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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
Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
4:00 pm Open Session
5:00 pm Closed Session
Santa Cruz County Office of Education - Boardroom
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEETING MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

Sue Roth (President), Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Bruce Van Allen

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Abel Sanchez

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Liann Reyes, 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.

No request for remote attendance was made.

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 (Van Allen/Nichols).

Ayes: Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Acosta, Alto, Sanchez

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Board Approved: April 18, 2024

5. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

5.1 EXPULSION APPEAL TRAINING

The Board received training from School and College Legal Services of California regarding the Board's role in expulsion appeals. Danielle Houck, General Counsel, gave the presentation.

The Board recessed at 4:43 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

6. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Roth disclosed that the Board would, in closed session, discuss matters relating to an expulsion appeal hearing, as noted in item 7.

7. CLOSED SESSION AT 5:00 PM

7.1 Expulsion Appeal Hearing #24-01

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education conducted a closed hearing regarding Pajaro Valley Unified School District's (PVUSD) decision to expel a student (Pupil Appeal #24-01). The Board was asked to affirm the expulsion, reverse the expulsion, remand for a new hearing by the district, or grant hearing *de novo* with the County Board.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

9. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Report out on Decision on Expulsion Appeal Hearing #24-01

In open session, President Roth reported that a motion was made to reverse the expulsion and uphold the appeal baes on jurisdictional grounds and prejudicial abuse of discretion (Van Allen/Estrada).

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

10. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.