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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, January 18, 2024
4:00pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

Sue Roth (President), Ed Acosta, Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen, Oscar Alvarez-Delgado (Student Trustee)

Trustee Absent (At Time of Roll Call):

Alyssa Alto

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Michelle Kennedy, Melissa Lopez, Andres Ortiz, Christina Valentin, 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. Remote attendance is subject to Board approval.

Trustee Alto requested to participate remotely due to just cause of an illness.

A motion was made to approve Trustee Alto's remote attendance (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

Trustee Alto joined the meeting remotely.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Approved: February 15, 2024

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, with the change in moving items 5.0.3, 5.0.4, and 5.0.5 to items 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3, respectively (Van Allen/Nichols 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 14, 2023

5.0.2 Donations

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

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

5.1.1 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.1.2 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.1.3 Alternative Education Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Trustees asked clarifying questions on the school accountability report card. Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales provided clarification.

A motion was made to approve items 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 5.1.3 (Van Allen/Sanchez 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees received a letter from an anonymous sender concerning Pajaro Valley Unified School District that was not included in the packet.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Approve Cabrillo College District & Santa Cruz County Office Of Education A Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement

This is an agreement with Cabrillo College district to collaborate with the County Office of Education beginning in the Spring 2024 semester to Summer 2027. The Board was asked to sign the agreement.

The Board made no action on the agreement.

A motion was made to move this agreement to the February Board meeting (Van Allen/Estrada 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7.2 Approve Resolution #24-01 regarding Temporary Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board was asked to approve a resolution to allow Santa Cruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented the resolution.

A motion was made to Approve Resolution #24-01 regarding Temporary Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts (Sanchez/Van Allen 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7.3 Approve Resolution #24-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month

Black History Month is a time for us to continue our collective journey honoring and deepening our knowledge of the history and contributions of Black Americans and people of African descent who have been marginalized from mainstream curricula and discussions because of our country's legacy of slavery, and institutional and structural racism. The Board was asked to approve this resolution.

A motion was made to Approve Resolution #24-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month, with an additional statement to include former County Superintendent of Schools Michael Watkins (Van Allen/Sanchez 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7.4 Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar

The Board was asked to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by the Business administration.

Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services, presented the resolution.

A motion was made to Approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar as presented (Van Allen/Estrada 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7.5 Approve Resolution #24-03 Proclaiming January 2024 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking is a public health issue and crime that affects individuals, families, and communities across generations, exploiting the most vulnerable among us and weakening our collective well-being. The Board is asked to adopt this resolution.

A motion was made to Approve Resolution #24-03 Proclaiming January 2024 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month (Sanchez/Acosta 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

7.6 Approve Resolution #24-04 Authorizing the COE into local agreement with the State of California

This resolution must be adopted to certify the approval of the Governing Board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Social Services to provide child care and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

A motion was made to Approve Resolution #24-04 Authorizing the COE into local agreement with the State of California (Van Allen/Estrada 7-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado:

He will be interviewed on a podcast to discuss youth mental health and will continue to meet with fellow Student Trustees in the County.

Trustee Estrada:

He participated in CSBA's Govoner's Budget Breakdown webinar and attended the annual houseless funeral services in December.

Trustee Nichols:

She attended the COE's graduations.

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

Trustee Sanchez:

No report to share.

Trustee Van Allen:

He attended the COE's graduations.

Trustee Alto:

No report to share.

President Roth:

She attended the COE's graduations.

10. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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12. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.