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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, May 18, 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), Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Trustee Absent - At time of role call:

Acosta

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Jason Borgen, Nick Ibarra, Melissa Lopez, Angela Meeker, Rebecca Olker, John Rice, Deven Stark, Verenise Valentin

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

No Trustee requested remote attendance approval.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Van Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023
- 5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2023
- 5.0.3 Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County, Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Nichols/Roth 5-0-1-1).

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Trustee Acosta arrived at the meeting.

7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

The Board recognized the critical contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who retired in the 2022-2023 school year.

Retirees: Lisa Carlton, Teacher, Alternative Education
Sue Groth, Early Start Teacher/Coordinator, Special Education

John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education, shared Ms. Carlton's biography.

Dr. Deven Stark, Director, Special Education, shared Ms. Groth's biography. Ms. Groth was present to receive her award.

7.2 Recognizing the 2023 Santa Cruz County Congressional App Winner

The Congressional App Challenge is among the most prestigious prizes in student computer science. Every year, the U.S. Congress challenges students in their districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win this distinguished award. Pacific Collegiate School student, Toma Brasoveanu, won the first prize for our Congressional district in California! He designed his app, Pill Alarm, to provide people with a better way of monitoring personal medication, and offer scheduled reminders based on their specific medical needs. Toma shared the details of his app, and his experience in DC, and was recognized by the County Board.

7.3 2023 Educators and Community Partner of the Year

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, school counselors and a local Community Partner. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and were awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients: Maria Ferreira, Teacher of the Year, Santa Cruz COE
Paige Lynd, Classified Employee of the Year, Happy Valley
Jose Morelos, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD
Melissa Nix, Administrator of the Year, Live Oak School District
Craig Broadhurst, Administrator of the Year, SUESD
NAMI of Santa Cruz County, Community Partner of the Year

Dr. Stark and Emily Hurd, Education Specialist, Special Education, introduced Maria Ferreira.

Michelle Stewart, Superintendent, Happy Valley Elementary School District, introduced Paige Lynd.

Karina Alvarez, Socio-Emotional Counselor, Pajaro Middle School, introduced Jose Morelos.

Mary Gaukel, Mentor/Retired Administrator, Colleen Martin, Principal, Shoreline Middle School, and Amelia Siegel, Teacher, Shoreline Middle School, introduced Melissa Nix.

Scott Turnbull, Superintendent, Soquel Union Elementary School, introduced Craig Broadhurst.

Les Forster, Retired Administrator, introduced NAMI of Santa Cruz County.

President Van Allen issued a short recess at 5:20 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:30 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution #23-18 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Earlier this month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-18 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Roth/Filicetti 7-0).

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

8.2 Approval of Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth

Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

8.3 Approval of Resolution #23-20 Authorizing Inter-Fund Transfer and Designation Of Fund Balance As Committed

The Board of Education of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education acknowledges its authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds. The Board of Education will annually transfer revenues received into the General Fund 01 to the Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 until this resolution is amended or the targeted balance in the fund is \$1,000,000. The Board was asked to approve Resolution #23-20

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Filicetti/Roth 7-0).

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

President Van Allen:

He attended the 2023 Queer Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony.

Trustee Roth:

May 4 - Santa Cruz COE Board Agenda Planning
May 9 - Santa Cruz COE Rainbow Flag Raising
May 9 - Santa Cruz COE Board Charter Meeting
May 10 - Santa Cruz COE Picnic
May 12 - CSBA Analysis of Governor's May Revise Budget
May 13 - Queer Youth Leadership Awards Dinner and Presentations

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended a CCBE policy meeting, the COE picnic, and the COE charter committee.

Trustee Alto:

She participated in the COE charter committee.

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

Trustee Nichols:

She was sick and was unable to participate in meetings.

Trustee Filicetti:

She attended the 2023 Queer Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony.

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation
May 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Countywide Black Graduation
May 20, 2023
3:00 p.m.

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations
May 22 - May 26, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2023
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.