

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Regular Board Meeting
June 15, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Abel Sanchez (President)
Bruce Van Allen (Vice-President)
Jane Barr
Sandra Nichols
Sue Roth
Dana Sales
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
Mary Anne James
Jim Guss

Absent

Rose Filicetti
Mary Hart

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Abel Sanchez (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sales) to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Ayes:	Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Filicetti

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jim Logsdon (with the approval of President Sanchez) commented that he was fully in support of the new Charter School that was on the agenda for approval later in the meeting. Mr. Logsdon gave a \$100.00 donation to the new Charter School.

Ms. Marcia Meyer, representing the Gardeners' Club of Santa Cruz County addressed the Board to acknowledge the work of Jim Howes, Assistant Director, ROP. Ms. Meyer, a former COE administrator stated that Mr. Howes coordinates the outreach component of the Gardeners' Club High School Scholarship Program. As a result (over the last three years) five graduating high school students enrolled in horticulture/agriculture classes have received \$300-500 scholarships to enroll in the Cabrillo College Horticulture Program.

Mr. Jack Carroll, Executive Director, Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers, informed the Board that the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) is looking to propose a cap on the amount the district would contribute to teacher health benefits. This would mean, as benefit costs rise, the district contribution would stay the same. The cap would amount to a 5% pay cut for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Carroll stated that the teachers union would not agree to a contract that contains a benefit cap. If that happens, the union and the district would reach an impasse and a mediator would be called in. If an agreement is still not reached, the teachers union could call a strike. Mr. Carroll reminded the Board that PVUSD is the largest district in the county and serves more than half of the students in the county. He suggested that the Board should have the COE Business Department do a review of the financials for PVUSD.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting held on May 18, 2017
- 5.0.2** Minutes of First Special Board Meeting held on May 18, 2017
- 5.0.3** Minutes of Second Special Board Meeting held on May 18, 2017
- 5.0.4** Minutes of Public Hearing held on May 26, 2017
- 5.0.5** Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.6** Donations

It was M.S.C (Nichols/Sales) to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.0.1 through 5.0.4.

Ayes: Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: Barr
Absent: Filicetti

After a brief discussion, it was M.S.C. (Barr/Roth) to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.0.5 and 5.0.6.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

None.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 RECOGNITIONS

7.1 International Science and Engineering Fair

Max Freedman, an Alternative Education 10th-grader presented the award-winning project that he and classmate Jackson Damhorst created called “Effects of Varroa Mite Treatments on Bee Memory and Learning.” Their project won best overall at the Santa Cruz County Science Fair, first in category at the Engineering Fair and California State Science Fair and were among eight teams to win the Fourth Award in Animal Sciences during the International Science and Engineering Fair.

7.2 Certificates of Completion for Administrative Credential

The Board recognized 14 administrators who completed their Tier II Administrative Credential.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Public Hearing: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

The Board held a Public Hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) which was presented by John Armstrong, Director, Alternative Education and Denise Sanson, Director, Alternative Education. The hearing was held to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the LCAP of the Santa Cruz County Court and Community Schools.

8.2 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2017-2018 Budget

The Board held a Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Budget which was presented by Rebecca Olker, Manger, Internal Business Services. The hearing was held to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the budget proposed by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

8.3 Approve Consolidated Application 2017-2018

The Board was asked to approve the 2017-2018 Consolidated Application as presented by John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education.

It was M.S.C (Van Allen/Nichols) to approve the Consolidated Application for 2017-2018 as presented.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

8.4 Adopt Resolution 17-08: Use of Proposition 30 Education Protection Act Funds

The Board was asked to adopt Resolution 17-08 to approve the usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budget as presented by Jean Gardner, Senior Director, Fiscal Services.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Van Allen) to adopt Resolution 17-08 in support of the use of Proposition 30 Education Protection Act Funds.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

8.5 Approve the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) Revision

The Board was asked to approve revisions that were made to the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) as presented by John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education. The changes to the Plan were as a result of a recent federal program monitoring (FPM) of the English Learner Program conducted May 31, 2017 through June 2, 2017.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Roth) to approve the revisions to the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

8.6 Approval of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter Petition

The Board was requested to approve the petition to create the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School. Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the 15 elements needed to approve the charter and Faris Sabbah, Deputy Superintendent, gave a brief review of the Charter School.

It was M.S.C (Roth/Nichols) to approve the petition for the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

8.7 Approval of Resolutions 17-09, 17-10 and 17-11 Evidencing Approval of Three Territory Transfers from School Districts Within the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education to Districts Within the Jurisdiction of the Santa Clara County Office of Education

The Board was asked to approve Resolutions 17-09, 17-10 and 17-11. The resolutions were drafted in order to evidence prior authorizations by the Board in 2012, 2013 and 2016 to transfer property from the Scotts Valley Unified School District and Pajaro Valley Unified School District to districts located within the jurisdiction of the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

It was M.S.C (Nichols/Barr) to adopt Resolution 17-09, evidencing the prior approval to change the school district boundaries for 11 parcels from the Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Sales) to adopt Resolution 17-10, evidencing the prior approval to change the school district boundaries for 7 parcels from the Pajaro Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Sales) to adopt Resolution 17-11, evidencing the prior approval to change the school district boundaries for 20 parcels from the Scotts Valley Unified School District to the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District and the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Filicetti

8.8 2018 Elections

Superintendent Watkins announced to the Board that he will not seek re-election at the end of his current term and has decided to retire after serving the Santa Cruz County Office of Education for nearly 39 years. Superintendent Watkins stated that he plans to fulfill his term in office before his retirement.

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his last report on May 18, 2017.

10.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Barr did not have a report this month.

Trustee Roth reported that she was invited to attend an event on June 18, 2017 in which California Congresswoman Anna Eshoo would also be in attendance. Trustee Roth also participated in a student advisory meeting which included three students from the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District. Lastly, Trustee Roth would like for the Board to entertain the possibility of holding a Board Retreat and also for the Board to look into a Suicide Policy to go along with California Assembly Bill 2246 (Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies).

Trustee Sales advised the Board that the Watsonville Community Band, along with seven students from Salinas High School, recently performed in Washington, D.C.

Trustee Nichols stated that she attended the Santa Cruz Pride Parade and also two Alternative Education graduations.

Trustee Van Allen reported that he attended the property transfer hearing in Scotts Valley on May 26, 2017 and that he also attended one of the Alternative Education graduations. Trustee Van Allen also wanted to let the Board know how very serious the housing crisis is in Santa Cruz County.

Trustee Sanchez advised the Board that he also attended the property transfer hearing in Scotts Valley. He also attended a number of Alternative Education graduations and also the Special Education graduation.

11.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None

12.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

None

13.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COING EVENTS

July 20, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
August 17, 2017 4:00	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
August 21, 2017 8:30 a.m.	SCCOE Employee Orientation Meeting 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
September 8-10, 2017 Portola Hotel & Spa	CCBE Annual Conference Monterey, CA
November 30 – December 2, 2017 Marriott Marquis Hotel	CSBA Annual Conference San Diego, CA

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

Abel Sanchez (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.