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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, October 20, 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, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Alyssa Alto

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenhiemer, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, Audrey Sirota, 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 (Filicetti/Roth 6-0-1).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marta 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.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 15, 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: Acosta, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Alto

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Arts Programs

The Santa Cruz COE is a staunch advocate for the arts. We value the arts as a tool of communication, creativity, and community engagement; a means to health and well-being; an instrument for the expression of culture and history; and a vehicle for the attainment of a fulfilling profession. Audrey Sirota, Arts Coordinator, Educational Services, shared the COE Arts Plan with the Board.

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.

7.3 2021-2022 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

The Board is requested to review information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services presented the report to the Board.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Adopt Resolution #22-33: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit

The Gann Amendment (Proposition 4, 1979) limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts, and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year via a Board Resolution. Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, Business Services, presented the resolution to the Board.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-33: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit as presented (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

8.2 Adopt Resolution #22-34: In Support of College and Career Week

Each year the Santa Cruz College and Career Collaborative establishes and promotes a countywide College and Career Week. In collaboration with families and community partners, this week is used to engage students in college and career-related activities to promote a college-going culture and help students learn about and plan for future college and career possibilities. The County Board considered the adoption of this Resolution.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-34: In Support of College and Career Week as presented (Roth/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

8.3 Adopt Resolution #22-35: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson. All students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curriculum. The County Board of Education affirms its role in, and commitment to, continuing the historical process of transforming the educational system to ensure inclusiveness, safety, and a sense of belonging for all LGBTQ+ students, teachers, staff, and their families. The County Board considered adoption of this Resolution.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-35: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month as presented (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

8.4 Adopt Resolution #22-36: Recognizing October 10 through October 14 Week of the School Administrator

The title “school administrator” is a broad term used to define many education leadership positions. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other school district employees are considered administrators. With more than 6 million students in California’s public education system, the future of the public education system depends upon the quality of its leadership.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-36: Recognizing October 10 through October 14 Week of the School Administrator as presented (Nichols/Roth 6-0-1).

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

8.5 Adopt Resolution #22-37: October 17 Through October 21 as Digital Citizenship Week

Digital citizenship gives students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large. Schools have a responsibility to increase student awareness about digital citizenship topics such as internet safety, privacy and security, cyberbullying, digital footprints, and information literacy. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is a proud supporter of digital literacy efforts, offering professional learning to assist educators in implementing a digital citizenship curriculum and training program for their school or district.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-37: October 17 Through October 21 as Digital Citizenship Week as presented (Filicetti/Roth 6-0-1).

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

8.6 First Reading: Board Bylaws 9000s Series

Modification 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. The Board will consider action to remove the following policies:

BB 9150 Student Trustee

A motion was made to waive the second reading of Board Bylaw 9150 Student Trustee and adopt the bylaw (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

8.7 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-39 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on September 15, 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 #22-39.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-39 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Filicetti/Roth 6-0-1).

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

8.8 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the November 17, 2022 Board Meeting

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the November 17, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-39, 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.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Filicetti

September 19 - Santa Cruz County School Board Association Meeting: Settling into 2022/23

September 21 - Live Oak School District Board Meeting to present *Little Mama* books and update the Board on the work and Annual Report of the Santa Cruz COE

September 22 - Empowering Education: Annual Report to the Community 2021-22

September 28 - CSBA Sample Policy Updates, to confirm that we are staying up to date

October 12 - Soquel Union School District Board Meeting to present *Little Mama* books and update the Board on the work and Annual Report of the Santa Cruz COE

October 13 - Mountain School Board Meeting to present *Little Mama* books and update the Board on the work and Annual Report of the Santa Cruz COE

October 19 - Adult Education Community Advisory Meeting; The Community Advisory Council is a group of community leaders who have advised the public about adult education programs in Santa Cruz, Aptos and the Pajaro Valley. In part, it is a way to disseminate information about our programs to friends in the community. More importantly, it is a process to elicit advice and direction about our efforts to serve the adult learners of Santa Cruz County. The agenda for this meeting is below:

- Political Outreach: Congresswoman, Zoe Lofgren
- Infographic Plus Data
- Consortium Update – New Director
- Julie Madrona, Transitional Specialist and Josie Morales, Counselor
- Social Media Update

Trustee Van Allen

He worked on preparing Board Bylaw 9150 Student Trustee for the October Board Meeting.

Trustee Nichols

She worked on preparing the Resolutions for the October Board Meeting.

Trustee Acosta

He had no report to share.

Trustee Roth

September 19 - Santa Cruz County School Board Association Meeting

September 22 - Santa Cruz COE 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Community

October 10 - Board Budget Sub-Committee Meeting

October 13 - Santa Cruz COE All Staff Meeting

President Sanchez

He attended the California County Boards of Education, California School Boards Association meeting. As well, he participated in the Board agenda and budget subcommittee meeting

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting

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14. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.