Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday July 21, 2022
4:00pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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:
   Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Celeste Gutierrez, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, 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 (Felicetti/Alto 7-0):

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

   No public comments were made.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

   5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 2022
   5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 30, 2022
   5.0.3 Donations

   A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 30, 2022 as presented (Van Allen/Roth 6-0-1):

   Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
   Nays: None
   Abstain: Filicetti
   Absent: None
A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 23, 2022 and the donations (Van Allen/Alto 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**
None.

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

7.1 **Discuss the Possibility of Appointing a Student Board Trustee for the 2022-2023 School Year**
The Santa Cruz County Board of Education believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints, and reactions to the educational programs offered by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the County Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board discussed appointing a high school student to serve as a Student Board Trustee.

7.2 **Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s School Board Academy Presentation**
Dr. Sabbah, Celeste Gutierrez, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, and students from the COE's School Board Academy presented to the County Board an overview of their training. The first cohort of the Academy consists of 12 high school students from across the County, representing eight local high schools.

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. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.1 **Public Hearing: Inter-fund Borrowing**
The Santa Cruz County Office of Education conducted a public hearing to discuss the temporary borrowing of cash from one fund to another fund of the COE for payment of obligations. The transfer is accounted for as a temporary borrowing between funds and is not available for budgeting. Amounts that are transferred shall be repaid in the same fiscal year, or within the final 120 calendar days of a fiscal year. No more than 75 percent of the maximum of money held in any fund or account during a current fiscal year may be transferred. The decision on this item took place immediately following this public hearing.
9. **NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

9.1 **Approve Resolution #22-25 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes**

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #22-25 in the matter of authorizing inter-fund loans for cash flow purposes. The public hearing to consider the level of support for this item was held immediately preceding this item.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-25 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes (Nichols/Alto 7-0):

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

9.2 **Approve Resolution #22-26, to Bring Back Retired Employee for Special Projects**

**Gov. Code sections 7522.56 & 21229**

Pursuant to Government Code section 7522.56, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days has passed since their retirement date.

Cathy Giannini, the Supervisor of Child Nutrition Services, retired from Soquel Union Elementary School District, effective June 30, 2022.

The Soquel Union Elementary School District asked to appoint Cathy Giannini to assist with the backlog and various special projects related to the position of Supervisor of Child Nutrition Services.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #22-26 to Bring Back Retired Employee for Special Projects Gov. Code sections 7522.56 & 21229, with an adjustment to a clause (Filocetti/Van Allen 7-0):

- **Ayes:** Acosta, Alto, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
- **Nays:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** None
9.3 **First Reading: Board Bylaws 9000’s Series**
Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. 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:

- BB 9000 Role of the Board
- BB 9200 Limits of Board Member Authority

A motion was made to adopt Board Bylaw 9000 and 9200, and waive the second reading (Felicetti/Van Allen 7-0):

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

9.4 **Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-27 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**
Consistent with Government code section 54953, on June 23, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-24, 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 #22-27, 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 #22-27 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Nichols/Felicetti 7-0):

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

9.5 **Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting**
The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the August 18, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-27, 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)**
   - **Trustee Filicetti**
     July 18 — Capitol Advisors - Budget Perspectives Workshop
     
     She expressed her recommendation for Trustees and COE staff to participate in CSBA's Masters in Governance Trainings.

   - **Trustee Van Allen**
     He worked on Board Bylaws for the July Meeting.

   - **Trustee Nichols**
     She worked on sending the County Board’s School Safety Resolution to several members of Congress.

   - **Trustee Acosta**
     No report to share.

   - **Trustee Roth**
     July 13-29 — UCSC Summer Institute (Student College Life and Housing)
     
     July 18 — Capitol Advisors: Budget Perspectives Workshop
     
     July 20 — Filed Candidacy paperwork for November 8, 2022 Election

   - **Trustee Alto**
     She attended the Board Agenda Committee meeting and reviewed the Board Bylaws for the July Board Meeting.

   - **President Sanchez**
     He attended the Capitol Advisors: Budget Perspectives Workshop and attended the Board Agenda Committee meeting.

12. **AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**
    None.

13. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**
    Regular Meeting
    Santa Cruz County Board of Education
    August 18, 2022
    4:00 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
    President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.