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Ms. Jane Royer Barr ● Ms. Rose Filicetti ● Ms. Sandra Nichols ● Ms. Sue Roth ● Mr. Dana Sales
Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday April 16, 2020
Open Session 4:00 p.m.
VIRTUAL Meeting hosted from the Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Board Present (via videoconference)

Jane Royer Barr
Rose Filicetti
Sandra Nichols
Sue Roth (President)
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Dana Sales

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)
Mary Hart
Debi Bodenheimer
Sage Leibenson

Absent

None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A call for a motion was made to make agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence, or approve the agenda as submitted.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Nichols) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maria Reitano, Head of Pacific Collegiate School, submitted a revised Petition for Material Revision to add a 6th grade to Pacific Collegiate Charter School for the Board's review.

George Wylie thanked the Superintendent for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's leadership and assistance to school districts throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

5. 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.

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2020

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

Trustee Barr requested that the title of item #3 of the March 19th minutes be corrected to reflect "Potential Litigation" rather than "Claim for Damage". Trustee Filicetti also requested that her trustee report reflect Superintendent Sabbah's presentation at the Mid-County Democratic Party event.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

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.

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7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Update of COVID-19

The Board received an update from Superintendent Sabbah on the ways on which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working in collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency and school districts to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 crisis in our community. The presentation included information about the COE's communication methods, projected impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on future education funding, and how COE is working to ensure all families have access to internet connectivity for distance learning and important public health updates. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of staff.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve Resolution #20-06 to Close Cypress Charter High School

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-06 stating the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's intent to close Santa Cruz County Cypress Charter High School at the end of the 2019-2020 school year so that it may be converted to and reopened as a countywide alternative education community school for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of Superintendent Sabbah and Megan Tresham, Principal of Cypress High School.

It was M.S.C (Sales/Filicetti) to adopt Resolution #20-06.

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

8.2 Approve Resolution #20-07 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

Debi Bodenheimer introduced Sofia Sorensen, Coordinator of Multilingual Achievement, who asked the Board to adopt Resolution #20-07, recognizing April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month and gave a presentation about the latest activities of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education to support the English Learner (EL) Roadmap. The Board asked a few clarifying questions.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to approve Resolution #20-07 in Recognition of National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

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

8.3 Approve Resolution #20-08 Ordering an Election (Santa Cruz County)

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Trustee terms for areas 3,4,5, and 6 expire this November. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-08 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting the Consolidation of the Election, and Specifications of the Elections Order in Santa Cruz County.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Filicetti) to approve Resolution #20-08 Ordering an Election in Santa Cruz County.

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

8.4 Approve Resolution #20-09 Ordering an Election (Monterey County)

A portion of trustee area 6 extends into Monterey County, necessitating the Board to pass a resolution (Resolution #20-09) ordering an election, requesting Monterey County Elections Department conduct an election, and requesting that the election be consolidated with the Santa Cruz County elections whose boundaries are totally or partially contained within Trustee Area 6.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to approve Resolution #20-09 Ordering an Election in Monterey County.

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

8.5 Approve Resolution #20-10 in Support of Classified Employees Week

California Senate Bill 1552, passed in 1984, decreed the third week in May as California School Employees Week in official recognition of the important services and dedication of classified school employees. The Board was asked to approve #20-10 in support of Classified Employees Week.

Trustee Barr commended all COE classified employees with particular regard to the Business Department for ensuring continuity of essential services to school districts. Trustee Filicetti expressed appreciation for the Maintenance and Operations team for their work to help keep facilities sanitized and safe for use by staff performing essential duties.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Barr) to approve Resolution #20-10 in Support of Classified Employees Week.

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

8.6 Approve Resolution #20-11 in Support of Day of the Teacher

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California Education Code, Section 372229(a) specifies the second Wednesday in May as Day of the Teacher to recognize the invaluable contribution of teachers. All public schools are encouraged to observe those days, and, specifically, on the Day of the Teacher, conduct exercises commemorating and directing attention to teachers and the teaching profession. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-11 in Support of Day of the Teacher.

Trustees Van Allen and Filicetti expressed their gratitude and appreciation for teachers who have had to adapt and find new ways to continue teaching despite school closures and social distancing requirements.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Van Allen) to approve Resolution #20-11 in Support of Day of the Teacher.

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

8.7 Approve Resolution #20-12 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S. Instances of child abuse and domestic violence has sharply increased around the world due to families spending more time in close quarters due to shelter-in-place orders. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-12 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Sales) to approve Resolution #20-12 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

14. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Roth attended a virtual COE All Staff Meeting and a meeting of the Board Agenda Committee.

Trustee Filicetti has been attending recurring community COVID-19 briefings, COE All Staff Meetings, and a meeting of the Board Agenda Committee. Trustee Filicetti also gave the Board an update on the latest CSBA and CCBE news. Her report included upcoming CSBA/CCBE meetings being held virtually, the results of the CSBA Delegate Assembly election, updates on the Schools and Community first initiative, and shared some information collected by CCBE on how other County Offices of Education are continuing to provide essential services through the COVID-19 crisis.

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

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15.1 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Update

None.

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
May 21, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
June 18, 2020
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting (Virtual)
June 25, 2020
4:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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