corsino (Parent) expressed concerns with the Governor's proposed vaccine mandate for students and masking in schools.

Joanne Wolfeld (Community Member) submitted a request to speak during public comment, but was not present for the item.

Kristin Hurley (Community Member) expressed concerns with the Governor's proposed vaccine mandate for students.

Katherine Welsh (Parent) submitted a request to speak during public comment, but was not present for the item.

Deena Riggins (Parent) expressed concerns with the masking protocol in schools and the Governor's proposed vaccine mandate for schools.

Marlese Roton (Community Member) submitted a request to speak during public comment, but was not present for the item.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 16, 2021

5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 30, 2021

5.0.3 Donations

Trustee Acosta and Trustee Roth choose to abstain from voting on the minutes due to their absence.

President Filicetti thanked Jacob Lackey for his donation to the Career Technical Education Partnership (CTEP).

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Alto 5-0-2).

Ayes: Alto, Nichols, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

Nays: None

Abstain: Acosta, Roth

Absent: None

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

BOARD RECESS

At the request of Vice-President Sanchez, President Filicetti called a recess to the Board meeting at 4:33pm because protesters had entered the COE building without permission. The meeting resumed at 5pm.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the packet. Additional correspondence received October 21, 2021 was mailed to Trustees.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 2020 Census

The Board received a presentation on the evaluation of existing voting areas and received input on potential adjustments by Chris Schmidt, Cooperative Strategies. The County trustee area variance is 7.4%. The County variance is in compliance with state requirements.

Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Roth, and President Filicetti asked clarifying questions on the process for adjusting area boundaries and demographic questions.

Trustee Acosta and Trustee Roth thanked Mr. Schmidt for his presentation.

No Trustees expressed interest in re-drawing the County district lines based on the information provided.

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, shared with the Board the next steps in the redistricting process.

7.2 COVID-19 School 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 keep schools open and students and staff healthy.

Trustee Van Allen asked clarifying questions on the set up and structure of the vaccine clinics.

7.3 Review of LCAP Process

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented to the Board a review of the LCAP approval process and presented minor clarifications and edits to the 2021-2022 LCAP.

Superintendent Sabbah acknowledged Dr. Izant Gonzales professionalism, commitment, and meticulousness.

President Filicetti thanked Dr. Izant Gonzales for her presentation and commitment.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan

LEAs that receive ESSER III funds are required to develop a plan for how they will use ESSER III funds to, at a minimum, address students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs, as well as the opportunity gaps that existed before, and were exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Izant Gonzales presented the ESSER III Expenditure Plan to the Board and asked the Board to approve the plan.

Trustee Van Allen asked clarifying questions on the plan.

President Filicetti thanked Dr. Izant Gonzales and the Alternative Education staff for their attention to the social emotional needs of students and to safety.

A motion was made to approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan (Van Allen/Roth 7-0).

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

8.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter School (CAC)

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement be reviewed and approved by the governing board whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part. Denise Sanson, Senior Director, Student Programs presented the SPSA plan to the Board.

President Filicetti thanked the Student Programs department and teachers for their commitment to students, amidst so much change.

Trustee Van Allen acknowledged and praised the Career Advancement Charter School for the hiring of a Transition Specialist.

A motion was made to approve the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter School (CAC) (Van Allen/Roth 7-0).

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

8.3 Adopt Resolution #21-17: Approving the Application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program Grant Funds

For consideration of the Outdoor Equity Grant proposal, a signed board resolution is required as part of the grant review process. Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator, Educational Services and Celeste Gutierrez, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, Student Support Services presented background information on the grant and Resolution #21-17.

Courtney Beam (Parent) submitted a request to speak during public comment, but was not present for the item.

Trustee Van Allen asked a clarifying question and thanked Ms. Sandage and Ms. Gutierrez for their commitment to increasing environmental literacy and student leadership.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-17: Approving the Application for Outdoor Equity Grants Program Grant Funds (Nichols/Roth 7-0).

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

8.4 Adopt Resolution #21-18: Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, a commemoration started in 1968 and expanded in 1988 to cover the 30-day period of September 15 to October 15, with its first day commemorating the start of the Mexican War of Independence, leading to the independence of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

President Filicetti shared excerpts from the Santa Cruz Sentinel Guest Commentary article, "Let's Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Year Round" and praised this Resolution.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-18: Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0).

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

8.5 Adopt Resolution #21-19: In Support of October as College and Career Month

College Awareness Week is observed annually during the full week prior to Cabrillo College's College & Career Night, usually the first Monday in October or November. This year, Santa Cruz County College and Career Collaborative has chosen to spread its events out over the month of October. Trustee Nichols and Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services presented the Resolution to the Board.

President Filicetti shared the importance of supporting and encouraging students to pursue college.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-19: In Support of October as College and Career Month (Nichols/Acosta 7-0).

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

8.6 Adopt Resolution #21-20: Proclaiming October as LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson. The County Board of Education affirms its role in, and commitment to, continuing the historical process of transforming the educational system to ensure inclusiveness, safety, and a sense of belonging for all LGBTQ+ students, teachers, staff, and their families.

President Filicetti and Trustee Van Allen commented on the importance of making our students feel safe at school.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-20: Proclaiming October as LGBTQ+ History Month (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0).

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

8.7 Adopt Resolution #21-21: Recognizing October 10 through October 16 Week of the School Administrator

The title "school administrator" is a broad term used to define many education leadership positions. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other school district employees are considered administrators. Trustee Nichols presented the Resolution to the Board.

President Filicetti acknowledged and thanked Superintendent Sabbah for his leadership and the administrators in the County.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-21: Recognizing October 10 through October 16 Week of the School Administrator (Nichols/Alto 7-0).

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

Abstain: None

8.8 Adopt Resolution #21-22: Recognizing October 18 Through October 22 as Digital Citizenship Week

Digital citizenship gives students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is a proud supporter of digital literacy efforts, offering professional learning to assist educators in implementing a digital citizenship curriculum and training program for their school or district. Trustee Nichols and Jason Borgen, Chief Technology & Innovations Officer, Technology, Innovation, and Communication presented the Resolution to the Board.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-22: Recognizing October 18 Through October 22 as Digital Citizenship Week (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0).

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

8.9 Adopt Resolution #21-23: In Support of Student and School Climate Action

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes and honors the foresight of the young generation and their valid apprehension of a future drastically diminished by climate change from the world adults today enjoy. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education encourages local school administrations to assure that students are not penalized or discouraged from participation in peaceful climate activism, including climate justice walkouts and other activities they may initiate. Trustee Van Allen presented the Resolution to the Board.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-23: In Support of Student and School Climate Action (Van Allen/Acosta 7-0).

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

8.10 Adopt Resolution #21-24: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit

The Gann Amendment (Proposition 4, 1979) limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts, and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year by Board Resolution. Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented the Resolution to the Board.

Trustee Van Allen thanked staff for their work.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-24: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0).

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

8.11 Adopt Resolution #21-25: In the Matter of Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures

Prior to the passage of Assembly Bill No. 1666, Chapter 1054, Statutes of 1983, which added Chapter 2, commencing with Section 22000, to Part 3 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, existing law did not provide a uniform cost accounting standard for construction work performed or contracted by local public agencies. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the Resolution to the Board.

Trustee Acosta asked clarifying questions on the formal and informal bidding process.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-25: In the Matter of Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures (Nichols/Roth 7-0).

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

8.12 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #21-26 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on September 30, 2021, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #21-16, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. The County Board of Education discussed and considered adoption of Resolution #21-26.

Trustee Van Allen, President Filicetti and Trustee Roth shared their thoughts on the Resolution and asked clarifying questions. Clarifying questions were answered by Superintendent Sabbah.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-26 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0).

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

8.13 First Reading: Board Bylaws 9000s Series

Modification 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. The Board will consider action to remove the following policies:

BB 9250.1	Health and Welfare Benefits - Current Board Members
BB 9250.2	Health and Welfare Benefits - Retirees

Trustee Nichols asked the Board Policy Committee clarifying questions on the Board Bylaws 9250.1 and 9250.2.

A motion was made to rescind Board Bylaw 9250.1 Health and Welfare Benefits - Current Board Members and Board Bylaw 9250.2 Health and Welfare Benefits - Retirees (Van Allen/Alto 6-1).

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Sanchez met with Liann Reyes on the Budget Committee, visited PCS with the charter school committee, and participated in the PVUSD State of the District event.

Trustee Alto thanked the charter school committee members for keeping her updated as she was sick and could not attend the meeting.

Trustee Van Allen worked with the policy committee and the community outreach and legislation committee. As well, he has been working with our student climate action leaders.

Trustee Acosta left the meeting before providing his Trustee report.

Trustee Nichols worked on the ten resolutions that were presented on this month's Board agenda.

Trustee Roth attended the Special Boarding meeting, the SCCOE/Pacific Collegiate School Charter Committee Meeting, SCCOE Agenda Committee Meeting and the SCCOE All meeting.

President Filicetti attended the Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19/vaccine distribution, wildfire season and emergency prep, and CZU Fire recovery. She also attended the Santa Cruz CSBA September Meeting, Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Environmental Equity Event, the COE Policy Committee, and the Special Board Meeting. She also resigned from her position on Delegate Assembly and the CCBE Board of Directors due to CSBA's Convention COVID policy. John McPherson of Monterey COE will take her place. She also attended the Santa Cruz County Equity Series Focus on Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth and Families, the Agenda Committee, Women in Leadership Forum about encouraging more women to join Boards, Commissions, and political office, Creating Gender Affirming Schools presentation and panel discussion with Safe Schools Project, third of four sessions of a DEI-Belonging Learning Group, COE Optional Equity Discussion and Inside Education with Ian Magruder of Landed.

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

11.1 Charter School Subcommittee Meeting

The Charter School Subcommittee visited Pacific Collegiate School in early October for a school site visit and to meet with the school's administration and board members. The topics discussed at the meeting include the school's COVID-19 response, diversity plans, and Pacific Collegiate's County Board presentation for November. Trustee Sanchez presented to the Board a summary of the meeting.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM

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