Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
Thursday September 30, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
   Trustees Present
   Rose Filicetti (President), Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen

   Staff Present
   Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

   Absent
   Ed Acosta

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Van Allen/Alto 6-0-1).
   Ayes: Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti
   Nays: None
   Abstain: None
   Absent: Acosta

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   No public comments were given at this time.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**
   Official correspondence received by the Board was presented.
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **Adoption of Resolution #21-15 Declaring Bonny Doon to be a Grossly Inappropriate Setting for the Release of a Sexually Violent Predator**

Bonny Doon School Union Elementary School District Board President Michael Geluardi expressed his concern with the placement of a sexually violent predator in any family neighborhood and asked the Board to adopt this Resolution.

Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Roth, and President Filicetti shared their thoughts and support for the resolution.

Trustee Van Allen and Trustee Nichols expressed their thoughts on expanding the resolution to include all family neighborhoods in Santa Cruz County.

A motion was made to amend Resolution #21-15 to include the following paragraph: “Whereas the County Board of Education is concerned about any such placements of sexually violent predators in family neighborhoods” (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-15, as amended above (Nichols/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

6.2 **Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #21-16 Authorizing Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Melissa Freebairn addressed the Board as a member of the public, urging them to conduct their Board meetings in-person and not adopt resolution #21-16.

Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Roth, Trustee Alto, Trustee Nichols, and President Filicetti expressed their thoughts and concerns with returning in-person.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-16 (Nichols/Van Allen 6-0-1).

- **Ayes:** Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Filicetti
- **Nays:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** Acosta
7. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**
   Santa Cruz County Office of Education: Supporting LGBTQ Students & Parents
   Equity Event
   October 4, 2021
   4:00 p.m.

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
   The Board President adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

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