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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, August 18, 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), Debi Bodenheimer, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzale, Liann Reyes, John Rice, Verenise Valentin

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to move item 7.1 Golden Quill Award Presentation to the end of the presentation (Filicetti/Alto 6-0-1):

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Quarterly Treasurer Report for period ending June 30, 2022

5.0.4 Alternative Education Consolidated Application

5.0.5 Donations

A motion was made to approve consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Roth 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**

**7.2 Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Communication Plan Overview**

Santa Cruz County Office of Education serves over 40,000 students across the county and supports school districts, students, educators, families, and the broader community. With five divisions and close to 50 departments and/or projects, one challenge of the Santa Cruz COE is how to effectively communicate the work across the vast stakeholder groups—internally and externally, as well as locally. Nick Ibarra, Communications and Public Relations Officer, shared the Santa Cruz COE's communication plan and overview on the Santa Cruz COE's communication efforts.

**7.3 Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Administrators Kick Off**

This year the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators was held via Zoom on August 2nd. Administrators attended, to hear the keynote speaker, Ken Shelton, and participate in breakout groups to create plans for the year. The focus was on empowering leadership. The session was recorded. Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, shared a summary of the kick off.

**7.4 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 First Reading: Board Policies 6000'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:

BP 6158            Independent Studies

A motion was made to adopt BP 6158 and waive the second reading (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1):

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

**8.2 First Reading: Board Bylaws 9000's Series**

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BB 9150            Student Board Members

No action was taken. BB 9150 will be brought back to the policy committee for review.

**8.3 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-28 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on July 21, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-27, 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 #22-28, 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 #22-28 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1):

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

**8.4 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the September 15, 2022 Board Meeting**

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the September 15, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-28, Trustees 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.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

Trustee Filicetti

On vacation most of July/August

August 4 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Back to School Reboot 2022

Trustee Van Allen

He worked on policies for this August Board Meeting.

Trustee Nichols

She worked on responding to the letters from Congress in regards to the County Board's School Safety Resolution.

Trustee Acosta

Absent

Trustee Roth

August 2 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Administration Kick-Off

August 4 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Back to School Reboot

August 8 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education's All Staff Orientation

August 16 – Santa Cruz County Board of Education's Charter Committee

Trustee Alto

She attended the Board Charter Committee meeting and reviewed Board Bylaw 9150 for the August Board Meeting.

President Sanchez

July 28 – California County Boards of Education’s Executive committee meeting

August 2 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s Administration Kick-Off

August 4 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s Back to School Reboot

August 8 – Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s All Staff Orientation

August 12 – California County Boards of Education’s Policy platform committee

August 16 – Santa Cruz County Board of Education’s Charter Committee

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

**11.1 Charter Committee Update**

President Sanchez shared that the Charter committee will be meeting more regularly, with internal meetings with COE staff and trustees and also scheduling meetings with Pacific Collegiate staff. The first joint PCS meeting with staff will be next week.

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

**7.1 Golden Quill Award Presentation**

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education nominated local Entravision Reporter, Adriana Frederick Sutton, for the CSBA Golden Quill Award, which highlights the essential role that journalists play in increasing the understanding of the objectives, operations, accomplishments, challenges, and opportunities related to public schools. She has been selected as one of fifteen recipients to win this award in California this year. The Superintendent of Schools presented this award to Mrs. Frederick Sutton. The Board shared their congratulations with Mrs. Frederick Sutton.

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

Regular Meeting  
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4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.