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Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Rose Filicetti • Ms. Sandra Nichols • Ms. Sue Roth •
Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Alyssa Wall

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday December 17, 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 (Vice President)
Sandra Nichols
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Dana Sales
Sue Roth (President)

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)
Debi Bodenheimer
Sage Leibenson
Liann Reyes

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. (Nichols/Sales) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

5. RETIREMENT RECOGNITIONS

The Board recognized the important recognitions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who retired in the 2019-2020 school year:

Toni Alldredge, Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources
Jimmy Griffin, Custodian, Maintenance & Operations
Neal Harris, Custodian, Maintenance & Operations
George Lopez, Director, Maintenance & Operations
Jeanne Milnes, Teacher, Oasis High School
Blanca Sanchez, Instructional Aide, Alternative Education
Dorrie Stallings, Teacher, Oasis High School
Rose Moonwater, Web Coordinator, Tech+

Superintendent Sabbah and staff said a few words in appreciation about each retiree. Each retiree said a few words reflecting on their careers and thanked the Superintendent and staff for a positive professional experience at COE. The Board thanked each retiree for their many years of dedicated service and wished them well in retirement.

6. APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING TRUSTEES

Superintendent Sabbah recognized Trustees Jane Barr and Dana Sales for their many years of dedicated service to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and presented them with awards.

The Board also expressed appreciation and gratitude for Trustees Barr and Sales for their many years of leadership on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

7. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Superintendent Sabbah welcomed County Elections Clerk, Gail Pellerin.

Gail Pellerin swore in the following newly elected trustees to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education:

Sandra Nichols, Trustee Area 3

Rose Filicetti, Trustee Area 4

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Alyssa Wall, Trustee Area 5
Ed Acosta, Trustee Area 6

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Ms. Pellerin for administering the oaths for the new trustees.

7.1 Seating of New Officers of the Board of Trustees

New officers were seated.

8. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board shall organize a meeting held each year by electing one of their members as president of the Board. The meeting shall be on the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November (EDC § 1009).

8.1 Nominations for President of the Board

Sue Roth (President) called for nominations for Board President.

President Roth nominated Rose Filicetti as President of the Board.

8.2 Election of the Board President

President Roth called for a motion to elect Rose Filicetti as the new Board President.

It was M.S.C. (Roth/Van Allen) to elect Rose Filicetti as Board President.

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

8.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

Assuming the role as Board President, Rose Filicetti called for nominations of the Vice President.

Sue Roth nominated Abel Sanchez as Vice President of the Board.

8.4 Election of Board Vice President

President Filicetti called for a motion to elect Abel Sanchez as Vice President.

It was M.S.C. (Roth/Van Allen) to elect Abel Sanchez as Vice President of the Board.

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

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8.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

President Filicetti asked the Board who would be interested in serving as Chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

President Filicetti appointed Sue Roth as Chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

8.6 Appointment of Chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

President Filicetti asked the Board who would be interested in serving as Chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

President Filicetti appointed Sue Roth as Chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association.

8.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed what time the Board will meet in 2021. President Filicetti announced that in 2020, the Board would meet for regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

After a brief discussion, it was M.S.C. to continue with scheduling regular Board Meetings on the third thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to elect Abel Sanchez as Vice President of the Board.

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

8.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

7.8.1 Agenda Committee

President Filicetti asked which Trustees would be interested in serving on the Agenda Committee for 2021. She explained that this is the only standing meeting of the Board and that this committee usually consists of the Board President, Vice President, and may include one other trustee.

President Filicetti appointed herself, Trustee Sanchez, and Trustee Roth to the Agenda Committee for 2021.

8.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

President Filicetti explained that Ad Hoc committees are those that are activated for specific time frames and purposes when needed. President Filicetti then appointed the following trustees to each committee:

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8.9.1 Board Budget Committee

Acosta, Roth, Sanchez

8.9.2 Policy Committee

Filicetti, Van Allen, Wall

8.9.3 Charter Schools Committee

Roth, Sanchez, Wall

8.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Acosta, Nichols, Van Allen

8.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

President Filicetti announced that because the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is not interested in acquiring property at this time, the best course of action is for the Ad Hoc Property Acquisition Committee that was formed last year to be dissolved.

No other Ad Hoc committees were formed.

9.0 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.

9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2020

9.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 10, 2020

9.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions

9.0.4 Donations

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

Ayes: Acosta, Nichols, Sanchez, Roth, Van Allen, Wall, Filicetti

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence was received.

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11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Pacific Collegiate Charter School (PCS) Annual Report and Diversity Plan

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter School develops an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program and Diversity Plan in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals. PCS leadership, Dr. Maria Reitano and Hector Rico, gave this presentation to the Board which also included the charter's Diversity Plan.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of Dr. Reitano and Mr. Rico, and thanked them both for PCS's hard work and leadership.

11.2 COVID-19 And Expansion of In-Person Services Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation regarding the ways in 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 outbreak of COVID-19 in our community. The presentation highlighted updates regarding the timeline for schools to be able to resume plans to expand small group in-person hybrid instruction, vaccinations, and COVID-19 testing capacity for school personnel.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions and thanked Superintendent Sabbah and staff for their hard work and leadership through what has been an extraordinary difficult year.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Liann Reyes, asked the Board to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar as submitted.

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

12.2 Ballot for CSBA Election for Region 9 Delegate Assembly

Nominations are being accepted until Thursday, January 7 2021 for election to the California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly. Delegates with terms that end in 2021 are up for election. Delegates elected in 2021 will serve a two year term beginning April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023. The Board was asked to consider approving the proposed ballot nominating Rose Filicetti for CSBA Region 9 Delegate.

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It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to nominate and vote for Rose Filicetti as the CSBA Region 9 Delegate.

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

12.3 First Reading: Board Policies

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 5131.2	Bullying
BP 5131.7	Weapons & Dangerous Instruments
BP 5144.1	Suspension & Expulsions
BP 5145.2	Freedom of Speech/Expression
BP 5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP 5145.7	Sexual Harassment

President Filicetti introduced and summarized each Board Policy. Trustees asked a number of clarifying questions of policy committee members and staff.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Van Allen) to approve board policies 5131.2 Bullying, 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsions, 5145.2 Freedom of Speech/Expression, 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, and 5145.7 Sexual Harassment.

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

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Van Allen) to approve board policy BP 5131.7 regarding Weapons & Dangerous Instruments.

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

12.4 Transfer Board Travel and Conference Reimbursement Funds

Pursuant to Board Policy 9250, the Board shall be reimbursed for any actual and necessary pre approved travel expenses incurred in the course of their duties upon submission of itemized receipts for up to \$2,000 each, or \$3,000 each for any trustee that is elected as a delegate to a regional or state organization. If a Board member elects not to use his or her full allocation, the Board, as a body, may designate the intended or actual unused funds to other Board members for travel and conference.

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The Board discussed what has currently been spent for Board travel and conference for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and considered a motion to transfer funds among trustees who have exceeded their spending cap.

Trustee Nichols volunteered to share \$21 of her allocated Travel and Conference allotment with Trustee Wall to cover the recent cost of Trustee Wall's training expenses.

It was M.S.C. (Wall/Van Allen) to approve the transfer of \$21 from Trustee Nichols' allocated Travel and Conference spending to Trustee Wall.

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

12.5 Schedule Special January Board Meeting

The Board was asked to consider scheduling a special meeting on January for Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to participate in a training regarding Brown Act regulations and recent changes in law hosted by legal counsel.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to schedule a special meeting on January 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to receive a training from Counsel regarding the California Brown Act and AB 1505 regarding Charter Law.

Ayes:	Acosta, Nichols, Sanchez, Roth, 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 activities and matters of interest.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Roth attended a Capitol Advisors webinar, the CSBA Annual Education Conference, a COE All Staff meeting, and a meeting of the Agenda Committee. She also attended the annual CCBE meeting and a UCSC talk regarding Immigration and Envisioning Abolition.

President Filicetti attended Santa Cruz COVID-19 and Wildfire Relief Operational Calls, the annual Diversity Center Gala, and joined the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to support fire survivors through their ongoing fire recovery process. She also attended a Region 9 Delegate Assembly Meeting, a meeting of the Board Agenda Committee, and the CSBA President's Workshop and Region 9 Delegate Assembly Caucus. She also attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly which highlighted the Governance Task Force Recommendations, an update on the work of the Climate Change Task Force, Election of new CSBA Officers, and a Legislative/Political Report. President Filicetti also attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference which included workshops on "Welcoming With Open Arms: Building a Strong Governance Team", "Pure Politics: The Coming Impacts to K-12 Schools", the CCBE General Membership and Board of Directors meetings. Last but not least, President Filicetti also

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attended the December 10th Special Board Meeting and virtual retirement celebrations for Gail Pellerin and John Leopold.

Trustee Sanchez attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference and the UCSC talk regarding Immigration and Envisioning Abolition.

Trustee Van Allen participated in meetings of the Policy Committee and attended the UCSC talk regarding Immigration and Envisioning Abolition.

Trustee Acosta campaigned for his election to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and spent time speaking with his constituents.

Trustee Wall attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference, the first series of the CSBA Masters in Governance (MIG) Training, and the CSBA New Trustee Workshop.

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting (Virtual)
January 14, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
January 21, 2021
4:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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