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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, July 20, 2023**  
**4:00 pm**  
**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, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Trustees Absent (At the Time of Roll Call)

Ed Acosta

Staff Present

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Dr. Angela Meeker, Melissa Lopez, Rebecca Olker, Andres Ortiz, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

**1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

In accordance with AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

It is required that a Board quorum be present in person.

Trustee Filicetti requested to participate in the meeting remotely due to an emergency circumstance preventing her from participating in person.

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

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

**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/Filicetti 6-0-0-1).

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cece Pinheiro (*Community Member*) shared the resources and offerings SPIN has to offer.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 15, 2023

5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 22, 2023

5.0.3 Surplus Items

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

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

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

None.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Clerk shared that a request for an interdistrict transfer appeal hearing was submitted to the Board.

Trustee Acosta arrived to the meeting.

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

**7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Student Trustee Academy Presentation**

Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, Marlize Velasco, Student Trustee Academy Facilitator, and students from the COE's Student Trustee Academy presented to the County Board. Students shared a program overview and their learnings. This is the second cohort of the Academy consisting of 20 students from across the County, representing eight local schools.

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #23-25 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes**

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #23-25 in the matter of authorizing inter-fund loans for cash flow purposes.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-25 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes (Filicetti/Roth 7-0).

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

**8.2 Approve Budget Revisions**

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services presented notable changes to the budget. The board was asked to review and approve the revisions.

A motion was made to approve budget revisions. (Roth/Nichols 7-0).

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

**8.3 Adopt Santa Cruz County Board of Education Governance Handbook**

On May 20, 2023, 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 and consider adopting it.

A motion was made to adopt Santa Cruz County Board of Education Governance Handbook (Roth/Alto 7-0).

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

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

Trustee Filicetti

Friday, July 14 – Fresno COE's Virtual Capitol Advisors' Budget Perspectives Workshop

Trustee Nichols:

She participated in the Santa Cruz COE's Virtual Capitol Advisors' Budget Perspectives Workshop

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

Trustee Alto:

No report to share.

Trustee Sanchez:

June 27 – PVUSD’s Farewell event for Dr. Michelle Rodriguez

June 30 – Assemblymember Robert Riva’s Swearing In Ceremony

July 10 – Santa Cruz COE’s Virtual Capitol Advisors’ Budget Perspectives Workshop

Trustee Roth:

July 6 – SCCOE Board Committee Agenda Planning

She also attended a Student Trustee Board Academy Session.

President VanAllen:

He attended and facilitated a Student Trustee Board Academy Session.

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

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

Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Administrator Kick-Off

August 1, 2023

Seascape Golf Course

8:30 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education

All Staff Orientation

August 7, 2023

Twin Lakes Monschke Hall

9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

August 17, 2023

4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.