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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 March 19, 2020
Closed Session 3:45 p.m.
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. 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.

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3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Potential Litigation

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

4. OPEN SESSION

Open session commenced at 4:08 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.

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

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Roth reported that no actions were taken in closed session regarding agenda item 3.1.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Rory Bruce thanked COE staff and leadership for all their efforts pertaining to the COVID-19 crisis.

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 February 20, 2020
- 9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 9.0.3 Donations
- 9.0.4 Treasurer's Quarterly Report, Quarter ending Dec. 31, 2019

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

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

9.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the packet. No new correspondence was received.

11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2020-2021 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Rory Bruce, President/Steward of CSEA Chapter 484 of the California School Employees Association representing classified staff, sunshined proposed changes to the following articles within the 2020-2021 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, Article 15 regarding Assignment and Transfer, and Article 21 regarding Professional Growth. The board had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

11.2 Santa Cruz COE 2019-2020 Second Interim Financial Report

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review prior to filing the report with the State Department of Education. Mary Hart gave the presentation about this report and highlighted the most noteworthy aspects. The board asked a number of clarifying questions.

11.3 COVID-19 Update

Superintendent 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 Santa Cruz County School Districts to prepare for and respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 in our community. The board asked a number of clarifying questions. The presentation included the Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s emergency response structure, essential services schools will continue to provide, procedures maintenance teams are following, and financial implications of the crisis.

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11.4 2020 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly

President Roth explained that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education discussed the 2020 Ballot for the COE Delegate Assembly at the regular February 20th meeting in error, and is not eligible to vote in the 2020 election for the Region 9 CSBA Delegate Assembly, and that the ballot was not submitted.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

12.1 PCS Memorandum of Understanding

Staff presented their recommendations about the final Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required to approve the Petition to Renew Pacific Collegiate Charter School for the Board's consideration. The board asked a number of clarifying questions of staff.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sanchez) to approve the PCS Memorandum of Understanding required to approve the PCS Charter Renewal Petition pending any minor changes deemed necessary by staff.

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

Superintendent Sabbah thanked Debi Bodenheimer and the Board Charter Subcommittee for their hard work and careful review of the MOU.

12.2 Approve Resolution #20-05 in Support of a CA Wellness Trust

The Board was asked to approve a resolution in support of a 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 could help improve student wellbeing and save school districts money.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Filicetti) to approve Resolution #20-05 in Support of a California Wellness Trust pending any minor spelling corrections deemed necessary by staff.

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

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12.3 Share Allocation of BB 9250 Reimbursement Funds

Board Bylaw 9250 states that each trustee is limited to \$2,000 each in reimbursement claims for board-related travel each year, unless a member elects to share their unused allocation with another member of the board. The Board President will ask the Board which trustees, if any, would be willing to share their allocation of unused funds.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Barr) that unused Board travel reimbursement allocations belonging to any trustee may be shared as needed to cover outstanding balances among trustees for the remaining 2019-2020 fiscal year.

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 Filicetti volunteered at the polls for the primary election, attended a meeting of the Agenda Committee, and attended a meeting of the Mid-County Democratic Party in which Superintendent Sabbah was a guest speaker.

Trustee Sanchez attended a meeting regarding the City of Watsonville's Strategic Plan, volunteered in the primary election, served as a judge for the virtual Santa Cruz County Science and Engineering Fair, and attended an emergency board meeting of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Trustee Roth attended a meeting of the Agenda Committee.

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

15.1 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Update

The Community Outreach and Legislative Committee had no further updates.

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
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May 21, 2020
4:00 p.m.

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17. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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