

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

Special Board Meeting
January 19, 2017
Time: 6:30 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
Dana Sales
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
Jim Guss

Absent

George Bud Winslow

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 (Public Comment to be moved to 5.1.2.1).

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| Ayes: | Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstain: | None |
| Absent: | Winslow |

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was moved to 5.1.2.1 after the interviews were completed.

5.0 OPEN SESSION

5.1.1 Filling Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Abel Sanchez (President) announced that a vacancy exists for Trustee Area 1 on the County Board of Education. The interview process was explained by President Sanchez to the Board and to the applicants. There were four applicants for the position: Patti Clinkenbeard, Sue Roth, Nan Wojcik and Leland Takemoto.

5.1.2 Conduct Interview of Applicants/Nominees

The interview process began with each applicant allowed to give an opening statement.

The applicants were asked five questions (in a rotation order) by the Board. Each Trustee asked one question each of all four applicants. The questions asked of the applicants by the Board Trustees were as follows:

- Of all the programs and achievements of the COE, which are you most proud of and what would you like to accomplish as a Board member?
- As a Trustee, what do you see as your primary purpose or primary role and how would you fulfill that role, both as an individual and as a member of a governing board?
- Describe a good Board meeting. What are the objectives of a good Board meeting?
- How does an effective school board ensure opportunities for parents and community members to express their diverse range of views to inform board deliberations on important policy issues?
- Please summarize the strengths you would bring as a member of the Board.

After the applicants finished answering the Board's questions, they were given an opportunity to give a closing statement.

5.1.2.1 Public Comment

Mr. Michael Shulman, President, Scotts Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees spoke on behalf of Sue Roth.

Ms. Judy McGooden, former Trustee, Soquel Union Elementary School District spoke on behalf of Sue Roth.

5.1.3 Board Deliberation to Determine Final Candidates

The Board was asked to score each candidate on a four-point basis (1 rated highest and 4 rated lowest). The two candidates with the combined lowest score would then move on to Board deliberations.

The scores were tallied by Superintendent Watkins and Jim Guss. There was a tie for the second lowest score thus the Board re-scored those two candidates. After the second round of scoring, the two candidates with the lowest scores were moved on to Board deliberations (Sue Roth and Nan Wojcik).

The Board held deliberations with each Trustee speaking to the merits of the candidates.

5.1.4 Resolution: Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Under the provision of Education Code 5091, the Board was authorized to provisionally appoint Sue Roth to fill the existing vacancy of Trustee Area 1 through to the next regularly scheduled governing board elections in November 2018.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Abel Sanchez (President) adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.