



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
 March 15, 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

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
 Mary Hart
 Mary Anne James
 Jim Guss

Absent

Michael Watkins (Secretary)

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Van Allen (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Roth joined the meeting at this time.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Pauline Seales from the Santa Cruz Climate Action Network addressed the Board concerning the topic of climate change and how it can severely affect young people later in their lives if nothing is done now to change the outcome.

Ruby Rorty from the Santa Cruz Environmental Alliance also addressed the Board on the topic of climate change and the long-term dire affects it may have on the youth of today.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 18, 2018

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

It was M.S.C. (Filicetti/Nichols) to approve Consent Agenda items 5.0.1.

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

Ayes: Barr, Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Board Retreat

Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah reminded the Board that the Board Retreat will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 in the COE Annex from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with the following items to be discussed:

- A review of all of the Alternative Education Programs at the COE (Staff)
- Fiscal Oversight – What does that mean? (Staff)
- Understanding the Board’s role with Charter schools (Staff)
- LCAP (Staff)
- The Board’s philosophy on the Mission, Vision and Goals of the COE (Staff).

8.0 REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2017-18 Second Interim Financial Report

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services reviewed the Second Interim Financial Report with the Board. Ms. Hart stated that the Second Interim budget for fiscal year 2017-18 is certified as Positive, meaning that the SCCOE will be able to meet its current year obligations as well as two additional years (2018-19 and 2019-20).

8.2 Green Schools, Bay Sci and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Amity Sandage, CREEC South Bay Region Coordinator and Nehal Pfeiffer, Teacher, Science & Engineering Fair Coordinator presented to the Board a very on-hands and enlightening overview of how the COE is trying to stimulate students into thinking about the environment and science and how it can actually be both educational and fun.

8.3 SCCOE Employee Survey

Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah and Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, discussed with the Board an employee survey that was conducted in March. The survey was very positive but did include some areas that the COE could improve in regard to employee satisfaction. They advised the Board that the survey results were discussed during a recent COE All meeting and that the each department within the COE would discuss the survey further with their teams of employees.

8.4 School Safety

Faris Sabbah, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board on the status of school safety plans being implemented throughout the county. Mr. Sabbah stated that the COE has worked closely with the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and the Santa Cruz, Capitola, Watsonville and Scotts Valley Police Departments to answer the questions and concerns raised by the Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury in June 2017. The COE has also been working with each of the 10 school districts in Santa Cruz County to have these new safety plans put into practice.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Adopt Resolution #18-02, In Support of National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation

Bruce Van Allen (President) presented Resolution #18-02 to the Board for approval. In a letter to the Board, David Terrazas, Mayor, City of Santa Cruz, encouraged the Board to approve this resolution in support of a National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation. It has been determined, that the legislation and fees will have positive impacts on the environment, economy and public health.

After a very lengthy discussion, the Board decided to have the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee conduct a more in-depth review of this resolution prior to the Board taking action.

9.2 Approve the Santa Cruz County Office of Education School Calendars for 2018-2019.

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, presented the COE and Alternative Education Program calendars for 2018-2019 to the Board for approval.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Roth) to approve the Santa Cruz County Office of Education School Calendars for 2018-2019.

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, was not present at the meeting; however, he did provide an update on his activity and matters of interest since his last report on February 15, 2018.

11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Van Allen (President) advised the Board that he was involved in a political effort concerning the startup of Monterey Bay Community Power (MCPB). MCPB is a new, locally-controlled public agency providing carbon-free electricity to residents and businesses in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. Trustee Van Allen also attended the Santa Cruz High School “walkout”.

Trustee Roth informed the Board that she volunteered at Santa Cruz High School where they registered 51 young adults to vote. She further stated that she will continue to help young adults register to vote at other high schools throughout the county.

Trustee Nichols stated to the Board that she completed an editorial on gun violence to the Santa Cruz Sentinel. She has also been working on Proposition 13 property tax reform and attended a training concerning circulating petitions. Lastly, she attended a community event to effect change in who is representing California in Washington D.C.

Trustee Sales did not have a report.

Trustee Barr advised the Board that she attended a dinner hosted by Pacific Collegiate Charter School (PCS). The school recognized Superintendent Watkins for his many years of support and guidance to PCS.

Trustee Sanchez informed the Board that he also attended the PCS dinner where Superintendent Watkins was recognized and attended this year’s Science Fair where he was a judge. He also commented that he was very impressed with the students in the county and how they addressed the school walkout.

Trustee Filicetti stated to the Board that she had spoken with Zach Friend, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors about the COE resolution in support of school and community safety and that he had responded with a copy of their Board’s 2/27/18 Agenda item in support of gun safety.

Trustee Filicetti attended a Panetta Lecture Series even on “The Economy and the American Dream – Impact of Debt, Growth, Immigration and Tax Cuts”. She also attended events for Women in Ag and Tech at CSUMB and the Your Future is Our Business Luncheon. She also met with Susan True who is the new CEO of the Community Foundation.

Trustee Filicetti also attended a Capitola City Council meeting where she was recognized as a graduate of the Capitola Government Leadership Academy. At this same event, UCSC Chancellor George Blumenthal gave a State of the Campus update along with plans for future growth of UCSC. Lastly, Trustee Filicetti met with Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah and CTEP Senior Director Mark Hodges about how the CTEP Program collaborates with the local high schools and Cabrillo College.

Trustee Filicetti passed out a letter from California Representative Anna Eshoo that was sent to Scotts Valley High School and San Lorenzo Valley High School concerning the school's participation in the National School Walkout.

Trustee Barr departed the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

12.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

None

14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Bruce Van Allen (President) requested that the resolution sent by the Santa Cruz Mayor be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

March 19, 2018 7:00 p.m.	Science Fair Awards Ceremony Santa Cruz Civic Center
March 24, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Teacher Fair COE Tech Center
April 9, 2018 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Trustee Dinner – Marshall Tuck COE Tech Center
April 19, 2018 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Van Allen (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.