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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 July 16, 2020**  
**Open Session 4:00 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL Meeting hosted from the Board Room**

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**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 (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)  
Rebecca Olker  
Liann Reyes  
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. (Van Allen/Sales) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board Clerk recited public comments that were received via email before the Board materials were posted. The following comments were recited:

- One written comment from Claire Grosjean expressing disappointment in the Santa Cruz County Board of Education's decision to deny the Petition for Material Revision to Pacific Collegiate Charter School.
- One written comment from Rory Bruce, President/Steward of CSEA Chapter 484 thanking the Board for their support of classified staff and urging them to continue to support the conservative plan for staff to return to office and only when COVID-19 data in Santa Cruz County begins to decrease and stabilize.

**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 June 18, 2020

5.0.2 Treasurer's Quarterly Report for Quarter Ending March 31, 2020

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

None.

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### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Each item of official correspondence received by the Board was recited by the clerk for up to 3 minutes. New correspondence received included the following:

- Three emails from Carol Bjorn disputing the effectiveness of face coverings.
- One email from Lori Janney requesting schools open for in-person instruction 5 days per week with no option for distance learning.
- One email from the Grand Jury of Santa Cruz County about their Fire and Safety Inspection Report.
- One email from Kevin Gordon of Capitol Advisors regarding a legislative update about the state budget for education.
- One email from Brianna Donaldson about concerns for the hybrid model of school reopening plans.
- One email from Claire Castagna encouraging schools to resume in-person instruction for the 20-21 school year.
- One email communication between the Board and Board Clerk regarding the use of electronic signatures.
- One email from Caitlin Johnston urging schools not to open until COVID-19 conditions in Santa Cruz County improve.
- One email from Dawn DeWitt in support for the Petition for Material Revision for Pacific Collegiate Charter School.
- Two invitations from the COE Staff to the Board for a Capitol Advisors event.
- Two emails from COE Staff to the Board regarding upcoming CSBA events and the CSBA magazine.

### **7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **7.1 YFIOB Update**

The Board received a presentation by Executive Director, Mary Gaukel, and Associate Executive Director, Malina Long, regarding updates from Your Future If Our Business (YFIOB). The mission of YFIOB is to provide every Santa Cruz County student with opportunities to discover a fulfilling and successful career. YFIOB also brings schools and businesses together to support students in becoming Santa Cruz County's next generation of workers and leaders.

Trustee Filicetti expressed appreciation for the benefits and opportunities that YFIOB provides students. Superintendent Sabbah thanked YFIOB for their service to students and for their presentation.

#### **7.2 COVID-19 and School Reopening Update**

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris Sabbah, provided the Board an update on 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 the school community. The presentation also included the anticipated impacts of COVID-19 on funding for California public schools.

The Board engaged in a number of questions with staff.

Jennifer Stroup, a member of the public, made one live public comment about this item.

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

**8.1 Grand Jury Fire and Safety and Inspection Report**

Fire agencies, now numbering thirteen across Santa Cruz County, are responsible for not only responding to emergencies but assisting in their prevention. One aspect of the prevention process is ensuring fire and safety codes are complied with, especially in facilities housing the most vulnerable. At a time when both fire danger and respiratory illness are at all time highs, this responsibility is higher than it has ever been. The Grand Jury has found that many of the County's agencies do not fully comply with mandated inspection and reporting. The Board was asked to review and approve the report and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's formal response to the report.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Filicetti/Sales) the COE's response to the Grand Jury Fire and Safety Inspection Report.

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

**8.2 Grand Jury Honoring Commitments to the Public Report**

The 2019-2020 Santa Cruz Grand Jury investigated whether respondents to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury reports honored their commitments to the public. The respondents either affirm analysis of report recommendations within a specified time in the future. They found that generally, organizations fulfilled the commitments they made to the public. The Board was asked to review and approve the Santa Cruz COE's formal response to the report.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Van Allen) the COE's response to the Grand Jury Honoring Commitments to the Public report.

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

**8.3 Resolution #20-14 to Deny the Pacific Collegiate Charter School's Request for Material Revision with Incorporated Findings of Fact**

At the June 18, 2020 meeting of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, it was requested that Staff amend Resolution #20-14 to Deny the Petition by Pacific Collegiate Charter School for a Material Revision to incorporate the Findings of Fact prepared by legal counsel. The Board was asked to review and adopt Resolution #20-14 as amended.

The following members of the public made comments urging the Board to reject Resolution #20-14 and instead approve the Petition for a Material Revision for Pacific Collegiate Charter School:

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- Maria Reitano, Head of School, Pacific Collegiate Charter School
- Enrico Ramirez Ruiz, Board Member, Pacific Collegiate Charter School
- Deana Tanguay
- Jason Miller, Legal Counsel for Pacific Collegiate Charter School

It was M.S.C. to approve (Van Allen/Nichols) Resolution #20-14 to Deny Pacific Collegiate Charter School’s Request for Material Revision with Incorporated Findings of Fact.

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

**8.4 First Reading: Board Policies (BP)**

Modification and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board considered the following proposed policy(ies) to approve 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 0415	Equity
BP 1431	Waivers
BP 3311.4	Procurement of Technological Equipment
BP/AR 3516	Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan
BP/AR 3516.5	Emergency Schedules
BP/AR 5141.22	Health Care and Emergencies
BP/AR 6158	Independent Study
BP 6181	Alternative Schools/Programs of Choice
BB 9012	Board Member Electronic Communications
BB9310	Board Policies

Staff announced that Administrative Regulations (AR’s) included in the packet were included in error. The Board requested the Administrative Regulations are tabled since AR’s do not need board approval.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Van Allen) BP 1415 Equity and waive a second reading:

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

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Van Allen) BP 1431 Waivers and waive a second reading:

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

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BP 3311.4 Procurement of Technological Equipment was tabled.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Van Allen) BP 3516.5 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan and waive a second reading:

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

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Sales) BP 3516.5 Emergency Schedules and waive a second reading:

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

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Sales) BP 5141.22 Infectious Diseases and waive a second reading:

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

BP 6158 Independent Study was tabled.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Van Allen) BP 6181 Alternative Education/Programs of Choice and waive a second reading:

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

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Van Allen) BP 9012 Board Member Electronic Communications and waive a second reading:

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

It was M.S.C. to approve (Nichols/Sales) BP 9310 Board Policies and waive a second reading:

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

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**8.5 Schedule a Special Board Meeting for September 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

The deadline required by the California Department of Education to submit the Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s Learning Continuity Plan will require a special meeting in September to accommodate a public hearing. The Board would also schedule a Board Budget Workshop on this same date. The Board was asked to schedule a special meeting on September 10th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for these purposes.

It was M.S.C. to schedule (Filicetti/Van Allen) a Special Board Meeting on September 10, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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

**8.6 Reschedule Regular December Board Meeting for December 10th**

The deadline to submit the Budget Overview for Parents, a component of the LCAP, is due on December 15, 2020. In order to accommodate this deadline, the Board was asked to reschedule the regular December meeting of the board from December 17th to December 10th, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

It was M.S.C. to schedule (Sales/ Barr) a Special Board Meeting on December 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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

**8.7 Resolution #20-22: Assign FEMA Designees**

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-22 to designate representatives of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education as authorized Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designees. The Board will be asked to approve Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, and Rebecca Olker, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, as authorized agents for this purpose.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Filicetti) Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, and Rebecca Olker, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, as authorized FEMA Designees.

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

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**8.8 PUBLIC HEARING: Inter-fund Borrowing**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will conduct a public hearing to discuss the temporary borrowing of cash from one fund to another fund of the COE for payment of obligations. The transfer is accounted for as a temporary borrowing between funds and is not available for budgeting. Amounts that are transferred shall be repaid in the same fiscal year, or within the final 120 calendar days of a fiscal year. No more than 85 percent of the maximum of moneys held in any fund or account during a current fiscal year may be transferred.

President Roth opened the public hearing and explained the procedures for the hearing. President Roth then invited Rebecca Olker, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, to make an opening presentation. Rebecca Olker then had five minutes to make a presentation about inter-fund borrowing. President Roth then invited members of the public to make comments regarding this item. No public comments were made. President Roth then closed the public hearing and announced that the decision for this item would be made in the next agenda item.

**8.9 Resolution #20-23 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #20-23 in the matter of authorizing inter-fund loans for cash flow purposes. The public hearing to consider the level of support for this item will be held immediately preceding this item.

The Board asked clarifying questions of staff.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Filicetti) to approve Resolution #20-23 as submitted.

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

**8.10 Resolution #20-24 In Support of Repealing California Proposition 209 Prohibiting Affirmative Action**

In California, affirmative action by governmental institutions, including education, has been prohibited since passage by the voters of Proposition 209 since 1996. The Board was asked to consider adopting Resolution #20-24 that supports the repeal of California Proposition 209 and urges all California voters to support and vote for the passage of Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 when it appears on the November 2020 ballot.

It was M.S.C. to approve (Sales/Filicetti) to approve Resolution #20-24 as submitted.

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



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**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 Sales attended a meeting of the Policy Committee and visited the county Elections Department to file for re-election.

Trustee Filicetti attended meetings of the Santa Cruz County Operational COVID-19 conference call, COE All Staff meetings, CSBA’s “Making Sense of the Budget: What the Latest Changes Mean for Schools” meeting, and a meeting of the Board policy committee. She also attended a Capitol Advisors Budget Perspective Workshop regard the 2020 Budget Act and visited the county Elections department to file for re-election.

Trustee Nichols attended a Juneteenth Rally in Downtown Santa Cruz.

Trustee Roth attended meetings of the Agenda Committee, COE All Staff Meetings, and a Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA) meeting.

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

**11.1 CO&L Updates**

None.

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
August 20, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
September 17, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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