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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, January 20, 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, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Sue Roth

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Liann Reyes, 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 (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Roth

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment requests at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 16, 2021
- 5.0.2 Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations
- 5.0.4 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 5.0.5 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 5.0.6 Alternative Education Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Trustee Filicetti thanked staff for the work on the SARC reports.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Alto 5-0-2)

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the Board Packet. Additional correspondence was received January 20, 2022, prior to the meeting, from Bri Paling (Aromas Community Member). The Board was emailed the packet before the meeting.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who retired in 2021.

Retirees: Cathy Carr, System Support Specialist, Business-IT Services
Lucinda Pappani, Payroll/Retirement Manager, Business Services
Miranda Janeschild, Occupational Therapist, Special Education

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented Cathy Carr with her 18.5 years of service award. Mrs. Reyes described Cathy as a fun, helpful, and happy coworker and friend.

Mrs. Reyes presented Lucinda Pappani with her 23.5 years of service award. Lucinda was described as a knowledgeable, supportive, and diligent coworker and friend.

Deven Wood, Director, Special Education, presented Miranda Janeschild with her 12 years of service award. Miranda worked with students beginning at infants and until the age of 22. She was focused and caring with the students.

Trustee Filicetti and President Sanchez thanked the retirees for their work over the years.

7.2 Recognition of EyeQ

EyeQ Optometry wants to make sure that all children in Santa Cruz County get the eye care they need, regardless of insurance or financial status. To achieve this, they have partnered with their frame vendors and the lab to provide eyewear for students. They are conducting this service free of charge, and for the sheer pleasure of knowing that they are helping the children in our community. The County Board recognized EyeQ for their service to our students. Brianna Conley, EyeQ Front Desk Manager, was present to accept the recognition.

Kelly McWaid, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District Nurse, shared her positive experiences working with EyeQ and the positive feedback she receives from families.

Trustees thanked EyeQ for their work and dedication to students.

7.3 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 and thanked Superintendent Sabbah for his leadership.

Jane McElrone (Parent) requested to speak to this item. She thanked Superintendent Sabbah and the County Office for their work on distributing home tests to students before returning to school.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

The Board was asked to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-1)

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

8.2 Resolution #22-01 Regarding Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board is asked to approve a resolution to allow the Santa Cruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-01 Regarding Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1)

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

8.3 Schedule Special February Board Meeting

The Board considered scheduling a special meeting in February to participate in a Board Self-Evaluation. Trustees discussed this matter. No action was taken on this matter.

8.4 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-02 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on December 16, 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 #22-02, 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 #22-02 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0-1)

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Van Allen

He studied and reviewed the Governor's proposed budget and looked into the implications it has on education.

Trustee Sanchez

He attended the CAC graduations and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District's ribbon cutting ceremony for the new E.A. Hall outdoor field.

Trustee Nichols

She attended the Capital Advisor's Budget Workshop.

Trustee Filicetti

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

January 12 – North County Alternative Education Graduation - Oasis Aptos

January 18 – Introduction to Allison Paradise, CEO of The Epicenter, to discuss her program and book for empowering kids/mental health

January 19 – Santa Cruz COE - Budget Perspectives Workshop

January 20 – Inside Education, with several guest presenters, all sharing updates particular to different aspects of educational access and equity in our county.

Trustee Alto

She made progress on publishing her book. She also praised the County Office of Education for their COVID-19 testing program.

Trustee Acosta

He attended the Pajaro Valley Unified School District's ribbon cutting ceremony for the new E.A. Hall outdoor field.

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
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February 17, 2022
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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