

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

Regular Board Meeting  
October 19, 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 Royer Barr  
Rose Filicetti  
Sandra Nichols  
Sue Roth  
Dana Sales  
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

#### Staff Present

Faris Sabbah  
Mary Anne James  
Jim Guss

#### Absent

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 (Filicetti/Sales) to approve the Agenda.

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

### 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.0.1 Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2017
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Nichols to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (If Required)**

None.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7.1 Board Committees**

The Board discussed the roles of each Committee. Abel Sanchez (President) appointed Trustee Roth to the Charter School Committee and Trustee Filicetti to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association Committee. President Sanchez also stated that all of the Trustees are on the School District Organization Committee. The Board clarified the names of two particular Committees: "Community Outreach and Legislative Committee" and "Santa Cruz County School Board Association".

**8.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1 Climate Change Education**

This agenda item was not heard as the presenter was not in attendance.

**8.2 District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)**

The Board received a review from Denise Sanson, Director, Alternative Education, on the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) meeting that was held on October 5, 2017. As a member of the DELAC, Ms. Sanson provided advice and input to the governing board on behalf of the whole committee, specifically regarding services for English learner students.

**8.3 Countywide Results: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress**

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, gave the Board a presentation concerning the most recent California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CASPP) results. Mrs. James stated that this was the third year of the CASPP assessments. The 2017 results indicated an achievement gap among racial and ethnic groups in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. The results also showed that 45 % of Santa Cruz County students reached the Standards Met or Standards Exceeded achievement levels compared to 49% of students statewide.

8.4 **Gun Violence**

The Community Outreach and Legislative Committee (Trustees Filicetti, Nichols and Van Allen) brought to the Board the subject of gun violence. The Committee inquired if the Board was in favor of starting a conversation about taking a stand against gun violence at the local, state and national level. The Board requested that the Committee reconvene and come back to the Board with more information and possibly a proposal.

9.0 **REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

9.1 **Approve Resolution 17-17: Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts**

Jean Gardner, Senior Director, Fiscal Services, requested that the Board approve Resolution 17-17, Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts. These loans would allow the COE to make temporary cash loans to any school district that does not have sufficient money to its credit to meet current operating expenses.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve Resolution 17-17, Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts.

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

9.2 **Adopt Resolution 17-18: Gann Amendment Appropriations**

Jean Gardner, Senior Director, Fiscal Services, requested that the Board adopt Resolution 17-18, Gann Amendment Appropriations. The Gann Amendment limits the growth in appropriations made by the State, school districts and local governments. All Local Education Areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Barr) to adopt Resolution 17-18, Gann Amendment Appropriations.

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

9.3 **Adopt Resolution 17-19: Charter School Application for California State Teachers Retirement System (CALSTRS) Activation**

It was M.S.C (Barr/Van Allen) to change the title of this agenda item to “Approval of Charter School Application for California State Teachers Retirement System (CALSTRS) Activation.

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

Jean Gardner, Senior Director, Fiscal Services requested the Board's approval of the Charter School Application for California State Teachers Retirement System (CALSTRS) Activation. The Board's approval would allow the COE to pay to CALSTRS the contributions designated as employee contributions from the same source of funds as used in paying employee salaries.

It was M.S.C (Van Allen/Filicetti) to approve the Charter School Application for California State Teachers Retirement System (CALSTRS) activation.

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

#### **10.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his last report on September 21, 2017.

#### **11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Barr stated that Affordable Housing Week began today and will run through October 29, 2017. She also informed the Board that the next meeting of the Santa Cruz County School Board Association will be held on November 13, 2017 at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History.

Trustee Roth advised the Board that she attended the Girl Scouts National Convention in Columbus, Ohio and that it was a really wonderful experience. She also stated that the Central Coast Girl Scouts also received a grant from Google for "Programming on the Go" which has to do with coding.

Trustee Sales did not have a Trustee Report.

Trustee Nichols stated that she had attended a kickoff for California Assemblymember Mark Stone and attended both the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Meeting and the Policy Committee Meeting. Trustee Nichols also told the Board that she watched a voting issue video on gerrymandering.

Trustee Van Allen informed the Board that he has been very busy with the Housing Advocacy Network (which is also a part of Affordable Housing Week) and also attended the Policy Committee Meeting and the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Meeting.

Trustee Sanchez advised the Board that he attended a Clean Up Watsonville event with Watsonville City Council Member Rebecca Garcia. He also attended the Policy Committee Meeting.

Trustee Filicetti attended numerous meetings throughout the month: the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) Friday Forum; the Soquel Bond Oversight Committee Meeting; The Digital Nest Retreat with the Packard Foundation; the Capitola City Council Meeting; the Santa Cruz City Council Meeting; the Monarch School Wine and Tacos Event; the Diversity Center Gala; and the Aptos Chamber of Commerce Meeting; and the Santa Cruz City Schools Board Meeting where Cynthia Ranii was appointed to the Board.

Trustee Filicetti also met with the following people during the month: Robert Singleton from the Santa Cruz County Business Council (Housing Initiative) and Heather Putnam from Santa Cruz Works. She is also planning to attend: College Week at Pajaro Valley High School where UCSC Chancellor George Blumenthal will address the students; former State Senator Joe Simitian's event on "Listening Tour of Trump's America, Lessons from the Red States"; and the second Breaking the Glass Ballot event on January 13, 2018 to get more Santa Cruz County women in the elected officials pipeline.

**13.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

None

**14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Community Outreach and Legislative Committee to bring to the Board more information and possible proposal concerning gun violence in Santa Cruz County schools and in the Santa Cruz community.

Trustee Van Allen asked that "Board Retreat" be added as a discussion item to the next Board meeting agenda.

**15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

October 19, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
November 16, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
November 30 – December 2, 2017 Marriott Marquis Hotel	CSBA Annual Conference San Diego, CA
December 21, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Abel Sanchez (President) adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.