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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 June 17, 2021**  
**Open Session 4:00PM**  
**Held by Videoconference Only**

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Trustees Present (via videoconference)

Rose Filicetti (President), Ed Acosta, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen, Alyssa Wall

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Robin Beall, Debi Bodenheimer, Elaine Bungo, Susan Di Orio, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, Debbie Reynon, Denise Sanson, Verenise Valentin, Sharon Wright-Miller

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with the option to move items to the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting (Van Allen/Wall 7-0).

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carol Bjorn expressed her concerns with the masking requirement in schools and expressed the negative aspects of wearing a mask.

Erica Stanojevic expressed concerns with the masking requirement in schools and asked for the requirement to be removed.

Thomas Quinn expressed his concerns with the masking requirement in schools and asked for there to no longer be a requirement.

Elizabeth (*last name was not provided*) expressed her concerns with the masking requirement in schools and explained that there is no significant spread of COVID-19.

Deena Riggins expressed concerns with the masking requirement in schools and described the risks of wearing a mask.

Elisa Dakwig expressed her concerns with the masking requirement in schools and described the linguistic issues it causes students

Megan Bridgette expressed her concerns with the masking requirement in schools and the anxiety her daughter has developed.

Karen Corsino expressed her concerns with the masking requirements in schools and explained the legal codes to justify her claims.

Joanna (*last name was not provided*) expressed concerns for the masking requirements in schools and explained the difficulty of breathing through masks.

Kristen (*last name was not provided*) expressed concerns with the masking requirements and expressed that she will also be visiting Sacramento to voice her concerns.

Anna Cameron expressed her concerns with the masking requirements and explained that the requirement violates the Constitution.

Julio Briceno expressed concerns with the masking requirements and stated that he will move his children out of the public school system if this requirement is not removed.

Karsta Jensen expressed concerns with the masking requirements and explained the difficulty of wearing a mask for her son.

Nicholas Clifford submitted a written comment to the Board. He expressed concerns with the masking requirements for students and provided article links to the Board.

Scott Shatz submitted a written comment expressing his concerns with the masking requirements and stated the difficulty of breathing with a mask.

Joseph Petix submitted a written comment asking the Board to secure their computer systems and network infrastructure due to the cybersecurity threat.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 20, 2021
- 5.0.2 Routine May Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations
- 5.0.4 Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the period ending March 31, 2021

President Filicetti thanked the donors for their generous donation to Cypress Charter School and the County Office's Learning Leadership Summit.

A motion was made to correct the misspelling of Trustee Van Allen's name in the meeting minutes under item 8.6 (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0).

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

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

No new correspondence was received before the Board Meeting.

Trustee Van Allen asked President Filicetti if the CSBA Delegate Assembly is focusing on the challenges teachers are facing teaching hybrid classes. President Filicetti explained that the focus was on mental and emotional health of both staff and students.

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

**7.1 Certificates of Completion for Administrative Credential Training**

The County Board of Education and Superintendent Sabbah recognized administrators who completed the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Clear Administrative Services Credential Program, Act II.

Administrators: Wendy Baltazar, Tanya Boyle, Jamie Brown, Lauren Friend, Greg Fry, Gretchen Giuffre, Christina Hadreas, Edward (Ned) Hearn, Rob Hoffman, Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Daniel Jacobsmeyer, Carl Jacquard, Rishi Lal, Blanca Madriz, Maylani Mahler, Jennifer Miller, Michelle McKinney, Selene Munoz Casas, Suzanne Ordway, Josh Phillips, Jennifer Proudfoot, Amy Spiers, Emma Veltri, Danielle Winters

Trustee Van Allen congratulated the administrators for their dedication and work in this program over the past two years.

President Filicetti congratulated the administrators on their work and dedication. She also thanked the coordinators and mentors for supporting the administrators during this time.

**7.2 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions**

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are retiring in the 2020-2021 school year.

Retirees:           John Armstrong, Director, Alternative Education  
                      Robin Beall, Senior Account Specialist - Benefits, Business Services  
                      Elaine Bungo, Financial Analyst, Business Services  
                      David Burke, Teacher, Alternative Education  
                      Susan Di Orio, Account Specialist IV, Business Services  
                      Christina Dinsmore, Senior Administrative Secretary, Tech+  
                      Elizabeth Heimsoth, Senior Account Specialist, Business Services  
                      Leslie Kootstra, Senior Executive Assistant, Business Services  
                      Debbie Reynon, Instructor, CTEP  
                      Blanca Sanchez, Instructional Aide, Alternative Education  
                      Julia Skelton, Fiscal Accountant, Alternative Education  
                      Sharon Wright-Miller, Administrative Secretary, Alternative Education  
                      Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent

Superintendent Sabbah congratulated John Armstrong on his retirement and thanked him for his contributions to the County Office. Superintendent Sabbah described him as a humble, brilliant, kind, calm, and dependable person who was a wonderful asset to the Alternative Education Department.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Robin Beall for tenacity, strength of character and willingness to do what is right. He thanked her for her 20 years of service to the County Office of Education. Robin thanked the County Office for being a wonderful place to work and thanked her coworkers for their friendship. Rebecca Olker thanked Robin for going above and beyond in her role at the County Office and complimented Robin on her ability to build relationships and understand complex systems.

Rebecca acknowledged Elaine Bungo for her ability to accomplish her work efficiently and effectively. Elaine was described as a “force to be reckoned with” and as a wonderful, loyal friend. Superintendent Sabbah complimented Elaine on her wonderful humor. Elaine thanked the County Office for the many wonderful memories.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked David Burke for his support and dedication over the last two years to the Oasis and Sequoia community.

Melissa Lopez thanked Susan Di Orio for her work in the accounts payable department for the past thirteen years. Melissa complimented Susan on her humor and friendship. Susan thanked Melissa for her kindness and thanked the County Office for their friendship.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Christina Dinsmore for her over 40 years of service to the County Office. He described her as a wonderful asset to the office community, as she has been a strong force in maintaining staff's high spirits with her decorative calendars and work in the football competition.

Rebecca thanked Elizabeth Heimsoth for amazing attention to detail and organization. Rebecca complimented Elizabeth on humor, strength, and kindness.

Liann Reyes complimented Leslie Kootstra as a helpful, thoughtful, friendly, generous, kind, caring, and sincere individual. Liann thanked Leslie for being supportive as she transitioned into her role. Leslie was described as a rare beautiful soul and thanked for her support over the past 20 years.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Debbie Reynon for her 24 years of service and dedication to the Dental Community. She was complimented on her hands on and personalized teaching. She was described as an authentic, patient, and passionate individual. Debbie thanked the County Office and CTEP department for their support and friendship.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Blanca Sanchez for her 14 years of service in the Child Development Center. She is described as a strong asset to young parents, mentoring and encouraging them to continue their education. She is described as a positive individual with an open heart and unconditional love.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Julia Skelton for her support to the Alternative Education department over the last 10 years. She was described as eager to always do her best for the department and as a wonderful asset to the department.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Sharon for her work at the County Office for the past 23 years. She was described as a kind hearted individual, who made many authentic connections with staff and families. Sharon thanked the County Office for their kind words and the friendships she has developed.

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Bryan Wall for his leadership, mentorship, and friendship over the years. He was described as a man of integrity and strong problem solving skills. The County Office thanked him for his over 40 years of service.

Trustee Roth and Trustee Van Allen thanked the retirees for their service and dedication to the County Office and students.

### **7.3 COVID-19 School Update**

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation on the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working in collaboration with School Districts and other partners to support students and families during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He explained that CDPH and CalOSHA guidance is still in effect for schools.

### **7.4 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Summary of Support for School Districts**

In accordance with Education Code § 52066(i), Superintendent Sabbah and Associate Superintendent Debi Bodenheimer prepared an annual summary of how the County has been supporting and will continue to support school districts and schools within the county.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

**7.5 Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales presented on the Federal Program Monitoring process for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. She shared that the County Office had zero findings from the comprehensive report.

President Filicetti, Trustee Van Allen and Trustee Roth thanked Dr. Izant Gonzales and her team for their work in this report.

**7.6 Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities**

This presentation was moved to the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

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

**8.1 Public Hearing: 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the 2020-2021 Annual Update, and 2021-2022 Budget Overview for Parents.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

President Filicetti invited any members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Filicetti then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

**8.2 Public Hearing: 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School**

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School and the 2020-2021 Annual Update, and 2021-2022 Budget Overview for Parents.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

President Filicetti invited any members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Filicetti then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

**8.3 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2021-2022 Budget**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2021-2022 Budget was presented by Deputy Superintendent Liann Reyes for public comment in accordance with EDC § 1620 et seq., 24103.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

President Filicetti invited any members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Filicetti then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting.

**8.4 Public Disclosure: CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Government Code Section 3547.5 requires that before a public school employer enters into a written agreement with an exclusive representative, the major provisions of the agreement shall be disclosed in a public meeting. Deputy Superintendent Liann Reyes presented this public disclosure to the Board.

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**8.6 Approve Resolution #21-08 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Santa Cruz County Office of Education)**

Deputy Superintendent Liann Reyes asked the Board to adopt Resolution #21-08 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets.

It was M.S.C. to approve Resolution #21-08 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0).

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

**8.7 Approve Resolution #21-09 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Career Advancement Charter)**

Deputy Superintendent Liann Reyes asked the Board to adopt Resolution #21-09 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets.

It was M.S.C. to approve Resolution #21-09 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets (Nichols/Roth 7-0).

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

**8.8 First Reading: Board Bylaws 9000s Series**

This action item was moved to the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

**8.9 Second Reading: Board Bylaws 9000s Series**

This action item was moved to the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

**8.10 Adopt Resolution #21-10 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month**

Last month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside several school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaim June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

It was M.S.C. to approve Resolution #21-10 recognizing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) pride month (Nichols/Van Allen 7-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, 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

Superintendent Sabbah also invited Trustees to participate in the Countywide Black Graduate Celebration.



**10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Roth attended the Budget Perspectives workshop, the Special Education zoom and in-person graduations, the zoom raising of the Pride Flag, two of the County Office of Education All staff meetings, County Board Agenda Committee meeting, and the County Office of Education Annual Report presentation. She applauded the County Office's incorporation of student voices in the presentation.

Trustee Nichols attended two graduation ceremonies, one at Highlands school and the other at Sequoia Schools. She also attended the County Office's Annual Report presentation. She also worked on resolutions for the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee.

Trustee Acosta left the meeting before providing a trustee report.

Trustee Van Allen worked on policies for the County Board of Education Policy committee and participated in the Capitol Advisor's Budget Perspectives Workshop, May Revision 2021. Trustee Van Allen took a moment to recognize Ken Burt, longtime political director of the California Federation of Teachers, who recently passed.

Trustee Wall worked on policies for the County Board of Education Policy committee.

Trustee Sanchez participated in the Capitol Advisor's Budget Perspectives Workshop, May Revision 2021 and attended several graduation ceremonies. He acknowledged how each graduation has their own unique qualities that are very reflective of the school community. He also acknowledged and thanked Megan Tresham for her work at Cypress School and congratulated Megan for her new position as Superintendent of Mountain Elementary School District. He also attended the County Office's Annual Report Presentation.

President Filicetti attended the Santa Cruz Operational Call COVID-19 and wildfire relief and vaccine distribution phone call every other Monday, the Capitol Advisor's Budget Perspectives Workshop, May Revision 2021, the Oasis graduations, the 2021 California School Recognition Program for PCS, County Board of Education Policy Committee Meetings, County Board of Education Agenda Committee, the Virtual Unveiling of the New Kaiser Permanente Scotts Valley Medical Offices and Healthcare Services, the County Office's Annual Report Presentation, and a policies meeting with Human Resource Director Troy Cope. President Filicetti thanked Troy for his assistance and guidance on County policies. President Filicetti also shared that she will be presenting with Senator John Laird at the CCBE Conference in September and is encouraging Trustees to attend.

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

None.

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Special Meeting (Virtual)  
June 24, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
July 15, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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