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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, September 15, 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), Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Ben Alamillo, Karina Alarcon, Suzanne Denham, Kayla Dias, Camy Ditter, Tracy Korpela, Robyn McKeen, Hayley Newman, Michael Paynter, John Rice, Dr. Heather Thomsen, Verenise Valentin, Carina Villaseñor

**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/Roth 6-0-1).

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Iliia Bulaich (*Community Member*) spoke to the Board regarding the proposed zoning change in the City of Watsonville and the impact the potential change would have on Ceiba Charter School and the neighboring areas.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 18, 2022
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

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

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

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

**7.1 COE Wellness Programs Presentation**

Selected program updates from Student Support Services related to mental health and wellbeing supports underway at the COE. This included integrated and cross departmental offerings for SEL (Social Emotional Learning), behavioral health navigation and direct care, Wellness Center development and planning, among others. Additionally, a preview of anticipated changes occurring at the state level under the umbrella of mental health revenue opportunities and expanded avenues for receiving care and tiered supports.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

**7.2 Public Health 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.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board held a public hearing that provided an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2022-2023 school year.

President Sanchez opened the public hearing and invited any members of the public to speak. No comments from the public were made. Board members asked clarifying questions of staff. President Sanchez closed the public hearing.

**9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 Adopt Resolution #22-29 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the Board was required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects pursuant to Education Code Section 60605 et. seq. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #22-29 for this purpose.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-29 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**9.2 Adopt Resolution #22-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month**

September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention month. Santa Cruz County Office of Education Staff will highlight earlier in the meeting (item 7.1) the efforts and initiatives in place to support the mental and emotional health of students and staff in Santa Cruz County. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #22-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month with an additional clause added (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**9.3 Adopt Resolution #22-31 Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month**

Each year our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, a commemoration started in 1968 and expanded in 1988 to cover the 30-day period of September 15 to October 15, with its first day commemorating the start of the Mexican War of Independence, leading to the independence of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the myriad advances Hispanic Americans continue to make in areas including education, medicine, art, culture, and public services in our community, state, and nation.

The Board was asked to recognize September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-31 Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month (Nichols/Roth 6-0-1).

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

**9.4 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on August 18, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-28, 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 #22-31, 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 #22-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

**9.5 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the October 20, 2022 Board Meeting**

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the October 20, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-32, Trustees will need to be in agreement that an in-person meeting would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. This decision would meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

No action was taken.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Sabbah provided an update on activities and matters of interest

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

President Sanchez

August 25 - Charter committee meeting

August 31 - Agenda committee

September 8 - Site visit at Sequoia High School and met with Cristal Renteria on recruiting a potential student board member

September 9-11 - CCBE annual conference. Attended the following conferences:

- Political Landscape Impacting Schools
- County Board Charter Authorization: A Collaborative Process
- The Fiscal and Economic Forecast

Trustee Alto

August 25 - Charter committee meeting

August 31 - Agenda committee

September 11 - Policy committee meeting to review changes to Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members

Trustee Roth

August 25 - Charter Board Sub-Committee meeting

August 27 - CSBA Equity Network Training

September 8 - Santa Cruz County Office of Education All Staff Meeting

Trustee Nichols

She has been conducting election work and campaigns to increase voter turnout. She also mailed the Board's School Safety resolutions to different Congressmen.

Trustee Van Allen

September 11 - Policy committee meeting to review changes to Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members

Trustee Filicetti

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Looking forward to participating CSBA's Masters in Governance training (rescheduled from the fall to spring 2023)

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

**12.1 Board Charter Committee Update**

President Sanchez provided the Board with an update following the Charter Committee meeting with Pacific Collegiate School.

**12.2 Policy Committee Update**

Chair Van Allen provided the Board with an update Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members and initiated a discussion on certain provisions of the Bylaw.

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

Santa Cruz County Office of Education's  
2021-2022 Annual Report to the Community  
September 22, 2022  
6:30 p.m.

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.