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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, November 17, 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, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Sue Roth

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Jason Borgen, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Richard Reid, Denise Sanson, Elizabeth Shaw, Verenise Valentin, Bryan Wall

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/Nichols 6-0-2).

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

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Closed Session Disclosure

President Sanchez disclosed that the Board would be entering closed session to discuss a litigation matter against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

4.2 Closed Session: Litigation Matter

Superintendent Sabbah shared a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

5. OPEN SESSION

Open session began as soon as matters could be heard at 4:15pm

6. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Sanchez reported that no action(s) were taken by the Board in Closed Session.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie More (*Parent*) shared concerns relating to her grandson's experience with bullying on his school campus.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2022

8.0.2 Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification

8.0.3 Donations

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Roth

8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 8.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools. Bryan Wall, Santa Cruz COE Williams Coordinator, and Richard Reid, Director, COE Maintenance and Operations presented the report to the Board.

10.2 Tech+ Student Programs Update

Jason Borgen, Chief Technology Officer, provided an overview of the work of the Tech+ Division. The division formed in 2018 and focuses on all aspects of technology, data, innovation, and educational technologies. The presentation also provided a virtual connection with our CTE IT Essentials Class that is held at Digital Nest in south county and articulated with Cabrillo college for dual credit.

10.3 School Safety Update

The safety and wellness of students, families, and school personnel are the highest priorities of all Santa Cruz County Schools. Given recent local events, there are growing concerns of students' sense of safety across our school community. These incidents highlight the importance of close collaboration between our emergency services and schools. Superintendent Sabbah shared several of these efforts and the high level of prioritization they are given across our county, from scenario-based trainings over the summer at Scotts Valley High School, to our ongoing Incident Command Academy hosted at the County Office of Education to our Safe Schools Consortia, involving local fire and law enforcement agencies, district and COE representatives, and others.

10.4 Health & Wellness 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.

10.5 Student Trustee AR

In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the County Board of Education and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance. Superintendent Sabbah shared his Administrative Regulation, detailing the Student Trustee application process and other important requirements.

Trustees provided feedback to Superintendent Sabbah.

11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

11.1 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part. Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented the plan.

A motion was made to approve the SPSA for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

11.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools

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A motion was made to approve the SPSA for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

11.3 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter School (CAC)

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part. Denise Sanson, Senior Director, Career and Adult Learning Services presented the plan.

A motion was made to approve the SPSA for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter School (Filicetti/Van Allen 6-0-1).

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

11.4 Adopt Resolution #22-39: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

A motion was made to Adopt Resolution #22-39: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

11.5 Adopt Resolution #22-40: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses. Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms. We are committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities.

A motion was made to Adopt Resolution #22-40: Recognizing United Against Hate Week (Van Allen/Filicetti 6-0-1).

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

11.6 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-41 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on October 20, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-39, 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 #22-41, 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 #22-41 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0-1).

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

11.7 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the December 15, 2022 Board Meeting

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the December 15, 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.

No action was taken.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

President Sanchez

He presented to the City of Watsonville's Teen Action Council. He participated in the Agenda and Charter Committee meeting at Pacific Collegiate Charter.

Trustee Alto

She participated in the Agenda and Charter Committee meeting at Pacific Collegiate Charter.

Trustee Acosta

He had no report to share.

Trustee Nichols

She reviewed Resolutions for this Board Meeting.

Trustee Van Allen

He worked on different election campaigns.

Trustee Filicetti

October 22 – worked the reception desk and joined the Santa Cruz COE table for the Diversity Center Gala, first inside event

November 1 – County-wide Collaboration: The Impact of Environment on Health & Well-being

November 8 – results from the election

November 13 – Simitian Brunch, worked the reception desk for “ Who’s Winning the Culture Wars?”

November 14 – SCZCCSBA Meeting. Topics discussed included election results and discussion of student board members and training.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

December 15, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History

February 1, 2022

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Watsonville

Sequoia Schools

February 8, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.