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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 September 17, 2020
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 (Vice President)
Sandra Nichols
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
Dana Sales
Sue Roth (President)

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary)
Debi Bodenheimer
Sage Leibenson
Liann Reyes

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. (Filicetti/Nichols) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

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 August 20, 2020
- 5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 10, 2020
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Donations

Trustee Van Allen expressed appreciation for the donation of high quality masks by Vogmask.

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

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

5.1 Deferred Consent Items (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence was received in addition to what was included in the Board packet.

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7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 COVID-19, CZU Fire, and School Reopening Update

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris Sabbah, gave a presentation about how 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 our community. The Board will receive an update on the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

The presentation also included an update on the CZU Lightning complex fire and explained the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is supporting students, families, and school staff countywide who have been impacted by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of Superintendent Sabbah.

7.2 2019-2020 Unaudited Closing Financial Statement

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Liann Reyes, gave a presentation to the Board that reviewed information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education.

The Board asked a number of clarifying questions of staff.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board was informed of the nominee for the appointment to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission, Larry Lane, to fill a vacancy that will exist December 1, 2020. (E.C. 45246(b)) by Senior Director of Human Resources, Troy Cope.

However, since the nominee's name was not printed within the meeting materials, the Board decided to take no action on this item and wait to reconsider this item at the next regular meeting of the Board on October 15, 2020.

8.2 Resolution #20-25 In Recognition of Suicide Prevention

September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention month. Michael Paynter, Senior Director of Student Support Services, gave a presentation highlighting Santa Cruz County Office of Education and community initiatives to support the mental and emotional health of students in Santa Cruz County. Following the presentation, the Board was asked to adopt Resolution #20-25 in Support of National Suicide Prevention Month.

Trustee Filicetti thanked Dr. Paynter for his presentation and emphasized the importance of suicide prevention trainings and programs.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Nichols) to approve Resolution #20-25.

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

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Absent: None

8.3 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board shall hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2020-2021 school year.

President Roth opened the public hearing and explained the hearing procedures. Following this, Dr. Sabbah introduced John Rice, Senior Director of Alternative Education, who then made an opening presentation regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials for 20-21 Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education programs. After Mr. Rice's presentation, President Roth invited members of the public to speak. No public comments were made. The Board asked some clarifying questions of Mr. Rice. Following this, President Roth closed the public hearing and announced that the decision for this item would be made during the next item on today's agenda.

8.4 Adopt Resolution #20-26: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the governing board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects pursuant to Education Code Section 60605 et. seq. The Board was asked to Adopt Resolution #20-26 for this purpose.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to adopt Resolution #20-26 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as submitted.

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

8.5 Approve the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Learning Continuity Plan

The Board was asked by Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Project Director of Alternative Education, to approve the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Learning Continuity Plan. The 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.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Learning Continuity Plan.

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

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Absent: None

8.6 Approve the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter Learning Continuity Plan

The Board was asked by Denise Sanson to approve the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter Learning Continuity Plan. The 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.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Filicetti) to approve the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School Learning Continuity Plan as submitted.

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

8.7 Resolution #20-27 In Recognition of LGBTQ+ History Month

The Board was asked by Trustee Van Allen to consider adopting a resolution recognizing the important contributions of local, State, and National LGBTQ+ people to the history of the United States by promoting justice, enhancing health and well-being, and building a sense of community for LGBTQ+ people and designates October as a time to celebrate their accomplishments and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history in their classrooms.

Sage Leibenson, Board Clerk, made an announcement about the upcoming Santa Cruz COE LGBTQ+ History Month Kick Off event and month-long Santa Cruz COE LGBTQ+ History challenge.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Van Allen) to adopt Resolution #20-27 in Recognition of LGBTQ+ History Month.

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

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8.8 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 may accept the following proposed policy(ies) 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 3290 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
- BP 3550 Food Service/Child Nutrition Program
- BP 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
- BP 3553 Free and Reduced Price Meals
- BP 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance

Trustee Filicetti thanked Liann Reyes for her help reviewing these policies and then reviewed each policy with the group.

The Board requested that the word "Board" be changed to "Superintendent" in paragraph two of BP 3555 indicating that the Superintendent shall designate a compliance coordinator for nutrition programs. The Board engaged in a series of questions with staff.

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Sales) to waive the second reading and approve all policies pending the minor correction by staff to BP 3555 listed above.

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Nichols has been working on campaigning for re-election to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Trustee Sales has been working on campaigning for re-election to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education.

Trustee Van Allen attended meetings of the Board Community Outreach and Legislative Committee and Policy Committee. He also watched Trustees Nichols and Sales speak at the Santa Cruz for Bernie event.

Trustee Roth attended COE All Staff meetings, a California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) meeting, and a meeting of the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association (SCZCSBA).

Trustee Filicetti attended Santa Cruz COVID-19 Operational calls, the Discussion on Distance Learning and Broadband with Congressman Jimmy Panetta, Federal Communications Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, and Dr. Faris Sabbah. She also attended a meeting of the Agenda Committee,

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a call with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and CCBE President Janet Wohlgemuth to discuss the federal response to COVID-19, the CZU Lightning fire, and economic relief for schools and families. Trustee Filicetti also attended a meeting regarding Policy Review with Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Liann Reyes, the September 10th Special Board Meeting of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, a CCBE Board of Directors meeting, the Annual CCBE Conference, a meeting of the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association (SCZCSBA) which featured Gail Pellerin, the County Registrar of Voters, as the guest speaker. Lastly, Trustee Filicetti attended a CORE Coffee Chat on Digital Equity and Distance Learning with Dr. Faris Sabbah and COE Staff.

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

11.1 California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Report

Trustee Filicetti gave an update on recent CCBE activities. The CCBE Directors Meeting focused on legislative advocacy, CSBA Governance Task Force recommendations for the Directors-At-Large and CCBE representation positions on the CSBA Board of Directors, the CCBE Outstanding Legislator Award Nomination of Assemblymember Robert Rivas, and updates by the CSBA Climate Change Task Force.

Trustee Filicetti also provided a summary of the highlights from the CCBE Annual Conference. The conference's key speakers included Eric Yuan, Founder & CEO of Zoom, Linda Darling-Hammond, Board President of the California State Board of Education.

11.2 CO&L Updates

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

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