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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 February 20, 2020**  
**Closed Session 3:45 p.m.**  
**Open Session 4:00 p.m.**  
**Board Room**

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Board Present

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

Staff Present

Mary Hart  
Sage Leibenson

Absent

Debi Bodenheimer

**2. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

President Roth disclosed that the Board would, in closed session, discuss matters relating to one case of potential litigation as noted in item 3.1. Comments from the public were invited to be taken prior to commencing closed session. No public comments were made.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Van Allen arrived at 3:45 p.m.

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**3.1 Claim for Damage**

Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9, the Board met and conferred in closed session with legal counsel to receive information which, based on existing facts and circumstances, presents one case of potential litigation.

**4. OPEN SESSION**

Trustee Sanchez arrived at 4:00pm.

Open session commenced at 4:32 p.m.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**6. 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.

Trustee Van Allen requested that the agenda be amended to reflect that item 12.7 regarding Resolution #20-03 in Support of Student and School Climate Action takes the place of item 12.1. Staff also reported that the PCS Memorandum of Understanding was not ready to come before the board, and should be stricken from the agenda until March.

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

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

**7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Roth explained that the Board had nothing to report from closed session.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Trustee Roth invited public comment regarding any items not on the agenda.

Pauline Seals advocated for reducing waste in schools. Ami Chen Mills expressed the need for schools to address climate change. Gail McNulty advocated for more partnerships with climate-focused organizations. Megan Clemens asked the Board to prohibit idling at school drop off zones.

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**9. 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 January 16, 2020
- 9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 9.0.3 Donations
- 9.0.4 Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, Quarter ending December 31, 2019
- 9.0.5 COE Alternative Education Comprehensive School Safety Plan
- 9.0.6 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 9.0.7 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 9.0.8 Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Trustee Barr asked Staff to correct some minor edits in item 9.0.5, and pulled items 9.0.2 and 9.0.4 to item 9.1, Deferred Consent Items, for further questions.

Trustee Sales requested that the word “Board” be made plural in the phrase “Santa Cruz County School Board Association” where mentioned in item 9.0.1.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Sales) to approve consent agenda items 9.0.1, 9.0.3, 9.0.5 pending staff corrections, and 9.0.6 through 9.0.8.

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

**9.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)**

- 9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 9.0.4 Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, Quarter ending December 31, 2019

Jane pulled these items for clarifying questions.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve consent agenda item 9.0.2 as submitted.

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

The backup materials provided for item 9.0.4 were incorrect. The Board asked for the correct report to be provided at the March 19, 2020 meeting.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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**11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**11.1 LCAP Dashboard Update**

Denise Sanson, Senior Director of Educational Services provided the Board with a presentation about the California dashboard and gave a brief demonstration on how to access and use them. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions.

**11.2 California Wellness Trust**

Tracey Rattray, Executive Director of the CA Alliance for Prevention Funding, gave a presentation about the California Wellness Trust. This trust would provide dedicated funding each year to local communities to promote health equity and prevent the leading causes of illness, injury, and premature death. By funding organizations and local governments to create healthier schools and neighborhoods, this initiative can improve student wellbeing and save school districts money.

The Board asked clarifying questions and asked staff to prepare a resolution in support of the CA Wellness Trust for consideration at the March 19, 2020 meeting.

Trustee Barr left the meeting.

**1. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**12.1 Approve Resolution #20-03 in Support of Student and School Climate Action**

The Board was asked to approve Resolution #20-03 In Support of Student and School Climate Action in response to climate change.

Trustee Van Allen emphasized the responsibility of the educational system to support students in their efforts for action, especially in response to climate change.

The following members of the public made comments in support of Resolution #20-03: Micah Posner, Tamarah Minami, Ami C. Miller, Savannah Somerville, Angela Landes, Emurah Minami, Roland Saher, Imouna Posner, Katherine O’Dea, and Gail McNulty.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve Resolution #20-03.

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

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**12.2 Certification of Supervisors of Attendance**

Pursuant to *Education Code 48245*, County Offices of Education must provide certification training for staff in school districts with ADA of 1,000 and more, and for any staff serving as supervisors of attendance. Santa Cruz COE hosted a comprehensive training on this topic on January 29, 2020. The Board was asked to approve the list of those who attended the training.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Filicetti) to approve the list of Certified Supervisors of Attendance.

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

**12.3 Approve 2020-2021 Santa Cruz COE & Student Programs Calendars**

The Board will be asked to approve the 2020-2021 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars.

It was M.S.C. (Roth/Filicetti) to approve the calendars, to be adjusted by staff if necessary.

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

**12.4 2020 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly**

The Board deliberated and voted on no more than two candidates on the 2020 Ballot for the Region 9A CSBA Delegate Assembly.

The Board nominated all four candidates and voted on each one. Roger Snyder and Deb Tracy Proulx received the highest votes.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve Roger Snyder and Deb Tracy Proulx as candidates on the 2020 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot.

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

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**12.5 Approve Board Policy 5137 regarding Positive School Climate**

The Board was asked to adopt Board Policy 5137 on Positive School Climate, which is a newly required element in School Safety Plans.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to approve Board Policy 5137.

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

**12.6 Approve use of GoFundMe to Collect Donations for National Ethics Bowl Travel Expenses for Cypress Charter High School**

Megan Tresham, Principal of Cypress Charter High School, asked the Board for permission to use the online crowdfunding platform, gofundme.com, to raise money for a team of 5 students and 2 teachers to travel to the National Ethics Bowl Championships in Chapel Hill, North Carolina April 16-20, 2020.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Filicetti) to approve Santa Cruz County Cypress Charter High School's use of GoFundMe for the April 2020 trip to North Carolina.

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

**12.7 Approve Resolution #20-04 regarding Temporary Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts**

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board was asked to approve a resolution to allow Santa Cruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/BVA) to approve Resolution #20-04.

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

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**12.9 Schedule a Special Board Meeting to Comply with the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Requirements**

The Board was asked to schedule a Special Board Meeting on June 25, 2020, to comply with Education Code 52062(b)(2), which requires the Board to adopt an LCAP or annual update to the LCAP in a public meeting after, but not the same day as, the public hearing. This meeting shall be the same meeting in which the Governing Board adopts a budget.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Filicetti) to schedule a special board meeting on June 25, 2020.

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

**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 Filicetti attended *Delivering On Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education* in Watsonville, the 2020 Civics Summit, the Capitol Advisors review of the Governor's 20--21 Budget for Education Workshop, and a meeting of the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee to help draft a resolution in support of student climate action. She also attended a class with County Registrar Gail Pellerin about serving as a poll clerk for the primary election, a meeting of the Agenda Committee, and the 2020 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Awards Reception for Digital NEST.

Trustee Van Allen attended meetings of the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee and met with students to help craft a resolution in support of student climate action.

Trustee Sanchez attended *Delivering On Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education* in Watsonville.

Trustee Nichols attended the 2020 Civics Summit.

Trustee Sales attended *Delivering On Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education* in Watsonville, Watsonville's "In The Heart" presentation, and PVPSA's Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Trustee Roth attended *Delivering On Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education* in Santa Cruz.

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

**15.1 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Update**

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The Community Outreach and Legislative Committee had no further updates.

**15.2 Policy Committee Update**

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding Board Policy 9250 regarding Board Reimbursements. The Board requested the item be brought back at the March 19, 2020 meeting as an action item that would allow the trustees to transfer any unused funds to each other.

**16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz COE Leadership Summit  
March 11, 2020  
Santa Cruz County Office of Education  
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 19, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
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April 16, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.



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