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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols • Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2024
4:00 pm
Boardroom and 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, Rachel Williams
Oscar Alvarez-Delgado (Student Trustee)

Trustee Absent:

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Maria Castro, Denise Guerra-Sanson, Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Michelle Kennedy, Rebecca Olker, Andres Ortiz, Liann Reyes, John Rice, Elias Tapia, 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 requests for remote attendance were 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 with the change to move item 9.4 and 9.5 to the June 27, 2024 meeting (Van Allen/Nichols, 6-0-0-1):

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Spadafora (Parent) shared his story of his son recently graduating Soquel High and his older daughter's addiction and urged for increased fentanyl awareness at schools and incorporation into the curriculum.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 16, 2024
- 5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on May 30, 2024
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Alternative Education Consolidated Application

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Williams, 6-0-0-1):

Ayes: Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams
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

No additional correspondence was received.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

The Board recognized the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are retiring in the 2023-2024 school year.

Retiree: Yolanda Gallardo, Assistant and Interpreter/Translator, Special Education
Elias Tapia, Maintenance Custodian, Maintenance and Operations
Jody Belgard, Senior Systems Support Liaison, Business Info Systems
Maria Castro, Manager of Migrant/Seasonal Head Start, Ed. Services
Kevin Drinkard, Math Coordinator, Educational Services
Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the 2024-2025 Annual Update, and 2024-2025 Budget Overview for Parents.

President Roth opened, conducted and closed the public hearing.

Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Senior Director, Alternative Education presented the LCAP.

8.2 Public Hearing: 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board held a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School and the 2024-2025 Annual Update, and 2024-2025 Budget Overview for Parents.

President Roth opened, conducted and closed the public hearing.

Denise Guerra-Sanson, Executive Director, Student Program, presented the LCAP.

8.3 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2024-2025 Budget

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2024-2025 Budget was presented to the public in accordance with EDC § 1620 et seq., 24103.

President Roth opened, conducted and closed the public hearing.

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the proposed budget.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools, Annual Report

Proposition 28, known as the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, was approved by California voters on November 8, 2022. This initiative aims to provide consistent annual funding for arts education in K-12 public schools, including charter schools, by allocating an amount equal to 1% of the total state and local revenues received under Proposition 98 from the previous fiscal year. Under this proposition, schools are required to submit annual board-approved reports detailing how funds were spent.

John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education, presented the report.

A motion was made to approve the Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools, Annual Report as presented (Van Allen/Alvarez-Delgado, 6-0-0-1):

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.2 Approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan for 2022-2026 (Alternative Education)

On June 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom approved AB 181, establishing the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant. The grant allocates resources to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to obtain standards-aligned professional development and instructional materials for specific subject areas; professional development and instructional materials to improve school climate; developing diverse, culturally relevant, and multilingual school library book collections; cover operational costs, including increases in retirement and health care costs; and address COVID-19-related costs.

John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education, presented the spending plan.

A motion was made to approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan for 2022-2026 (Alternative Education) as presented (Van Allen/Nichols, 6-0-0-1):

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.3 Approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan for 2022-2026 (Career Advancement Charter)

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A motion was made to approve the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Spending Plan for 2022-2026 (Career Advancement Charter) as presented (Van Allen/Williams, 6-0-0-1):

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

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado voted yes on this matter.

9.4 Approve Resolution #24-24 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Santa Cruz County Office of Education)

Agenda item tabled for the next meeting, June 27, 2024

9.5 Approve Resolution #24-25 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Career Advancement Charter)

Agenda item tabled for the next meeting, June 27, 2024

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado shared that this meeting is his last as he ventures into a college. He thanked the Board, Superintendent Sabbah, Andres Ortiz, and staff for their support and guidance.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Nichols

She attended various COE graduations.

Trustee Estrada

He attended the COE Special Education graduation and represented the COE in the Santa Cruz Pride parade.

Trustee Van Allen

He attended the COE Special Education graduation, represented the COE in the Santa Cruz Pride parade, and is paying attention to the state budget.

Trustee Williams

She attended the Harbor High Arts Showcase, represented the COE in the Santa Cruz Pride parade, attended the Youth hosted awards, attended the Santa Cruz Juneteenth celebration, and has been participating in various COE onboarding meetings.

Trustee Sanchez

He attended various COE graduations.

President Roth

She attended four COE graduations, attended Capital Advisors "Budget Perspectives Workshop", participated in SCCOE Board Budget Committee meeting, and attended SCCOE Board Agenda Planning Committee.

Superintendent Sabbah disclosed that Trustee Acosta informed our office that he is not feeling well and needed to miss this meeting.

13. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 27, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2024
4:00 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.