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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, April 18, 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

Trustee Absent At The Time of Roll Call:

Ed Acosta, Oscar Alvarez-Delgado (Student Trustee)

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Jessica Little, Angela Meeker, 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 Trustees request remote attendance.

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 (Nichols/Van Allen 5-0-0-1).

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

Trustee Acosta arrived at the meeting.

4. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Roth disclosed that the Board would discuss matters relating to an interdistrict transfer appeal in closed session as noted in item 5.1.

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5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #24-01

The Board held an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

Open, Conduct, & Close the Hearing: Sue Roth (President)

6. OPEN SESSION

Open session began as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Roth reported on action(s) taken by the Board in Closed Session.

A motion was made to deny the interdistrict transfer appeal and uphold the district's decisions (Van Allen/Acosta 5-1-0-0).

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado arrived to the meeting.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.0.1 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 20, 2024
- 9.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2024
- 9.0.3 Donations
- 9.0.4 Surplus Items

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with a minor correction to item 9.0.1 (Van Allen/Nichols 6-0-0-0).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

9.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The board received correspondence from Alyssa Alto, with her resignation letter and a letter sharing her appreciation for the board, staff, and community.

11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Recognizing the Santa Cruz COE 2024 STEAM Expo ISEF Winners

The Board recognized the 2024 STEAM Expo finalist Brent Kong (Scotts Valley High School). He was accompanied by Miguel Aznar, STEAM Expo Lead Judge.

11.2 COE Special Education Presentation

The Board received an update on Santa Cruz County Office of Education activities in our special education program. Dr. Deven Stark, Director, Special Education, presented the report.

11.3 Multilingual Students and Network Presentation

The Board received an update on Santa Cruz County Office of Education activities supporting the multilingual student community and multilingual network in recognition of April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month. Barbara Huebner, Multilingual Coordinator, Educational Services

11.4 Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities

The Board received a report of the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Benefits, as is required every two years in compliance with GASB 43/45. Rebecca Olker, Senior Director, Fiscal Services, presented the report.

The Board recessed for 5 minutes and returned to the meeting at 6:40pm. During the recess, Trustee Acosta left the meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approve 2024 - 2025 COE and Student Program Calendars

The Board was asked to approve the 2024-2025 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars.

A motion was made to approve the 2024 - 2025 COE and Student Program Calendars (Van Allen/Estrada 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.2 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY

The Board reviewed the following board policy:

BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders

A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders and waive the second reading (Van Allen/Nichols 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.3 Approve Resolution #24-12 Proclaiming May 1-7, 2024 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education celebrates Harvey Milk Day and invites all across Santa Cruz County to fly the rainbow flag from May 1-7, 2024, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history during this week in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-12 Proclaiming May 1-7, 2024 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day (Van Allen/Estrada 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.4 Adopt Resolution #24-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher

Education Code, Section 372229(a), specifies the Second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher, a day having special significance. All public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days, and, specifically on the Day of the Teacher, conduct exercises commemorating and directing attention to the teachers and the teaching profession.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher (Nichols/Alvarez-Delgado 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.5 Adopt Resolution #24-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week

California Senate Bill 1552, passed in 1984, decreed the third full week in May as California School Employees' Week in official recognition of the services and dedication of classified school employees.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week (Van Allen/Nichols 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.6 Approval of Resolution #24-15 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-15 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month (Nichols/Van Allen 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.7 Approval of Resolution #24-16 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education renews its commitment to the safety and well-being of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-16 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Van Allen/ 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.8 Approval of Resolution #24-17 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. The Board considered adoption of Resolution #24-17, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-17 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month (Van Allen/Nichols 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.9 Approve Resolution #24-18 Ordering an Election (Santa Cruz County)

Trustee Area terms for areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 expire this November. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #24-18 Ordering an Election, requesting County Elections to Conduct the election, and requesting the consolidation of the election, and specifications of the election order in Santa Cruz County.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-18 Ordering an Election (Santa Cruz County) (Van Allen/Estrada 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

12.10 Approve Resolution #24-19 Ordering an Election (Monterey County)

Trustee Area terms for areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 expire this November. Part of Trustee Area 6 resides in Monterey County. The Board was asked to adopt Resolution #24-19 Ordering an Election, requesting the Registrar of Voters to conduct the election, and requesting the consolidation of the election, and specifications of the election order in Monterey County.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-19 Ordering an Election (Monterey County) (Van Allen/Nichols 5-0-0-1).

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on the matter.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

14. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado has been working on the youth mental health council in planning the cultivating youth event and is working with the youth for environmental action group on the annual summit.

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Estrada:

He will be unable to attend SCZBA and asked President Roth to attend on his behalf.

Trustee Nichols:

No report to share.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended the COE WASC lunch.

Trustee Van Allen:

He participated in the Rotary speech contest.

President Roth:

She attended the COE WASC lunch.

16. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

President Roth established a Board Vacancy Review Committee, appointing Trustee Sanchez and Trustee Van Allen to the committee.

17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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18. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.