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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, January 19, 2023**  
**4:00pm**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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**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

Trustee Joining Virtually:

Alyssa Alto

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nora Bear, Debi Bodenheimer, Margaret East, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Liann Reyes

**1.1 ACTION ITEM: Authorizing Remote Meeting Participation for Trustee Alto, under AB 2449**

Under the new teleconference provisions, a legislative body may hold a “hybrid” (partial teleconference, partial in-person) meeting without having to comply with certain procedural requirements in the following limited circumstances:

- One or more members of the legislative body (but less than a quorum) have “just cause” for not attending the meeting in person; or
- One or more members of the legislative body (but less than a quorum) experience an emergency circumstance that prevents in-person attendance.

Trustee Alto requested to participate in the meeting remotely due to an emergency circumstance of accessibility caused by recent storm damage.

A motion was made to authorize Trustee Alto to participate in the meeting remotely (Van Allen/Filicetti 5-0-1-1).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Alto

Absent: Acosta

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Roth/Sanchez 6-0).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

**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.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2022

5.0.2 Budget Revisions for December

5.0.3 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.4 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.5 Alternative Education Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustees received a County Trustee Handbook from CCBE.

**7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Retirement Recognition**

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2022-2023 school year.

Retirees: Patty Freedman, Project Specialist, Alternative Education (Highlands)

Colleagues shared their kind remarks with Patty and the Board.

**7.2 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.

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #23-01 regarding Temporary Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts**

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board was asked to approve a resolution to allow SantaCruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-01 (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0).

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

**8.2 Approve Resolution #23-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month**

Black History Month is a time for us to continue our collective journey honoring and deepening our knowledge of the history and contributions of Black Americans and people of African descent that have been marginalized from mainstream curricula and discussions because of our country's legacy of slavery, and institutional and structural racism. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the Board of Education is committed to valuing diversity and believes deeply that equity, respect and justice are central to the character of who we are, to the health of our democracy and to the well-being of our world.

The Board considered approving Resolution #23-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-02 (Roth/Filicetti 6-0).

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

**8.3 Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar**

The Board was asked to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

A motion was made to approve 2023-2024 Budget Calendar (Nichols/Filicetti 6-0).

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

**8.4 Approve Resolution #23-03 School Board Recognition**

An excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life for all California citizens and communities. School board members continue to advocate to best serve the children in our community each and every day. Local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools declare our appreciation to the members of every public School Board in the County of Santa Cruz and proclaim the month of January 2023, as School Board Recognition Month in the County of Santa Cruz. We urge all community members to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of our children.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-03 (Filicetti/Nichols 6-0).

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

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Filicetti

She apologized for being unable to make graduations due to the storms. She encouraged trustees to participate in the Capital Advisors meeting.

Trustee Nichols

She attended the agenda committee meeting.

Trustee Sanchez

He apologized for being unable to make graduations.

Trustee Roth

January 3 - Board Agenda Meeting

January 11 - Career Advancement Graduation and Alternative Education Graduation

Trustee Van Allen

He apologized for being unable to make graduations.

Trustee Alto

She is thankful that she is able to participate in the meeting.

**11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz Coe's Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community  
Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History  
February 1, 2023

Santa Cruz Coe's Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community  
Sequoia Schools  
February 9, 2023

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 5:07 PM