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Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Boardroom and/or Zoom

APPROVED BOARD MEETING 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

Trustee Absent at Time of Roll Call:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Jamie Langley, Melissa Lopez, Heather MacDougall Molloy, Dr. Angela Meeker, Verenise Valentin

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

Under AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

No Trustees requested to participate remotely.

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 (Nichols/Alto 5-0-0-1).

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The following trustees were sworn into the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Edward Estrada, Trustee Area 4, was sworn in by Board President Van Allen.

Oscar Alvarez-Delgado, Student Trustee, was sworn in by Superintendent Sabbah.

Trustee Acosta arrived at the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2023

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Nichols/Roth 8-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Alvarez-Delgado, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van
Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Outdoor Science School Update

Heather MacDougall Molloy, Director, Outdoor Science School, and Jamie Langley, Program Coordinator, provided the board with an update on recent changes and developments in the field of Outdoor Science.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

8.2 Administrator Kick Off Part 2 Recap

This year the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators was held on two separate days. The first day was a traditional kick-off in early August. On the second day, Dr. Doug Fisher was the keynote speaker, sharing on the importance of trust and building relationships. Dr. Meeker gave a brief presentation about this event to the Board.

8.3 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

The Board reviewed information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education, presented by Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, Business Services.

9. New Business and Action

9.1 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board was informed of the nominee for the appointment as the joint-appointee to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission, Lawrence Lane.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Lawrence Lane as Personnel Commissioner (Nichols/Sanchez 8-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Alvarez-Delgado, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez,
Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.2 Adopt Resolution #23-33: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit

The Gann Amendment (Proposition 4, 1979) limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts, and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year by Board Resolution.

A motion was made to Adopt Resolution #23-33 Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit (Nichols/Roth 8-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Alvarez-Delgado, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez,
Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.3 Adopt Resolution #23-34: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

A motion was made to Adopt Resolution #23-34 Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month (Nichols/Sanchez 8-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Alvarez-Delgado, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez,
Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

9.4 Adopt Resolution #23-35: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses. Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms. We are committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities. We are encouraging recognition of United Against Hate Week at all schools within our community from Sunday, November 12, through Saturday, November 18.

A motion was made to Adopt Resolution #23-35 Recognizing United Against Hate Week (Sanchez/Acosta 8-0).

Ayes: Acosta, Alto, Alvarez-Delgado, Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez,
Van Allen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

President Van Allen

He worked on various committee work and attended CCBE conference.

Trustee Roth

She attended SCZBA, the agenda committee meeting, and the CSBA roadshow.

Trustee Estrada

He attended the CSBA roadshow, participated in various onboarding meetings, and attended the Queer Youth Leadership Summit.

Trustee Sanchez

He attended the COE All staff meeting and the PVUSD state of the District.

Trustee Alto

She participated in the Charter committee meeting with PCS and welcomed Trustee Estrada and Trustee Alvarez-Delgado to the Board.

Trustee Acosta

He welcomed Trustee Estrada and Trustee Alvarez-Delgado to the Board.

Trustee Nichols

She attended the Diversity Center's Gala.

Trustee Alvarez-Delgado

He shared his ideas and goals as Student Trustee and is eager to work with the Board and staff.

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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November 16, 2023
4:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.