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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, November 16, 2023
4:00 p.m.
Boardroom and/or Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

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

Trustee Absent (At Time of Role Call):

Alyssa Alto

Trustee Absent:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Dr. Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Hayley Newman, Richard Reid, Liann Reyes, Denise Guerra-Sanson, Verenise Valentin, Bryan Wall

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.

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 and passed to approve the agenda as presented (Roth/Estrada 5-0-0-2).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

4. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board would not be going into closed session and the matter will be tabled for the December meeting.

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Litigation Matter Discussion

This matter was tabled for the Decemeber meeting.

6. OPEN SESSION

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Van Allen disclosed that the Board did not go into closed session and the matter will be tabled for the December meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 19, 2023
- 9.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 9, 2023
- 9.0.3 Budget Revisions
- 9.0.4 Donations
- 9.0.5 Surplus Items

A motion was made and passed to approve the consent agenda as presented with minor typo correction (Nichols/Sanchez 5-0-0-2).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools.

Bryan Wall, Santa Cruz COE Williams Coordinator, and Richard Reid, Director, COE Maintenance and Operations, presented the report.

Trustee Alto arrived to the meeting.

11.2 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter School make an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals. Their presentation also included the charter's Diversity Plan.

Dr. Maria Reitano, Head of School, Pacific Collegiate School, and Aliyya Hatcher, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access, Pacific Collegiate School, presented the report.

Trustees asked clarifying questions.

11.3 Review and Discuss Board Bylaw 9323: Meeting Conduct

Trustees reviewed and discussed Board Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct, in particular the public participation section and discussed possible scenarios.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

12.1 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented the plan.

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado and Trustees asked clarifying questions.

12.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented the plan.

A motion was made and passed to approve both the School Plan for Student Achievement for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools and for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools (Nichols/Estrada 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

12.3 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Denise Guerrero-Sanson, Executive Director, Career & Adult Learning Services, presented the plan.

A motion was made and passed to approve School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter (Roth/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

12.4 Resolution #23-36 Recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

In 2007, Congress established November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to raise awareness about youth homelessness, its causes, and potential solutions. This month is a time to recognize efforts addressing youth homelessness and strengthen the commitment to ending it in the United States. The California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) support this initiative and emphasize the role of education in preventing and ending youth homelessness.

Hayley Newman, Coordinator, School Climate and Wellness, presented the importance of supporting Homeless Youth in our County.

A motion was made and passed to approve Resolution #23-36 Recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (Nichols/Alto 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

12.5 Resolution #23-37 Recognizing Special Education Day

December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the nation's first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was signed on December 2, 1972. Special Education Day was first celebrated in 2005 which was the 30th anniversary of IDEA.

A motion was made and passed to approve Resolution #23-37 Recognizing Special Education Day (Roth/Estrada 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

12.6 Resolution #23-38 To Commit Funds For High Priority Capital Needs

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education was able to retain the savings from previous facility projects in the County School Facility Fund 35. The ending balance in Fund 35 at June 30, 2023 was \$737,923.32. The Office of Public School Construction (“OPSC”) allows LEAs to retain their project savings as long as those savings are used for “high priority capital facility needs.

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the Resolution.

A motion was made and passed to approve Resolution #23-38 To Commit Funds For High Priority Capital Needs (Estrada/Nichols 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

13. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

14. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado:

He expressed safety concerns with the Pajaro Valley High School dismal process, citing dangers for both drivers and pedestrians. He participated on a student panel to promote LGBTQ+ student voice. He is working on connecting with fellow student trustees.

President Van Allen:

He engaged in committee work and hosted a public speaking training for Youth Led Leadership Alliance.

Trustee Roth:

She engaged in committee work and attended the Diversity Center’s Annual Gala.

Trustee Sanchez:

He participated in the Charter committee meeting with PCS and met with City of Watsonville’s City Manager.

Trustee Alto:

She participated in the Charter committee meeting with PCS. She is working in education again, working with students.

Trustee Nichols:

She attended the Diversity Center’s Annual Gala.

Trustee Estrada:

He is excited to be apart of the policy committee and is reveiwing the various resources from CSBA to support educators and school districts.

15. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2023
4:00 p.m.

A motion was made and passed to reschedule the regular December Board Meeting to December 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (Alto/Van Allen 6-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.