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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 December 16, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM or soon thereafter
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

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

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Liann Reyes, Denise Sanson, Verenise Valentin

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 (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0):

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake (*last name not provided*) (Student) requested to speak, but at the time of public comment, did not share any comments with the Board.

5. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board shall organize a meeting held each year by electing one of their members as board president (EDC § 1009).

President Filicetti thanked the Board for their thoughtful leadership throughout the year and their dedication to students and staff. She also thanked Trustee Van Allen for his work as chair of the policy committee and Trustee Nichols for her work as chair of the community outreach and legislation committee.

Trustee Roth and Trustee Van Allen thanked President Filicetti for her leadership.

5.1 Nominations for President of the Board

President Filicetti called for nominations for Board President.

Trustee Van Allen nominated Trustee Sanchez as Board President.

5.2 Election of the Board President

A motion was made to elect Trustee Sanchez to fill the position of Board President (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0)

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

5.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

Assuming the role as Board President, Abel Sanchez called for nominations of the Vice President.

Trustee Van Allen nominated Trustee Alto as Board Vice President.

5.4 Election of Board Vice President

A motion was made to elect Trustee Alto to fill the position of Board Vice President (Van Allen/Filicetti 7-0)

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

5.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

President Sanchez appointed Trustee Filicetti as chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

5.6 Appointment of Chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

President Sanchez appointed Trustee Roth as chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

5.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed the time the Board will meet in 2022.

A motion was made to continue with scheduling regular Board Meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. (Filicetti/Alto 7-0)

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

5.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

5.8.1 Agenda Committee

President Sanchez explained that this is the only standing meeting of the Board and that this committee usually consists of the Board President and Vice President.

President Sanchez appointed himself and Trustee Alto to the Agenda Committee for 2022.

5.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

President Sanchez appointed the following trustees to each committee:

5.9.1 Board Budget Committee

Acosta, Roth, Sanchez

5.9.2 Policy Committee

Alto, Filicetti, Van Allen

5.9.3 Charter Schools Committee

Alto, Roth, Sanchez

5.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Acosta, Nichols, Van Allen

5.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

No other Ad Hoc committees were formed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine in nature and are 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.

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2021

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

6.0.3 Donations

Trustee Sanchez thanked FADE Institute for their donation to the CTEP Dental Program.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as submitted, with a minor edit to item 6.0.1 (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the packet.

8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 First Interim Financial Report

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report and present it for the Board to review in open session. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, gave a presentation to the Board regarding this report.

The Board had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions of staff regarding this report.

8.2 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 keep schools open and students and staff healthy.

The Board had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Santa Cruz County Office of Education

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan was presented in a public meeting to the Board on November 18, 2021. The Board considered adoption of the plan.

A motion was made to approve the Educator Effectiveness Funds for Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Van Allen/Filicetti 7-0).

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

9.2 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Career Advancement Charter

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan was presented in a public meeting to the Board on November 18, 2021. The Board considered adoption of the plan.

A motion was made to approve the Educator Effectiveness Funds for Career Advancement Charter (Roth/Van Allen 7-0).

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

9.3 Approve Resolution #21-30 Maintaining the Trustee Area Boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education Pursuant to Education Code Section 1002

Upon the release of the 2020 Census Data, the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization is required under Education Code section 1002 to evaluate whether the current trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education have approximately equal populations using the new census data.

On December 16, 2021, staff reviewed the October 21, 2021 presentation from Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm experienced in redistricting issues and requirements, and presented to the County Committee their analysis regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the County Board's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results, and the criteria of Education Code section 1002 governing redistricting. After evaluating the data, Cooperative Strategies, LLC determined that the County Board's total peak variation is only 7.4%, and the County Board, therefore, is not legally required to make any adjustments to its current boundaries. Following staff's review of the October presentation by Cooperative Strategies, LLC, the County Committee held a public hearing to gather community input regarding the demographer's findings and the County Board's trustee areas. Subsequent to the conclusion of the public hearing, at its December 16, 2021 meeting, the Committee adopted Resolution #21-01, approving the maintenance of the boundaries of the County Board's trustee areas.

The County Board considered accepting the determination by the County Committee that the County Board's existing trustee area boundaries are in compliance with Education Code section 1002 and all applicable state and federal voting rights laws, and do not need to be adjusted following the 2020 Census. The County Board considered a resolution approving the maintenance of the boundaries of its trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 1002.

The Board had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

A motion was made to approve Approve Resolution #21-30 Maintaining the Trustee Area Boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education Pursuant to Education Code Section 1002 (Filicetti/Roth 7-0).

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

9.4 Resolution #21-31: In Support of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022

In 2016, California voters passed a statewide School Bond (Proposition 51). Funds from Proposition 51 are currently fully reserved. As a result of over subscription, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) created a 'waitlist.' Presently there is over \$3 billion worth of modernization and new construction projects applications on the 'waitlist' awaiting matching funds.

Assembly Bill No. 75 will put on the ballot in 2022 another statewide school facility bond worth \$12 billion in general obligation bonds to fund projects on the 'waitlist' and future needs. The County Board considered adopting a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 75, the Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

The Board had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-31: In Support of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022 (Nichols/Alto 7-0).

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

9.5 Schedule Special January Board Meeting

The Board considered scheduling a special meeting in January to participate in a Board Self-Evaluation. The Board could not find a date in January.

9.6 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #21-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on November 18, 2021, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #21-29, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The County Board of Education discussed and considered adopting Resolution #21-32, to make a finding after reconsidering the state of emergency, that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #21-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Filicetti/Roth 7-0)

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

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Acosta

No report to share.

Trustee Alto

She thanked Trustee Filicetti for her leadership this past year as President. She also thanked the Board for their support and nomination as Vice-President.

Trustee Filicetti

Once a month – Santa Cruz Operational Call on COVID-19/vaccine distribution, wildfire season and emergency prep, and CZU Fire recovery

November 24 – closed Trustee Alto's Kickstarter campaign, purchasing her book "Little Mama" for each of the elementary schools in her Trustee area

December 1 – Agenda Committee Meeting

December 3 – Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation: next steps for 2022

December 6 – SCZCSBA Meeting with Senator John Laird

December 13 – Cradle to Career (C2C) Racial Equity committee meeting

December 15 – A Santa Cruz Like Me Meeting on local Boards and Commissions Data, with a lens of equity

December 16 – Santa Cruz County Long Term Recovery Group’s Communications Committee

Trustee Nichols

She participated in a meeting on taking action on several developments around Santa Cruz.

Trustee Roth

November 22 – De-Escalation & Civil Unrest Training with Lt. Carter James, SCPD

December 1 – Agenda Committee Meeting

December 6 – SCZCSBA Meeting with Senator John Laird

December 7 – SCCOE African American Studies Lecture

December 7 & 8 – Virtual CSBA AEC and participated in the following sessions:

- Opening: Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer
- Speaker: Dr. Victor Rios, UCSB – Students of Promise
- Session: Current Legal Issues Facing Governing Boards
- Session: Board Meetings in a Virtual World
- General Session: Student Board Member Panel with Billy Vernon, CSBA CEO
- Session: Critical Race Theory and Ethnic Race Studies
- Session: Promoting Board/Superintendent Co-Ordination Implementing Charter School Reform Legislation
- Session: Unprecedented Challenges Require Strong Effective Leadership
- Speaker: Elaine Welteroth: Author, Editor, Television

Trustee Sanchez

He participated at CSBA’s Annual Education Conference and collaborated with fellow Board Trustees around the state. He reflected on the sessions and information he learned at the conference.

Trustee Van Allen

He has been following current state legislation around covid-19 and school funding. He has also been following the different proposed plans to solve the teacher shortage across the State.

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2022
4:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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