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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 May 19, 2022**  
**4:00pm**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent:

Alyssa Alto

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales

**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 (Nichols/Filicetti 5-0-2).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Determan (*Principal, Good Shepherd Catholic School*) thanked Superintendent Sabbah for his leadership during the pandemic and his support in guiding the schools during these unprecedented times.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 21, 2022

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Central California Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy  
Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification

Trustee Acosta arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Filicetti/Van Allen 5-0-1-1).

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

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 2022 Educators and Community Partner of the Year**

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, and counselors. For the first time, the County Office will also recognize a local Community Partner of the year. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients: Patty Freedman, Classified Employee of the Year, SCCOE  
Dr. Jessica Kiernan, Administrator of the Year, SUESD  
Daisy Nuñez, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD  
Janet Stahl, Teacher of the Year, SLVUSD  
Santa Cruz Public Library, Community Partner of the Year

Kim Ponza, San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School Teacher, introduced Teacher of the Year, Janet Stahl.

Rene LaBranche, Alternative Education Staff, introduced Classified Employee of the Year, Patty Freedman.

Scott Turnbull, Superintendent, Soquel Union Elementary School District, introduced Administrator of the Year, Dr. Jessica Kiernan.

Angelica Echevarria, Amanda Sandoval, and Sylvia Alba, Watsonville High Counselors, introduced Counselor of the Year, Daisy Nuñez.

Les Forster, Santa Cruz COE Coordinator, introduced the Community Partner of the Year, Santa Cruz Public Libraries. Heather Norquist, Youth Programs and Services Manager, Santa Cruz Public Libraries, accepted the award.

Trustees thanked each of the honorees for all their work and dedication to our students.

**7.2 A-G Completion Grant**

EC § 41590 specifies that LEAs must develop their plans by April 1, 2022 that contains prescribed descriptions, including but not limited to: How the funds increase or improve services to English learners, foster youth, or low-income students in ways that will increase their A-G eligibility; How the funds will be used to provide opportunities for eligible students to retake A-G courses; How the grant funds supplement and do not supplant other investments identified in a Local Control and Accountability Plan and Assembly Bill 86 learning recovery plans. The plan must be presented at a regularly scheduled meeting and adopted at the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board. The board will approve this grant at the June 23, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented the plan to the Board.

**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 as we address the COVID19 Pandemic.

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #22-15 In Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz COE renews its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #22-15, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-15 In Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with minor edits (Filicetti/Roth 6-0-1).

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

**8.2 Approve Resolution #22-16 In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month**

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #22-16, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-16 In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

**8.3 Approve Resolution #22-17 In Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month**

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #22-17, recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-17 In Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month with minor edits (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**8.4 First Reading: Board Policy 6000's Series**

The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 6158.1 Independent Study to Implement AB 130 and AB 167 (2021)

A motion was made to approve BP 6158.1 Independent Study to Implement AB 130 and AB 167 (2021) (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

**8.5 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-18 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on April 21, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-14, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The County Board of Education discussed and considered adoption of Resolution #22-18, 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 #22-18 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Nichols/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Van Allen

He has been following the California State Proposed Budget.

Trustee Nichols

She attended the Harvey Milk Day Flag Raising at the County Office of Education. She also worked on Resolutions for this meeting. She attended the protests at the Santa Cruz Town Clock for Women's Rights. She also worked with Luan, CSBA Facilitator, on the Board Self-Evaluation.

Trustee Filicetti

April 23 – Received Second booster at the County Office of Education's Vaccine Clinic

May 2 – Panetta Lecture Series: The 2022 Midterm Elections and the Future of Our Democracy - Who Will Vote and Will Every Vote Count?

May 12 – Call from Luan Rivera, intake for CSBA Self-evaluation

May 13 – Queer Youth Leadership Awards Dinner

Trustee Acosta

He had no report to share.

Trustee Roth

April 22 – Pacific Collegiate School Charter Committee Meeting

May 11 – County Office of Education Staff Appreciation Picnic

May 12 – County Office of Education All Staff Meeting

May 14 – CSBA 2021-22 California Budget Revision Review

Trustee Sanchez

He attended the Youth for Environmental Action's Annual Summit. He also attended the Charter School Subcommittee Meeting. He also attended a CCBE meeting.

**11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

None.

**12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Black Graduation

May 22, 2022

London Nelson Center

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations

May 23 - May 27, 2022

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation

June 11, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 23, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

June 30, 2022

4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm.