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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, March 16, 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), Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Rose Filicetti

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Liann Reyes, Melissa Lopez, Rory Bruce, 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 (Nichols/Sanchez 5-0-0-1).

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Filicetti

**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.

Trustee Acosta arrived

**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 February 16, 2023
- 8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 8.0.3 Special Education School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- 8.0.4 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending March 31, 2022
- 8.0.5 Treasurer's Quarterly Report For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2022
- 8.0.6 Donations
- 8.0.7 Surplus Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Roth/Alto 6-0-0-1).

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

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

None.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received copies of the 2023 Brown Act Handbook from Lozano Smith.

**10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to three Articles within the 2022-2023 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools**

Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484, representing classified staff, proposed changes to the following articles within the 2023-2024 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, and Article 21 regarding Professional Growth.

**10.2 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA)**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education sunshined the 2023-2024 Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Education Association.

**10.3 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (CSEA)**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education sunshined the 2023-2024 Agreement to the California School Employees Association.

**10.4 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report**

The Board was presented with the 2021-2022 final, audited, prior year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller’s Office.

**10.5 Santa Cruz COE 2022-2023 Second Interim Financial Report**

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review prior to filing the report with the State Department of Education.

**10.6 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 this draft handbook.

President Van Allen created an ad hoc committee to add to the handbook draft. Trustee Roth and Trustee Sanchez were appointed to join President Van Allen on this ad hoc committee.

**11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 Approve 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE & Student Programs Calendars**

The Board was asked to approve the 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars.

A motion was made to approve the 2023-2024 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs Calendar as presented (Nichols/Roth 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.2 Approval of Resolution #23-06 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month**

Forty-two percent of Santa Cruz County's students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners: students who are developing proficiency in two or more languages, including students who are learning English as an additional language in school. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-06 recognizes April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-06 recognizes April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month as presented (Roth/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.3 Approval of Resolution #23-07 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools**

The at-risk students served by juvenile court and community schools often face unique barriers to academic achievement and social-emotional well-being. The proposed funding change would bring greater equity to these students by ensuring access to robust services and supports. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-07.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-07 in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools as presented (Nichols/Sanchez 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.4 Approval of Resolution #23-08 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week**

April 19-23, 2023, is National Environmental Education Week - the nation's largest celebration of environmental education. Schools in Santa Cruz County recognize the central importance of environmental education, and seek to provide learning opportunities and avenues for student engagement in environmental concerns. The Board considered adopting Resolution #23-08.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-08 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week as presented (Alto/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.5 Approval of Resolution #23-09 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S. Earlier this month, the United Nations called on all governments to prioritize violence prevention as a fundamental part of their COVID-19 response after incidents of domestic violence have significantly increased around the world due to the implementation of global shelter-in-place orders. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-09 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-09 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Sanchez/Roth 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.6 Approval of Resolution #23-10 In Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month**

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture. The history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or diminished by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-10 in Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution #23-10 in Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month (Roth/Alto 6-0-0-1).

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

**11.7 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY**

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders

A motion was made to adopt Board Policy 1250 and waive the second reading (Nichols/Acosta 6-0-0-1).

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

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

Trustee Van Allen

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

March 2 - Board Agenda Committee

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

Trustee Roth:

February 21 - UCSC 39th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr Convocation (Talithia Williams – TED, Nova Wonders, Assoc Dean Research & Experiential Learning & Assoc Prof Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, STEM & DEI

March 2 - Board Agenda Committee

March 9 - CSBA: Central Coast Advocacy Training with Rachel Wells

March 13 - Board Budget Sub-Committee: Budget Review

March 15 - CSBA Legislative Action Week: Senator John Laird

March 16 - CSBA Legislative Action Week: Assemblywoman Gail Pellerin (Rhiannon Mulligan, Legislative Aide)

Trustee Sanchez:

February 16 - CCBE Executive Committee Meeting

March 10 and 11 - CCBE County Board Governance Workshop

March 14 - CSBA Legislative Action Day - Robert Rivas

Trustee Alto:

March 1 - Board Policy Committee Meeting

She looks forward to working with the Charter Committee next month

Trustee Acosta:

February 25 - Pajaro Valley Unified School District Bilingual Parent Conference

Trustee Nichols:

She worked on this month's resolution.

Trustee Filicetti (Report Sent via Email):

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

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

No Reports

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

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

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.