



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ms. Jane Royer Barr
Ms. Rose Filicetti
Ms. Sandra Nichols
Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Dana M. Sales
Mr. Abel Sanchez
Mr. Bruce Van Allen

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

Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

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

Staff Present

Mary Hart
Mary Anne James
Jim Guss

Absent

Faris Sabbah

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Van Allen (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C (Filicetti/Barr) 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 the Regular Board Meeting held on December 21, 2017
- 5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sales) to approve Consent Agenda items 5.0.1 and 5.0.2.

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

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to approve Consent Agenda items 5.0.3.

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS

None

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Board Retreat

Superintendent Watkins suggested that the Board Retreat be held on February 24, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Unfortunately, that date was not conducive for the Board. The Superintendent stated that he will advise the Board of additional dates to choose from in order to schedule the Retreat. The Superintendent also stated that he will try to accommodate all of the topics as suggested by the Board; however, they will not all be able to be covered during the Retreat.

8.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation

Denise Sanson, Director, Alternative Education and Jennifer Izant, Teacher, Alternative Education, presented to the Board a thorough review of what a WASC accreditation entails. The Alternative Education Program is preparing for a WASC visit from March 18, 2018 through March 21, 2018. The Alternative Education Program is preparing for the WASC Team to visit all of the Alternative Education sites during the visit. A “Meet and Greet” with the WASC Accreditation Team is scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2 p.m.

8.2 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

Terri Montgomery, Partner, Vavrinek, Tine, Day & Co., LLP presented to the Board the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report as of June 30, 2017. Ms. Montgomery highlighted many different areas throughout the report and concluded that the audit was found to have been presented fairly with no federal or state findings, no adjustments and that both the federal and state funds were unmodified.

Trustee Sales questioned how long Ms. Montgomery has personally been conducting the COE audit and how long her company has been conducting the COE audit. Ms. Montgomery stated that she has been auditing the COE for three years during this engagement (she has done the audit in the past) and that she is not sure how long the company has been performing the COE audit. She stated that Ed Code requires that the partner conducting the audit be changed every six years; however, the actual auditing team rotates every year.

Bruce Van Allen (President) advised Ms. Montgomery that on page 63 of the report that his term expiration date should show as 2018 instead of 2020.

Superintendent Watkins congratulated Mary Hart and her staff for their hard work and successful audit.

8.3 Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities

Rebecca Olker, Manager, Internal Business Services presented the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities as of June 30, 2017 to the Board as is required every two years in compliance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 74/75. Ms. Olker stated that the previous audit presentation was under GASB 43/45 and has since been updated to 74/75. Ms. Olker reviewed the major portions of the study: Terminology, Timing & Frequency, Measurement, Projection, Discounting, Employer Liability for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and the Present Value of Projected Benefit Payments.

8.4 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Annual Report

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, presented to the Board the 2017-2018 Annual Report to the Community. Ms. James highlighted a number of pages within the report. Bruce Van Allen (President) clarified that his term expiration date should be 2018 instead of 2020.

Superintendent Watkins congratulated Mary Anne for an outstanding job on this year's report.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Adopt Resolution #18-01, In Support of Full and Fair Funding to Public Education in California

Bruce Van Allen (President) presented Resolution #18-01 to the Board for approval. School boards throughout California were encouraged by the California School Boards Association (CSBA) to approve the resolution to support full and fair funding for public education in California.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Filicetti) to adopt Resolution #18-01, to support full and fair funding for public education in California.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen
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 December 21, 2017.

11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Filicetti reported that she attended the most recent Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting. The officer elections were held as well as discussions concerning negotiations and the budget. She also attended the Capitola Local Government Academy where interesting discussions were held on opportunities for collaboration with the local school districts. Trustee Filicetti also met with Andy Stone, Director of the Workforce Development Board concerning CTE apprenticeships and paid internships. She also attend the Breaking the Glass Ballot presentation there women were encouraged to run for office and appointed boards, commissions and committees and/or support those who do. Lastly, she attended three Alternative Education graduations and attended the Capitol Advisors Budget Workshop.

Trustee Sanchez advised the Board that he was planning to attend the countywide spelling bee on January 27, 2018 at UC Santa Cruz.

Trustee Barr stated that she attended the Capitol Advisors Budget Workshop held at the COE.

Trustee Sales did not have a report.

Trustee Nichols reported that she attended an Alternative Education graduation ceremony and also the Martin Luther King March in Santa Cruz on January 15, 2018. She also stated that she was going to an event after the Board meeting to hear Delaine Eastin, candidate for California Governor.

Trustee Roth advised the Board that she as well attended the Breaking the Glass Ceiling event, the Alternative Education graduations and the Capitol Advisors Budget Workshop.

Trustee Van Allen stated that he is getting acclimated to his full-time job.

12.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

The Community Outreach and Legislative Committee would like to meet to discuss where the Committee should be focusing its efforts.

14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Watkins will follow up on possible dates to hold the Retreat.

15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

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16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Van Allen (President) adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.