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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, June 15, 2023
4:00pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

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

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta (At start of the meeting), Alyssa Alto

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Denise Guerra-Sanson, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Melissa Lopez, Dr. Angela Meeker, Rebecca Olker, Verenise Valentin, Dr. Heather Wygant

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

In accordance with AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

It is required that a Board quorum be present in person.

Trustee Filicetti requested to participate in the meeting remotely due to an emergency circumstance preventing her from participating in person.

A motion was made to authorize Trustee Filicetti to participate in the meeting remotely (Nichols/Roth 4-0-1-2).

Ayes: Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: Filicetti

Absent: Acosta, Alto

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 (Roth/Nichols 5-0-0-2).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 18, 2023

5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on May 20, 2023

5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Nichols/Filicetti 5-0-0-2).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Acosta arrived at the meeting.

7.1 Recognizing the 2023 STEAM Expo Winners

The Board recognized 2023 STEAM Expo finalists Jack Driscoll-Natale (junior, Pacific Collegiate School) and Hazel Campbell (freshman, Pacific Collegiate School). Both students, alongside Santa Cruz COE Science Coordinator Dr. Heather Wygant traveled to Dallas, Texas last month to attend the 2023 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Both students presented projects at ISEF. Dr. Wygant and Miguel Aznar, Lead Judge, presented the students with certificates of achievement.

7.2 Certificates of Completion for Administrative Credential Training

The Board recognized 19 administrators that completed the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Clear Administrative Services Credential Program, Act II.

Administrators: Mohamed Amine Bouchti	Rene Ohana
Renee Golder	Dr. Michael Paynter
Joe Gregorio	Sara Pearman
Mary Ann Hilton	Dave Poetzing
Katie Kriscunas	Cristal Renteria
Erin Legorreta	Georgia Tyrrell
Marina Maldonado	Todd Wilson
Michelle Menchaca	Nathan Winchell
Melissa Nix	Dr. Heather Wygant
Sara Norris	

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Public Hearing: 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the 2023-2024 Annual Update, and 2023-2024 Budget Overview for Parents. Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented to the Board.

President Van Allen invited members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Van Allen then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 22, 2023, Board Meeting

8.2 Public Hearing: 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School and the 2023-2024 Annual Update, and 2023-2024 Budget Overview for Parents. Denise Guerra-Sanson, Executive Director, Student Program, presented to the Board.

President Van Allen invited members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Van Allen then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 22, 2023, Board Meeting

8.3 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2023-2024 Budget

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2023-2024 Budget was presented for public comment in accordance with EDC § 1620 et seq., 24103. A copy of the budget is available upon request. Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented to the Board.

President Van Allen invited members of the public who wished to address the Board on this matter to speak. No comments from the public were made. President Van Allen then closed the public hearing and explained that further action on this item will be taken at the June 22, 2023, Board Meeting

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Review County Board of Education's Effective Governance Handbook (Draft)

On May 20, 2023, the Board participated in an effective governance workshop conducted by CSBA Consultant, Luan Burman Rivera. A draft handbook was created at the workshop. The Board reviewed this draft handbook.

Trustees proposed various language and content changes to the handbook. No action was taken.

9.2 Approve Resolution #23-21, 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 have passed since their retirement date.

Colleen Bugayong, Director of Fiscal Services, retired from Pajaro Valley Unified School District, effective August 5, 2023.

Pajaro Valley Unified School District asked for approval to hire Colleen Bugayongi to assist with the backlog and various special projects related to the position of Director of Fiscal Services.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-21 (Filicetti/Roth 6-0-0-1).

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

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Filicetti:

May 20, 2023 - Special Board Meeting

May 23, 2023 - Oasis, Aptos Graduation

May 25, 2023 - Oasis, Watsonville Graduation

May 26, 2023 - Sequoia School Graduation

May 31, 2023 - Capitol Advisors On-line Budget Perspectives Workshop

Trustee Nichols:

She attended several graduation ceremonies and participated in the County Office of Education Pride Day festivities.

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended several graduation ceremonies.

Trustee Roth:

May 20, 2023 - SCCOE Board Retreat and Black Graduation Ceremony

May 22, 2023 - SCZCSBA

May 23, 2023 - OASIS and CAC North Graduation

May 24, 2023 - Star/Highlands Graduation and Cottage/IS/Seabright Graduation

May 25, 2023 - Capitol Advisors Budget Workshop

May 26, 2023 - Cypress Graduation

May 31, 2023 - Board Agenda Committee Meeting

Trustee Van Allen:

He attended the Queer Youth Leadership Awards, Budget committee meeting, and various graduations and participated in the County Office of Education Pride Day festivities.

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

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July 20, 2023

4:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.