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Mr. Ed Acosta ● Ms. Alyssa Alto ● Ms. Rose Filicetti ● Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth ● Mr. Abel Sanchez ● Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday July 15, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees Present (via videoconference)

Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez (Vice President), Bruce Van Allen

Staff Present (via videoconference)

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Les Forster, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

Excused Absence

Rose Filicetti (President)

Unexcused Absence

Ed Acosta

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 (Roth/Nichols 5-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ximena Ospina and Olga Cepeda shared their education program proposal, *My Big Sib*. The program focuses on teaching students through empathy and social connections with their peers and teachers.

Karen (*last name was not provided*) expressed concerns with the masking requirement in schools and explained the dangers of wearing a mask.

Kristin Hurley expressed concerns with the masking requirements in schools and asked for the requirement to be removed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 24, 2021
- 5.0.2 Routine June and July Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Alternative Education Consolidated Application
- 5.0.4 Surplus Items
- 5.0.5 Donations

Trustee Roth and Trustee Van Allen thanked the donors for their contributions to the Black Scholars Graduation Celebration.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Roth 5-0).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the Board packet. Correspondence was received by Cecilia Rodriguez after the packet was made and prior to the Board meeting. Her correspondence was regarding the need to require a civic engagement class for high school students.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Inside Education Program Presentation

Les Forster shared updates from the Inside Education program to the Board. The program consists of a series of workshops designed to better acquaint community members with public education in Santa Cruz County. He invited Boardmembers to attend an Inside Education session this upcoming year.

Trustee Alto shared her positive experience with attending previous workshops.

Trustee Roth expressed her interest in attending a workshop.

7.2 COVID-19 School Update

Superintendent Sabbah presented 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.

Trustee Van Allen asked clarifying questions regarding CDPH's new mask guidance for schools.

Trustee Roth thanked Superintendent Sabbah for his work and diligence with reopening schools and keeping students safe.

Vice President Sanchez asked clarifying questions regarding CDPH's new mask guidance for schools. He also asked President Filicetti to consider forming a Board subcommittee meant to address the direct needs of parents regarding CDPH's guidance.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 PUBLIC HEARING: Inter-fund Borrowing

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education conducted 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 75 percent of the maximum of money held in any fund or account during a current fiscal year may be transferred.

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

8.2 Resolution #21-11 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #21-11 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.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-11 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes (Nichols/Alto 5-0).

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

8.3 First Reading: Board Policies 5000s Series

The Board Policy Committee recommended adoption of the following board policies with minor edits:

BP 5020	Parent Rights and Responsibilities
BP 5022	Student and Family Privacy Rights
BP 5030	Student Wellness
BP 5111	Admission
BP 5113	Absences and Excuses
BP 5113.1	Chronic Absence and Truancy
BP 5116.2	Involuntary Student Transfers
BP 5118.1	Interdistrict Transfer Appeals
BP 5121	Grades/Evaluations of Student Achievements
BP 5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
BP 5125	Student Records
BP 5125.1	Release of Directory Information
BP 5126	Awards for Achievement
BP 5131.2	Bullying
BP 5131.6	Alcohol and Other Drugs
BP 5131.62	Tobacco
BP 5131.7	Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
BP 5132	Dressing and Grooming
BP 5141.31	Immunizations
BP 5141.4	Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
BP 5142	Safety
BP 5144.1	Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process
BP 5144.3	Expulsion Appeals
BP 5144.4	Required Parental Attendance
BP 5145.11	Questioning and Apprehension by Law Enforcement
BP 5145.12	Search and Seizure
BP 5145.13	Response to Immigration Enforcement
BP 5145.2	Freedom of Speech/Expression
BP 5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP 5145.7	Sexual Harassment
BP 5148.2	Before/After School Programs

Trustee Nichols expressed concerns with Board Policy 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments, paragraphs 6-9. She explained a situation at a school district in a different county where a weapon was allowed on school campus with permission granted by the principal and teacher. However, students were injured in this incident. She stated that she would not vote to adopt this policy, unless paragraphs 6-9 were removed.

Trustee Alto expressed similar concerns as Trustee Nichols, and explained that she also shares similar concerns about Board Policy 5131.7 Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Trustee Van Allen thanked Trustee Nichols and Alto for sharing their concerns and suggested delaying a vote on Board Policy 5131.7.

Trustee Roth asked clarifying questions on Board Policy 5113 Absences and Excuses and Board Policies 5131.2 Bullying.

A motion was made to adopt all the policies, with the exception of Board Policy 5131.7, and waive a second reading (Nichols/Van Allen 5-0):

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, provided an update on activities and matters of interest to the Board.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Nichols explored and spent time diving deeper into the policies that the Policy committee presented at the July Board meeting.

Trustee Roth attended the Santa Cruz County Black Graduation Celebration, Santa Cruz County Office of Education Special Board Meeting, UC Santa Cruz Juneteenth: Celebrating Creativity, Community and Resilience, Board Agenda Committee Meeting, Santa Cruz County Office of Education Capitol Advisors: Budget Perspectives Workshop 2021-22, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education All Staff Meeting.

Vice-President Sanchez was called to Jury duty this month and spent his time fulfilling his duties. He also acknowledged and thanked Superintendent Sabbah, COE Leadership, and PVUSD Leadership for their collaboration during the pandemic.

Trustee Van Allen worked on Board policies for the policy committee and he attended the Santa Cruz COE Budget Perspectives Workshop with Capitol Advisors.

Trustee Alto shared that she is wrapping up her final year of her doctoral program and will begin working on her dissertation research soon. She has also been working with the Policy Committee to finish the 5000s series.

President Filicetti was not present, however she did provide her trustee report via email. She has been participating once a month on the Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19 and wildfire relief and vaccine distribution, toured the new Digital NEST Salinas with MCBOE for Salinas, attended the Special Board Meeting, participated in the Policy Committee and thanked Troy Cope for his assistance, attended the Board Agenda Committee, attended the Santa Cruz COE Budget Perspectives Workshop with Capitol Advisors, and will attend the CCBE Board Retreat in Sacramento later this month.

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

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
August 19, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
September 16, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Environmental Equity Event
Virtual Meeting
September 28, 2021
6:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board Vice President adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm