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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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 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, Rachel Williams

Trustees Absent (At Time of Roll Call):

Ed Acosta

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Nick Ibarra, Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Michelle Kennedy, Melissa Lopez, Andres Ortiz, Liann Reyes, John Rice, 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 requests were made.

2. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Roth disclosed that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to property as noted in item 3.1.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The Board considered the purchase of certain real property and were given the opportunity to direct staff and legal representatives concerning price and/or terms for the purchase. (Govt. Code Section 54956.8)

COE Representatives: Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Kelly M. Rem, Lozano Smith

Property: 119 West Beach Street, Watsonville, CA, Santa Cruz County
APN: 017-101-40

4. OPEN SESSION

Open session began as soon thereafter as the matter could be heard at 4:52 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Williams/Nichols, 7-0):

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

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Roth reported that the Board, in Closed Session, approved the proposed lease for the property noted in agenda item 3.1 by the following vote (Van Allen/Williams, 6-0-1-0):

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Cohen (Parent) shared concerns about the age requirement of kindergarten enrollment.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15, 2024

9.0.2 Budget Revisions

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented (Van Allen/Nichols, 7-0):

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

9.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education

According to County Board of Education Board Bylaw 9150, the Board may appoint a high school student from the county to serve as a Student Trustee for the duration of the school year.

11.2 Conduct Interviews of Student Trustee Applicants

Applicants: Brandon Blake (Aptos High School)
Maximiliano Barraza Hernández (Pajaro Valley High School)
Sylvi Kayser (Aptos High School)
Ruben Marcus (Soquel High School)
Kevin Ruiz (Pajaro Valley High School)

11.3 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Board Deliberation to Determine Final Student Trustee Candidate

The Board deliberated to determine the final student trustee candidate.

11.4 Resolution #24-33: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

A motion was made to appoint Ruben Marcus as the Student Trustee and adopt Resolution #24-33 (Acosta/Williams, 7-0).

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

11.5 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

According to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board shall hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2024-2025 school year.

President Roth opened, conducted, and closed the public hearing.

John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education, conducted the presentation.

11.6 Resolution #24-34: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

To be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects under Education Code Section 60605 et. seq.

A motion was made to appoint Ruben Marcus as the Student Trustee and adopt Resolution #24-34 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials (Van Allens/Estrada, 7-0).

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

11.7 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board was informed of the nominee for the appointment as the joint-appointee to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission, Lynn Miller to fill a vacancy that will exist on December 1, 2024. (Merit Rule 2.102 B).

A motion was made to appoint Lynn Miller as the joint-appointee to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission (Van Allens/Nichols, 7-0).

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

11.8 First Reading: Board Policy - 6000s Series Instruction

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 6158 Independent Studies

A motion was made to approve Board Policy 6158 Independent Studies and waive the second reading (Van Allens/Williams, 7-0).

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

11.9 2023-2024 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

The Board was requested to review information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education. Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, presented the report.

11.10 Resolution #24-35: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-35: Recognizing United Against Hate Week (Williams/Acosta, 7-0).

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

11.11 Resolution #24-36: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-36: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month, with minor edits (Estrada/Williams, 7-0).

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

11.12 Resolution #24-37: Recognizing October 13 through October 19 Week of the School Administrator

The term "school administrator" encompasses various education leadership roles, including superintendents, principals, curriculum leaders, and more. With over 6 million students in California, the future of public education relies on strong leadership.

A motion was made to approve Resolution #24-37: Recognizing October 13 through October 19 Week of the School Administrator (Nichols/Estrada, 7-0).

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Nichols:

No report.

Trustee Estrada:

He attended the CSBA County Board Trustees Conference in Monterey.

Trustee Acosta:

No report.

Trustee Van Allen:

He attended the CSBA County Board Trustees Conference in Monterey.

Trustee Williams:

She helped at the COE table at PV Pride, attended the Walnut Avenue Women's Center Gala, attended the CSBA County Board Trustees Conference in Monterey, participated in an ethics training, and joined the COE's Inside Education program.

Trustee Sanchez:

He attended the CSBA County Board Trustees Conference in Monterey.

Trustee Roth:

She attended the CSBA County Board Trustees Conference in Monterey.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None.

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

All meetings scheduled and approved by the Board are listed below. Specific meetings may be removed or added if so determined, pending board approval.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 17, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2024
4:00 p.m.

A motion was made to schedule a special board meeting on October 10, 2024 to hold two interdistrict transfer appeal hearings in closed session (Nichols/Estrada, 7-0).

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.