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**Mr. Ed Acosta • 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, March 21, 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 roll call):

Ed Acosta

Trustee Absent:

Alyssa Alto

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Rory Bruce, Kevin Drinkard, LaDawn Holiday, Nick Ibarra, Michelle Kennedy, Rene LaBranche, Melissa Lopez, Dr. Angela Meeker, Andres Ortiz, Liann Reyes, Michelle Rix, Audrey Sirota, Verenise Valentin

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

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

Trustee Acosta requested to participate in the meeting remotely due to an emergency circumstance.

A motion was made to approve Trustee Acosta's remote attendance (Van Allen/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.

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 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 15, 2024
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations
- 5.0.4 Department of Rehabilitation Contract for the WeWork Program

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/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.

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Trustee Acosta joined the meeting virtually.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

The designated representative of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484, representing classified staff, proposed changes to the following articles within the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 2 regarding term, Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, and Article 23 regarding Compensation for Training. Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484, Michelle Rix, and LaDawn Holiday from the negotiations team were present.

7.2 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Employees Association (CSEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education sunshined the 2024-2025 Agreement to the California School Employees Association. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent-Business Service, presented the agreement.

7.3 Santa Cruz COE 2024 STEAM Expo Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the 2024 STEAM Expo held on March 9, 2024. The Expo highlighted science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics programs from across the County. Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, Miguel F. Aznar, Lead Judge, Santa Cruz County Science Fair, Audrey Sirota, VAPA Coordinator, Educational Services, and Kevin Drinkard, Math Coordinator, Educational Services.

7.4 Santa Cruz COE 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review before filing the report with the State Department of Education. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the report.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution #24-08 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month

Forty-two percent of Santa Cruz County's students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners: students who are developing proficiency in two or more languages, including students who are learning English as an additional language in school. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #24-08 recognizing April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution #24-08 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month (Nichols/Van Allen 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.

8.2 Approval of Resolution #24-09 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week

April 19-23, 2024, is National Environmental Education Week - the nation's largest celebration of environmental education. Schools in Santa Cruz County recognize the central importance of environmental education and seek to provide learning opportunities and avenues for student engagement in environmental concerns. The Board considered adopting Resolution #24-09.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-09 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week (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.

8.3 Approval of Resolution #24-10 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-10 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Van Allen/Sanchez 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.

8.4 Approval of Resolution #24-11 In Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month

Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture. The history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or diminished by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-11 In Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month (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.

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 spoke at the annual COE Celebration event and shared that there is an increasing number of student participation at school board meetings.

Trustee Estrada:

He attended the annual COE celebration and was trained in youth mental first aid.

Trustee Nichols:

She attended the annual COE celebration.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended the annual COE celebration and shared updates on CCBE And CSBA.

Trustee Van Allen:

He worked on election campaigns.

Trustee Acosta:

No report to share.

President Roth:

February 29 - SCCOE Annual Report to the Community

March 7 - SCCOE Agenda Committee

March 12 - CSBA Legislation Action meeting: John Laird

March 14 - CSBA Legislation Action meeting: Robert Rivas (Aide: Misty Padilla Feusahrens)

March 20 - SCCOE: Expulsion Hearing

11. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS
None.

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS
Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2024
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT
President Roth adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.