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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday February 17, 2022
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

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

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), John Armstrong, Debi Bodenheimer, Rory Bruce, Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Liann Reyes, Denise Sanson, Verenise Valentin

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 (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimlin McDaniel Keith (*School Staff Member*) expressed her appreciation for working at the County Office of Education and thanked Superintendent Sabbah and Jennifer Buesing, County Office of Education Safety Director, for their leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Samantha Killheffer (*Parent*) requested to speak during public comment. She was not present at the time of public comment.

Carol Bjorn (*Parent*) asked for the COVID-19 protocols to be lifted.

Joseph Rudnicki (*Community Member*) asked for the Board to implement an aviation program.

Amy Bosch submitted a written comment to be read. She asked for the COVID-19 protocols to be lifted.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2022
- 5.0.2 Donations
- 5.0.3 Comprehensive School Safety Plan
- 5.0.4 Budget Revisions

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Filicetti/Van Allen 7-0).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included herein.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2022-2023 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

The designated representative of the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, representing certificated staff, proposed changes to the following articles within the 2022-2023 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 6 regarding Compensation, Article 10 regarding Leaves, Article 17 regarding Safety, and requested to form a Unit and HR based committee to update and streamline the Evaluation Documents, and forms in collaboration with the Admin Teams. Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, President, SCCEA, Chapter 036, proposed these changes to the Board.

7.2 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2022-2023 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

The designated representative of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484, representing classified staff, proposed changes to the following articles within the 2022-2023 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, Article 16 regarding Retirement, and Article 18 regarding Safety. Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484, proposed these changes to the Board.

7.3 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education shared that they will sunshine article 6 of the 2021-2023 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association. John Armstrong, Lead Labor Negotiator, presented to the Board.

7.4 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484 (CSEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education shared that they will sunshine article 11 of the 2021-2023 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association. John Armstrong, Lead Labor Negotiator, presented to the Board.

7.5 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, and Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented to the Board.

7.6 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter

California’s 2021–22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided local educational agencies (LEAs) with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. Section 124(e) of Assembly Bill 130 requires LEAs to present an update on the Annual Update to the 2021–22 LCAP and Budget Overview for Parents on or before February 28, 2022, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. Denise Sanson, Executive Director, Student Programs, presented to the Board.

7.7 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.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution #22-03 Recognizing National African American History Month

Black History Month is a time for us to continue our collective journey honoring and deepening our knowledge of the history and contributions of Black Americans and people of African descent that have been marginalized from mainstream curricula and discussions because of our country's legacy of slavery, and institutional and structural racism. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the Board of Education is committed to valuing diversity and believes deeply that equity, respect and justice are central to the character of who we are, to the health of our democracy and to the well-being of our world.

The Board considered approving Resolution #22-03 Recognizing National African American History Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-03 Recognizing National African American History Month, with the added statement "*WHEREAS, the theme for this year's Black History Month is Black health and wellness, a reminder that racism remains a public health crisis alongside the inequities we work to overcome in public education every day*" (Van Allen/Acosta 7-0).

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

8.2 Schedule Special Board Meeting

The Board discussed and considered scheduling a special meeting to participate in a Board Self-Evaluation. No action was taken.

8.3 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-04 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on January 20, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-02, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The County Board of Education discussed and consider adopting Resolution #22-03, 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 approve Resolution #22-04 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Acosta

He had no report to share.

Trustee Alto

She attended a workshop on how education has shifted and continues to shift during the pandemic.

Trustee Filicetti

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

January 24 – SCZCSBA Meeting with Rachel Bickert, PACER: Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative (Central Coast), Dennis Meyer, Assistant Executive Director, Governmental Relations, CSBA and Raquel Maden, External Affairs Director, CSBA, to explain the PACER program

January 25 – Why Women Should Rule the World, A Roundtable with Dee Dee Myers, formerly CA governor's office

January 26. – Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR) Forum: Developing a pipeline of diverse women candidates for office and appointments

January 31 – EdSource live with California school principals: Leading staff and students through uncertain times

February 17 – County Committee for redistricting Meeting

Trustee Nichols

She worked on Resolution #22-03 Recognizing National African American History Month.

Trustee Roth

January 11 – CSBA Governor's Budget Webinar

January 12 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Education Graduations

January 13 – Speaking Up to Bias as an Ally (UCSC)

February 9 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education All Staff Meeting

February 16 – John R. Lewis: Black Liberation and Pedagogies (UCSC)

February 16 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education Healing from Acts of Hate and Discrimination Event

Trustee Sanchez

He explored the resources available on the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Racial Equity and Justice page.

Trustee Van Allen

He will be making progress on Board policies for the next meeting.

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting, In-Person

Portuguese Hall of Santa Cruz, 216 Evergreen St #2136, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

March 17, 2022

4:00 p.m.

A motion was made to revise the Board meeting calendar, scheduling the March Regular Board Meeting to in-person, at the Portuguese Hall of Santa Cruz, 216 Evergreen St #2136, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, pending the Portuguese Hall's availability (Van Allen/Alto 7-0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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