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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, February 15, 2024
4:00 pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

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

Trustee Absent (At time of role call):

Alyssa Alto

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, Denise Guerra-Sanson, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant-Gonzales, Rishi Lal, Dr. Angela Meeker, Rebecca Olker, Liann Reyes, Verenise Valentin

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

Per AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions: just cause, or emergency circumstances.

No trustees requested remote participation.

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, except for tabling item 8.1 (Van Allen/Estrada 5-2).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

Trustee Alto arrived at the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 18, 2024
- 5.0.2 School Safety Plans
- 5.0.3 Appointment of Becka York to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Nichols 6-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board was included in the meeting materials.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Labor Negotiations - "Sunshine" the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, Proposed Changes to Article 6 within the 2024-2025 Certificated Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

Elizabeth Burnhamgrau, President of the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA), Chapter 036, representing certificated staff, proposed changes to the entire Certificated Employee Unit Agreement with special attention to the following article for the 2024-2025 (Article 2, Term; Article 6, Compensation).

The board received the proposal.

Board Approved:

7.2 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Education Association (SCCEA)

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent-Business Service, proposed to negotiate the provisions in the following Articles of the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Article 2, Term; Article 6, Compensation; Article 10, Leaves; Article 14, Retirement Program, Appendix D.

The board received the proposal.

7.3 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

The Board was provided with the 2022-2023 final, audited, prior year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller’s Office. Samantha Moore, Senior Associate from Eide Bailly LLP, presented the report.

7.4 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Senate Bill 114 (2023) added a requirement for LEAs to present a report on the annual update to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) on or before February 28 each at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education, presented the update.

7.5 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter

Senate Bill 114 (2023) added a requirement for LEAs to present a report on the annual update to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) on or before February 28 each at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA. Denise Sanson, Executive Director, Student Programs, presented the update.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

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

This item was tabled at item 3, approval of the agenda.

8.2 Approval of Resolution #24-05 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month

The education of Santa Cruz County's students is fundamental to the economic, social, and intellectual capacity of our community and our society. Students with disabilities share with all students the desire to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties. In February 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March as National Disabilities Awareness Month. The Board considered adopting Resolution #24-05 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-05 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month (Sanchez/Nichols 6-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

8.3 Approval of Resolution #24-06 Recognizing March as Women's History Month

Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made significant and historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless ways. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools honor the contributions that women have made throughout history and commit to support efforts to improve opportunities for girls and women. The Board was asked to approve this resolution.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-06 Recognizing March as Women's History Month (Van Allen/Alvarez-Delgado 6-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

8.4 Approval of Resolution #24-07 in Support Of Watsonville Community Hospital Bond Measure N

Support of Measure N by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education underscores a commitment to the health and well-being of the Pajaro Valley and its surrounding communities. Recognizing the pivotal role of accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare in fostering community vitality, the resolution emphasizes the importance of enhancing Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH) to meet the evolving needs of the region. The is asked to approve this resolution.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-07 in Support Of Watsonville Community Hospital Bond Measure N (Van Allen/Alvarez-Delgado 6-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

8.5 Schedule Special Board Meeting

The Board considered scheduling a special Board meeting to participate in a Board Governance workshop hosted by the California School Board Association (CSBA) consultant Luan Rivera on either Saturday, May 18, 2024, Saturday, June 15, 2024, or Saturday, June 29, 2024.

A motion was made to schedule the special board meeting on Saturday, May 18, 2024 (Van Allen/Alto 6-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado

He was interviewed for a podcast and participated on a student panel for Santa Cruz Education Day.

Trustee Estrada:

He attended Sequoia graduations, reviewed budgets, and attended SCZBA.

Trustee Nichols:

No report to share.

Board Approved:

Trustee Sanchez:
No report to share.

Trustee Van Allen:
He is keeping up the state budget.

Trustee Alto:
No report to share.

President Roth:
1/19/24 Graduations: Sequoia Schools
1/22/24 SCZCSBA: CHATGPT
2/5/24 Agenda Planning Meeting

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.