Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 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), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

   Staff Present:
   Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Debi Bodenheimer, Vito Chiaramonte, Lauren Fein, Hayley Newman, Mike Powers, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

   1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval
   No Trustee requested remote attendance approval.

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 6-0-0-1).
   Ayes:    Alto, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen
   Nays:    None
   Abstain: None
   Absent:  Acosta

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Adam Spickler (Elected Official) shared with the Board that Cabrillo College is seeking community input on renaming the local community college.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2023
5.0.2 School Safety Plan
5.0.3 Donations

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

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

5.1 **DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**
None.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Materials from the January Budget Workshop were shared with Trustees.

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

7.1 **Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, Proposed Changes to Article 6 within the 2023-2024 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools**

The designated representative of the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, representing certificated staff, proposed changes to the following article within the 2023-2024 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 6 regarding Compensation.

Vito Chiaramonte, Negotiations Team, SCCEA, Chapter 036, presented on behalf of the team.

7.2 **Wellness Center Roadmap**

Hayley Newman, Coordinator, School Climate and Wellness and Lauren Fein, Director, Behavioral Health presented the Wellness Center Roadmap for the County and our effort to build centers at every comprehensive high school in Santa Cruz County.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

7.3 **Safety & Wellness Updates**

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 promote the physical and social emotional wellbeing of our students.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.
8. **NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

8.1 **Approval of Resolution #23-04 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month**

The education of Santa Cruz County's students is fundamental to the economic, social, and intellectual capacity of our community and our society. Students with disabilities share with all students the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties. In February 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March as National Disabilities Awareness Month. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-04 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-04 (Roth/Filicetti 7-0).

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

8.2 **Approval of Resolution #23-05 Recognizing March as Women’s History Month**

Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless ways. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools honor the contributions that women have made throughout history and commit to support efforts to improve opportunities for girls and women. The Board was asked to approve this resolution.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-05 with an amendment (Acosta/Filicetti 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)**

**Trustee Filicetti:**
- February 1 - Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community
- February 1 - Grandparents’ Day at preschool – how it all starts
- February 2 - Governor’s Budget Workshop, Capitol Advisors
- February 13 - Meet with Supervisor Zach Friend
- February 15 - Meet with Supervisor Manu Koenig

**Trustee Nichols:**
She attended the COE’s Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community event and worked on Resolutions for the Feb. meeting.
Trustee Acosta:
No report to share.

Trustee Alto:
She participated in the charter subcommittee meeting.

Trustee Sanchez:
He participated in the CCBE policy committee, CSBA meeting, and the charter subcommittee meeting.

Trustee Roth:
January 23 - Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting
February 1 - Santa Cruz County Office of Education: Achievement & Resilience – Celebrating Our School Community
February 2 - Capitol Advisors Workshop Governor’s Budget 2023-24
February 4 - Pacific Collegiate Fusion Dance Company Performance
February 7 - Santa Cruz County Mock Trial
February 14 - SCCOE Sub-Charter Committee Meeting
February 25 - Community Advisory Committee (CAC): Pajaro Valley USD – Annual Report
(Watsonville – Aptos – Santa Cruz)

President Van Allen:
He worked on resolutions for the February meeting.

11. **AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**
None.

12. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**
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13. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.