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Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday September 16, 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)

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

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Troy Cope, Melissa Lopez, Liann Reyes, John Rice, Verenise Valentin

Absent

Ed Acosta, Sue Roth

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda with removal of the roll call vote for item 8.1 (Van Allen/Nichols 5-0-2).

Ayes: Alto, Nichols, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Roth

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 19, 2021
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

Trustee Ed Acosta joined the Board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Alto/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No new correspondence was received before the Board Meeting.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 COVID-19 School Update

Superintendent Sabbah gave a presentation regarding 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 spoke to the updates on the testing system for students, staff, and families.

President Filicetti, Trustee Sanchez, and Trustee Van Allen asked clarifying questions on COVID-19 school protocols.

7.2 Guidance on Returning to In-Person Board Meetings

The executive order allowing for the flexibility of public meetings under the Brown Act expires September 30, 2021. President Filicetti and Superintendent Sabbah presented to the Board the guidelines for returning to in-person Board Meetings, safely and orderly.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and shared their comments on the process.

7.3 2020-2021 Unaudited Closing Financial Statement

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, and Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented the Board information from the annual closing financial reporting document.

Trustee Sanchez and President Filicetti asked clarifying questions.

Superintendent Sabbah highlighted and thanked the County Office of Education's Business Department for their work on this report and work this past year.

7.4 2020 Census

The Board received a presentation from Justin Rich, Cooperative Strategies, on the role of the County Board of Education in the redistricting process for the County and school districts.

Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Sanchez, and President Filicetti asked clarifying questions.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

Troy Cope, Executive Director, Human Resources, informed the Board of the appointment of Lynn Miller to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission.

8.2 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board held a public hearing to provide 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 2021-2022 school year.

President Filicetti opened the public hearing and explained the hearing procedures. Following this, Superintendent Sabbah introduced John Rice, Senior Director of Alternative Education, who then made an opening presentation regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials for 2021-2022 Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education programs. After Mr. Rice's presentation, President Filicetti invited members of the public to speak. No public comments were made. Following this, President Filicetti closed the public hearing and announced that the decision for this item would be made during the next item on today's agenda.

8.3 Adopt Resolution #21-13: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the Board was 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 #21-13 for this purpose.

Trustee Van Allen asked Mr. Rice a clarifying question.

President Filicetti thanked Mr. Rice and staff for their diligent work.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #21-13 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials 2021-2022 (Van Allen/Alto 6-0-1).

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

8.4 Adopt Resolution #21-14: In Support of a School Community Recovering From Tragedy

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education extends an unconditional offer of support to Aptos High School and Pajaro Valley Unified School District, and fully commits itself to taking all necessary steps to evaluate existing policies and procedures to ensure school campuses are places of the utmost physical and emotional security. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #21-14.

Trustee Nichols presented the Resolution to the Board and thanked Nick Ibarra, Director, Communications and Public Relations, for his work on this resolution.

Superintendent Sabbah, President Filicetti, and Trustee Van Allen shared their appreciation for Trustee Nichols and Mr. Ibarra.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #21-14 In Support of a School Community Recovering From Tragedy and share the resolution with Pajaro Valley Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez and Aptos High School Principal Peggy Pughe (Nichols/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Sanchez participated in the County Office of Education's All Staff Meeting and attended the County Office of Education's COVID-19 Townhall meeting.

Trustee Alto expressed that she has been working a lot in the classrooms as a substitute teacher and is excited to hear of the County's efforts to encourage individuals to look into substitute teaching.

Trustee Van Allen expressed his appreciation for receiving the Board packet over the weekend and plans to review more board policies for next month.

Trustee Acosta left the meeting before sharing his trustee report.

Trustee Nichols attended the COVID-19 Townhall meeting and worked on Resolution #21-14. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Ibarra, who helped with the resolution.

President Filicetti participated in the Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19 vaccine distribution, wildfire season and emergency prep, and CZU Fire recovery. She also attended the Board workshop on Understanding Ethnic Studies and Critical Race Theory (CRT), COVID-19 and School: Efforts to Keep Students Healthy & in Classrooms, CCBE Board of Directors Meeting, CCBE Annual Conference, and the second of four sessions of a DEI-Belonging Learning Group.

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)
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.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (In Person)
October 21, 2021
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.