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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, December 15, 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, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Nick Ibarra, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, 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 (Van Allen/Filicetti 7-0).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Superintendent Sabbah sworn in the following Trustees into the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Sue Roth, Trustee Area 1
Bruce Van Allen, Trustee Area 2
Abel Sanchez, Trustee Area 7

6. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board shall organize a meeting held each year by electing one of their members as president of the Board. The meeting shall be on the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November (EDC § 1009).

6.1 Nominations for President of the Board

President Sanchez called for nominations for a new Board President for the 2023 year.

6.2 Election of the Board President

A motion was made to elect Trustee Van Allen to the position of Board President (Filicetti/Roth 7-0).

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

6.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

President Van Allen called for nominations for the Vice President position for 2023.

Nominations for Trustee Roth and Trustee Acosta were mentioned.

6.4 Election of Board Vice President

A motion was made to elect Trustee Roth to the position of Board Vice President (Filicetti/Nichols 7-0).

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

6.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

President Van Allen appointed Trustee Sanchez as Chairperson of the County Committee on School District Organization.

6.6 Appointment of Representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

President Van Allen appointed Trustee Roth, with Trustee Filicetti as the alternative, as the County Board representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

6.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed the selection of the day of the month and the time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

A motion was made to hold regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month beginning at 4:00 pm, with the expectation of June where two regular Board meetings are required due to LCAP and Budget adoptions (Roth/Filicetti 7-0).

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

6.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

6.8.1 Agenda Committee

President Van Allen appointed himself, Trustee Roth, and Trustee Nichols to the Agenda Committee.

6.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

6.9.1 Budget Committee

President Van Allen appointed himself, Trustee Roth, and Trustee Filicetti to the Budget Committee.

6.9.2 Policy Committee

President Van Allen appointed himself, Trustee Alto, and Trustee Filicetti to the Policy Committee.

6.9.3 Charter Schools Committee

President Van Allen appointed Trustee Sanchez, Trustee Alto, and Trustee Roth to the Charter Committee.

6.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

President Van Allen appointed himself, Trustee Acosta, and Trustee Nichols to the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee.

6.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

6.9.5.1 Superintendent Compensation Committee

President Van Allen appointed himself, Trustee Filicetti, and Trustee Roth to the Superintendent Compensation Committee.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 17, 2022
- 7.0.2 Budget Revisions for October and November
- 7.0.3 Donations
- 7.0.4 Surplus Items

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

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

7.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter School make an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals. Dr. Maria Reitano, Head of School, Pacific Collegiate School, presented the report.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

9.2 First Interim Financial Report

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report and present it for the Board to review in open session. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the report.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

9.3 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.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

10. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Resolution #22-42 Recognizing Special Education Day

December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the nation's first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was signed on December 2, 1972. Special Education Day was first celebrated in 2005 which was the 30th anniversary of IDEA. The Board considered adopting this Resolution.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #22-42 Recognizing Special Education Day (Nichols/Filicetti 7-0).

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

10.2 Consideration and Selection of Date of Board Retreat/Evaluation

The Board considered scheduling a special meeting to participate in a Board Self-Evaluation and Effective Governance Review workshop conducted by CSBA consultant, Luan Burman Rivera.

A motion was made to schedule a Special Board Meeting on Saturday, May 20, 2023 (Roth/Nichols 7-0).

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

10.3 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-43 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on November 17, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-41, 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 #22-43, 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 #22-43 (Roth/Nichols 7-0).

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

10.4 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the January 19, 2023 Board Meeting

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the January 19, 2023 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-43, 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 made.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Filicetti

She had no report to share this month. She is excited to have received the CCBE's Governance Handbook.

Trustee Sanchez

He attended the CSBA Annual Education Conference and shared a few highlights from the conference.

Trustee Nichols

She has learned more about the Transitional Kindergarten programs and the application process.

Trustee Acosta

He had no report to share.

Trustee Alto

She had no report to share.

Trustee Roth

November 17 - Attended the County Board of Education Meeting via Zoom as a participant
December 12 - Santa Cruz County Board of Education Budget Subcommittee
She will be watching the 2022 Annual Education Conference Zoom recordings over the break.

President Van Allen

He participated in a k-12 Educational forum and is excited to have a leadership role in 2023.

13. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History
February 1, 2023

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Watsonville
Sequoia Schools
February 9, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 16, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 16, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Minutes, Regular Meeting
December 15, 2022

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2023 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2023 4:00 p.m.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT**
President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.