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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, April 20, 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), Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Abel Sanchez

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Angela Meeker, 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 (Nichols/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1 Closed Session Disclosure

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board, in closed session, discussed matters relating to 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.

6. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Van Allen reported that no action was taken by the Board in Closed Session.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023

8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

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

8.0.4 Donations

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented and move action on item 8.0.1 to the regular May meeting (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

Ayes: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board was informed that they should be expecting correspondence from Luan Rivera, CSBA Consultant, in the next few days in regards to the Special Board Meeting.

10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Enrollment Data

According to updated data released April 7 by the California Department of Education, there are about 5.9 million students enrolled in public schools this school year, close to 40,000 fewer students than last year or a 0.7 percent drop. Superintendent Sabbah shared an update on enrollment data for Santa Cruz County.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Review County Board of Education's Effective Governance Handbook (Draft)

On June 11, 2022, the Board participated in an effective governance workshop conducted by CSBA Consultant, Luan Burman Rivera. A draft handbook was created at the workshop. The Board reviewed the draft handbook.

No action was taken.

11.2 Approval of Resolution #23-11 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-11, recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-11 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month, with a minor change (Nichols/Roth 4-0-0-3).

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

11.3 Approve Resolution #23-12 Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day

Harvey Milk Day was established by the California legislature and signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education celebrates Harvey Milk Day and invites all educational institutions, organizations, companies and individuals across Santa Cruz to fly the rainbow flag from May 8-12, 2023 in honor of Harvey Milk Day, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history during this week in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-12.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-12 Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day (Nichols/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

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

11.4 Adopt Resolution #23-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher

Education Code, Section 372229(a), specifies the Second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher, a day having special significance. All public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days, and, specifically on the Day of the Teacher, conduct exercises commemorating and directing attention to the teachers and the teaching profession. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-13.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher (Roth/Filicetti 4-0-0-3).

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

11.5 Adopt Resolution #23-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week

California Senate Bill 1552, passed in 1984, decreed the third full week in May as California School Employees' Week in official recognition of the services and dedication of classified school employees. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-14.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week (Roth/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

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

11.6 Approval of Resolution #23-15 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education renews its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-15, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-15 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Filicetti/Roth 4-0-0-3).

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

11.7 Approval of Resolution #23-16 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #23-16, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-16 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month, with a minor change to the language (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

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

11.8 Approval of Resolution #23-17 Board Compensation For Missed Meetings

Each member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education may receive the maximum monthly compensation for participation in Board meetings as provided for in Education Code 35120. A member may be compensated for meetings he/she/they missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that he/she/they was performing designated services for the district at the time of the meeting or that he/she/they was absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-17 Board Compensation For Missed Meetings (Filicetti/Nichols 4-0-0-3).

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Van Allen

April 4 - Board Agenda Committee

He also worked on this month's resolution and reviewed the handbook.

Trustee Roth:

March 27 - Santa Cruz County Board and PCS Spring Charter Subcommittee Meeting

April 4 - Santa Cruz County Board Sub-Committee Board Handbook

April 4 - Santa Cruz County Board Agenda Meeting

April 10 - Meeting

Trustee Nichols:

She worked on this month's resolution.

Trustee Filicetti:

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

March 1 - Legislative Action Week Briefing & Training

March 9 - Central Coast Advocacy Training

March 13 - Board Budget Committee

March 15 - Asm. Addis prep and LAW meeting, promised a copy of our Resolution

April 7 - Shared a copy of our signed Resolution to Julie Cravotto, representative for Dawn Addis.

April 20 - following AB 906 through the Legislative Cycle: on February 23, the Assembly referred it to the Committee on Education. No action since.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

Charter Subcommittee (Presented by Trustee Roth)

The meeting included the following topics:

- Lottery/enrollment update
- Summer plans
- PBIS work

SCZCSBA Report (Presented by Trustee Roth)

The meeting included the following topics:

- Discussion with Chris Reefe, CSBA Legislative Director
- Review of SCZCSBA Bylaws, Mission Statement, Website
- Suggestions for topics for future meetings
- District Updates

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

May 18, 2023

4:00 p.m.

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.

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.