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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**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**September 10, 2020**  
**Open Session 3:00 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)  
Bruce Van Allen  
Dana Sales

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)  
Liann Reyes  
Debi Bodenheimer  
Sage Leibenson  
Denise Sanson  
Jennifer Izant-Gonzales

Absent

Abel Sanchez

**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. (Barr/Sales) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Sanchez

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

**6.1 PUBLIC HEARING: Santa Cruz County Office of Education Learning Continuity Plan**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education student programs Learning Continuity Plan template memorializes the planning process already underway for the 2020–21 school year and includes descriptions of the following: conducting meaningful stakeholder engagement; maintaining transparency; addressing the needs of unduplicated pupils, students with unique needs, and students experiencing homelessness; providing access to necessary devices and connectivity for distance learning; providing resources and supports to address student and staff mental health and social emotional well-being; and continuing to provide school meals for students. The Board conducted a public hearing to determine the level of interest and support from community members, teachers, and students of the district.

President Roth opened the public hearing and explained the procedure of the hearing.

Superintendent Sabbah gave a brief introduction of the Learning Continuity Plan and introduced Jennifer-Izant Gonzales, Alternative Education Project Coordinator.

President Roth then invited Jennifer Izant-Gonzales to give a presentation on the COE Learning Continuity Plan. The presentation highlighted student voice, possible public health conditions regarding the resumption of in-person instruction, and student support team roles. The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of Jennifer.

Following the presentation, President Roth invited members of the public to speak. No public comments were made.

President Roth thanked Jennifer Izant-Gonzales and the entire COE Alternative Education team for their hard work on the COE Learning Continuity Plan. Following this, the public hearing was closed at 3:39 p.m.

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**6.2 PUBLIC HEARING: Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter Learning Continuity Plan**

The Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter (CAC) Learning Continuity Plan template memorializes the planning process already underway for the 2020–21 school year and includes descriptions of the following: conducting meaningful stakeholder engagement; maintaining transparency; addressing the needs of unduplicated pupils, students with unique needs, and students experiencing homelessness; providing access to necessary devices and connectivity for distance learning; providing resources and supports to address student and staff mental health and social emotional well-being; and continuing to provide school meals for students. The Board conducted a public hearing to determine the level of interest and support from community members, teachers, and students of the district.

President Roth opened the public hearing and explained the procedure of the hearing.

Superintendent Sabbah gave a brief introduction of the Learning Continuity Plan and introduced Denise Sanson, Senior Director of Student Programs.

President Roth then invited Denise Sanson to give a presentation on the CAC Learning Continuity Plan. The presentation highlighted the role of the CAC, possible public health conditions regarding the resumption of in-person instruction, and explained how the CAC is fulfilling the Learning Continuity Plan.

Following the presentation, President Roth invited members of the public to speak. One member of the public and COE Independent Studies Teacher, Ismael Cruz, made a comment in appreciation of all the benefits the Career Advancement Charter offers students in Santa Cruz County.

President Roth thanked Denise Sanson and the entire COE Student Programs team for their hard work on the CAC Learning Continuity Plan. Following this, the public hearing was closed at 3:59 p.m.

Trustee Van Allen and Trustee Filicetti expressed gratitude for the Santa Cruz COE's leadership and hard work to continue providing essential services and high-quality distance learning to students and families throughout the COVID-19 and CZU fire crises.

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

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
October 15, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
November 19, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

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**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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