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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, December 14, 2023
Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.
Open Session will commence as soon as matters can be heard
Boardroom and/or Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Trustees Present:

Bruce Van Allen (President), Edward Estrada, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez, Oscar Alvarez (Student Trustee)

Trustees Absent: (At time of Role Call)

Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Melissa Lopez, Dr. Angela Meeker, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, John Rice, 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

Trustee Nichols requested remote attendance approval.

A motion was made to table this item for a later point in this meeting (Roth/Estrada 4-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

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 (Sanchez/Roth 4-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

4. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board, in closed session, discussed matters relating to a litigation matter as noted in item 5.1.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Acosta and Trustee Alto arrived at the meeting.

5.1 Litigation Matter Discussion

Superintendent Sabbah and Deputy Superintendent Reyes shared a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

A motion was made to pursue a litigation matter (Roth/Estrada 2-3-1-1).

Ayes: Estrada, Roth
Nays: Acosta, Alto, Van Allen
Abstain: Sanchez
Absent: Nichols

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado did not participate in closed session.

6. OPEN SESSION

Open session began as soon as the matter could be heard.

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

The Board returned to item 1.1, in regards to Trustee Nichol's participation. She requested remote attendance approval due to a medical emergency.

A motion was made to approve Trustee Nichol's remote attendance and participation in the meeting (Alto/Acosta 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Van Allen reported that the Board voted to not pursue a litigation matter, item 5.1.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

9. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board organizes a meeting each year by electing one of their members as president of the Board. (EDC § 1009).

9.1 Nominations for President of the Board

President Van Allen called for nominations for Board President. Trustee Sanchez nominated Vice President Roth for Board President.

9.2 Election of the Board President

A motion was made to elect Vice President Roth as Board President (Sanchez/Alto 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

President Roth called for nominations of the Vice President. President Roth nominated Trustee Alto for Vice President.

9.4 Election of Board Vice President

A motion was made to elect Trustee Alto as Board Vice President (Roth/Van Allen 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

President Roth appointed Trustee Van Allen as chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

9.6 Appointment of Representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

President Roth appointed Trustee Estrada as County Board representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

9.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed, and by motion, selected the day of the month and the time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

A motion was made to hold regular meetings monthly on the third Thursday, with an additional date in June, at 4:00 p.m. (Van Allen/Acosta 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

A motion was made to move item 12.1 Retirement Recognitions, before item 9.8. (Van Allen/Alto 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

12.1 Retirement Recognition

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who have retired in the 2023-2024 school year.

Retirees: Donna Gagne, Instructional Aide, Autism Support in Special Education
Kathleen Proffitt, Instructional Aide, Alternative Education

Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, shared a sentiment on behalf of the Chrysalis Team for Donna Gage.

Dr. Faris Sabbah, John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education, and Jean Milnes, spoke on Kathleen Proffitt's behalf.

Kathleen Proffitt accepted her award and thanked the Board and COE for providing her an excellent work experience.

9.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

9.8.1 Agenda Committee

President Roth appointed herself and Vice President Alto to the agenda committee.

9.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

9.9.1 Board Budget Committee

President Roth appointed herself and Trustee Estrada to the board budget committee.

- 9.9.2 Policy Committee
President Roth appointed Vice President Alto, Trustee Alto, and Trustee Estrada to the policy committee.
- 9.9.3 Charter Schools Committee
President Roth appointed herself, Vice President Alto, and Trustee Sanchez to the charter schools committee.
- 9.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee
President Roth appointed Trustee Van Allen, Trustee Acosta, and Trustee Nichols to the community outreach and legislative committee.
- 9.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined
President Roth has the authority to create additional ad hoc committees. No additional ad hoc committees were created.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- 10.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2023
- 10.0.2 Budget Revisions
- 10.0.3 Donations

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

10.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a holiday message from Lozano Smith.

12. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

12.2 First Interim Financial Report

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report and present it for the Board to review in open session. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services presented the report to the Board.

The Board asked clarifying questions.

13. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

13.1 Approve Resolution #23-39 School Board Recognition

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools declared our appreciation to the members of every public School Board in the County of Santa Cruz and proclaimed the month of January 2024, as School Board Recognition Month in the County of Santa Cruz.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #23-39 School Board Recognition (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Estrada

No report to share.

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

Trustee Alto:

No report to share.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended the CA State Board Association Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, CA and attended Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance's Soup for a Cause Fundraiser.

President Roth:

11/29 – 12/2 - CA State Board Association Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, CA
12/6/23 - County Board of Education Agenda Planning Meeting

Trustee Van Allen:

No report to share.

Trustee Nichols:

No report to share.

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado:

He shared that college application deadlines passed for students and many students took advantage of the support from various counselors. He also shared that he will be joining the monthly Student Trustee class with Santa Cruz City Schools, working with other student trustees.

16. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting
June 27, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Minutes, Regular Meeting
December 14, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Roth adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.