

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Regular Board Meeting
December 20, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Bruce Van Allen (President)
Jane Barr
Rose Filicetti
Sandra Nichols
Sue Roth
Dana Sales
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
Mary Hart
Jivan Dhaliwal
Jim Guss
Sage Leibenson

Absent

Abel Sanchez

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Van Allen (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Van Allen requested that Item 11.1, Request from Live Oak School District on Charter Transfer, be moved to Item 9.1.

Trustee Barr requested that the Swearing in of Re-Elected Board Trustees be added to the Agenda as Item 4.1.

Trustee Barr requested that Recognition of Jim Guss be added to the Agenda as Item 6.1.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Filicetti) to approve the above change and additions to the Agenda.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanchez

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Schultz, Rear Admiral Lower Half, United States Coast Guard (and teacher at Oasis High School), recognized Superintendent Watkins for his 46 years of service to children and 38 years of service to the County Office of Education and also recognized John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education, for his many years of support to Rear Admiral Schultz and his duties to the United States Coast Guard.

4.1 Swearing-In of Re-Elected Board Trustees

Superintendent Watkins swore in three re-elected Board Trustees: Trustee Filicetti, Trustee Roth and Trustee Van Allen.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on November 15, 2018.
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Surplus Equipment
- 5.0.4 Donations

Trustee Barr requested that a summary paragraph within the cover sheet of the Routine Budget Revisions be provided going forward. Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services agreed to provide this information from now on.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Roth) to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENTS' RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Superintendent Watkins for his 38 years of superlative service to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Deputy Superintendent Sabbah presented an award to Superintendent Watkins recognizing him for his 46 years of loyal and dedicated service to education and children.

6.1 Recognition of Jim Guss

The Board and Superintendent Watkins recognized Jim Guss for his five years of service to the Board and to the COE.

7.0 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

7.1 Nomination of President for the Board

Bruce Van Allen (President) called for nominations for Board President.

Trustee Nichols nominated Trustee Roth for Board President.

Trustee Roth expressed her desire to remain Vice President and nominated Trustee Sales for Board President.

7.2 Election of Board President

It was M.S.C (Roth/Barr) to elect Trustee Sales as Board President.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

7.3 Nomination of Vice President

Dana Sales (President) called for nominations for Board Vice President.

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Roth for Board Vice President.

7.4 Election of Vice President

It was M.S.C (Barr/Filicetti) to elect Trustee Roth for Board Vice President.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

7.5 Seating of New Officers of the Board of Trustees

The new Officer of the Board were seated.

7.6 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

Dana Sales (President) appointed Trustee Van Allen as chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

7.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed the day of the month and the time to hold the regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

It was M.S.C (Van Allen/Roth) to designate the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm to hold the regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

7.8 Appointment to Board Ad Hoc Committees

Dana Sales (President) appointed the following Trustees to each of the Ad Hoc Committees below:

7.8.1 Board Budget Committee

Trustee Barr, Trustee Sales and Trustee Sanchez

7.8.2 Policy Committee

Trustee Filicetti, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Van Allen

7.8.3 Charter Schools Committee

Trustee Barr, Trustee Roth and Trustee Sanchez

7.8.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Trustee Filicetti, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Van Allen

7.8.5 Santa Cruz County School Board Association

Trustee Filicetti and Trustee Roth

7.8.6 Property Acquisition Committee

Trustee Barr, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Sales

7.8.7 Other Committee(s) as determined

Agenda Committee

Trustee Barr, Trustee Roth and Trustee Sales

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Watkins stated that he received an email (copied for the Board) from Riley Gerbrandt concerning four “small cell site” antennas that Verizon is planning to install in the Live Oak area.

9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9.1 Request from Live Oak School District on Charter Transfer (moved from 11.1)

Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah stated that the Live Oak School District has requested that the County Board review the possibility of moving Cypress Charter High School from the Live Oak School District to becoming a dependent charter school under the County Board of Education. This move is being considered because of lower enrollment numbers in which ADA is not meeting the school’s financial obligations. Mr. Sabbah stated that the COE will bring forth a more formal plan to the Board in January.

10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Closed Session Disclosure (Open Session)

Dana Sales (President) disclosed that the Board would, in closed session, discuss matters relating to the possible purchase of certain real properties as noted in Agenda Item 10.2. Comments from the public were requested prior to commencing the closed session.

10.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Closed Session)

The Board considered the purchase of property on certain property and/or give further direction concerning the price and/or terms for the purchase to the Board's negotiator (Gov. Code §54956.8).

Agency Representatives: Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Reuben Helick, Cushman & Wakefield
Mark Williams, Fagen Friedman & Fulfost LLP

Property: Green Valley Rd., Watsonville CA
Santa Cruz County
APN: 048-061-37

Negotiating Parties: Santa Cruz County Office of Education
The Sereno Group

10.3 Report Out on Closed Session (Open Session)

Dana Sales (President) reported that the Board, during closed session, took action to direct Administration to pursue a contract for the purchase of the Green Valley property. In addition, the Board authorized Administration to undertake any and all steps necessary to proceed with the transaction.

10.4 Approval of the 2018-219 Budget Development Calendar

The Board was asked by Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Mary Hart to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Nichols) to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

10.5 Approval of Board Bylaw 9290 – Conflict of Interest

The Board was asked by Deputy Superintendent of Business Services Mary Hart to approve the change to Board Bylaw 9290 to include the new position of Chief Technology Officer.

It was M.S.C (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve the change to Board Bylaw 9290 to include the new position of Chief Technology Officer.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Sanchez

11.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Request from Live Oak School District on Charter Transfer

Moved to Agenda Item 9.1

11.2 First Interim Financial Report

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services reported to the Board the First Interim Financial Report in accordance with Education Code 1240(L). The Superintendent is required to certify the First Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board for review in public session.

12.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael Watkins, provided an update on his activities and matters of interest since his last report on November 15, 2018.

13.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Filicetti reported to the Board that she volunteered for the MBEP State of the Region Summit, attended the Board Dinner at the CSBA Conference, and met with Gerlinde Brady, Dean of CTE and Workforce Development at Cabrillo College.

Trustee Barr stated to the Board that she attended the CSBA Conference in San Francisco and attended the CCBE Breakfast while attending the conference. Trustee Barr also attended a meeting of the Property Acquisition Committee.

Trustee Sales noted that he also attended the CSBA Conference in San Francisco and heard some interesting breakout sessions provided by the Los Angeles COE and the Sacramento COE.

Trustee Nichols did not have a report.

Trustee Roth stated that she also attended the CSBA Conference in San Francisco and also the most recent Santa Cruz County School Board Association meeting.

Trustee Van Allen reported to the Board that he thoroughly enjoyed being President of the Board this past year and thanked the Board for a very successful year. Trustee Van Allen also stated that he is looking into a new idea in Santa Cruz called the Green New Deal. The Green New Deal is a proposed economic stimulus program that aims to address both economic inequality and climate change.

14.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

15.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Watkins suggested that the Board, at a future meeting, receive a presentation by Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator, concerning the work that is being done in Santa Cruz County concerning environmental literacy.

16.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

January 17, 2019 4:00 pm	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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February 21, 2019 4:00 pm	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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17.0 ADJOURNMENT

Dana Sales (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm.