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Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday August 19, 2021
Open Session 4:00PM
Held by Videoconference Only

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Rose Filicetti (President), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez, Bruce Van Allen
Faris Sabbah, Secretary

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda deletions and/or changes of sequence will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. The Board President will recognize any member of the audience not previously placed on the agenda who wishes to speak on a matter directly related to school business. Each speaker, on any specific topic, may speak up to **three (3) minutes** unless otherwise limited or extended by the President. The President may allot time to those wishing to speak but no action will be taken on matters presented (EDC § 35145.5). If appropriate, the President, or any Member of the Board, may direct that a matter be referred to the Superintendent's Office for placement on a future agenda. Please refer to item, *Please Note*, on the last item of this agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on consent agenda are recommended actions which are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2021

5.0.2 Donations

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 5.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board is included herein.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Foster Education Presentation

Dr. Michael Paynter and Kim Corneille will give an overview on the County Office's Foster Youth Services programs and share their plans for the program. The mission of the Foster Youth Services Program is to provide guidance, advocacy, community organization, teaming and collaboration around the issue of school success for students involved in the foster care system, including students living with their birth families but involved with child welfare.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Paynter, Senior Director, Student Support Services
Kim Corneille, Senior Community Organizer, Foster Youth Services

7.2 COVID-19 School Update

Superintendent Sabbah will give a presentation regarding the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has been working in collaboration with School Districts and other partners to support students and families during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

7.3 Santa Cruz County Administrators Kick Off Update

This year the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators was held via Zoom on August 3rd, from 9-12 PM. Administrators attended, to hear the keynote speaker, Dr. Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales from San Francisco State University, and a student panel of students from Santa Cruz County high schools. The focus was on equity, student voice, Ethnic Studies, and student wellness. The session was recorded.

Presenter(s): Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

7.4 Grand Jury Distance Learning During the Pandemic in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Report

In March of 2020, schools began closing across California as the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic hit home. The Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD), the largest in Santa Cruz County serving over 20,000 students, made plans to close for two weeks. PVUSD moved quickly, creating and putting plans in place that provided for distance learning and a way to communicate with students, teachers, and families. As it turned out, students were out of school for approximately one year. The Grand Jury has found that the administrators, teachers, parents, and students themselves are all understandably concerned about students' social-emotional issues arising from the pandemic and additional upgrades in school air quality systems and furniture are necessary to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

7.5 Grand Jury Turn On, Tune In, and Drop Out Report

For over a decade Santa Cruz County has worked to expand broadband access for its residents. The efforts of the county were laudable but limited due to regulatory and funding limitations. The COVID-19 crisis changed the funding and regulatory environment drastically to favor local governments establishing, managing, or possibly owning access infrastructure. The Grand Jury has found that an important beneficial outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic has been broadband access and computers for distance learning. Underserved areas, such as the Pajaro Valley where the county's need was the greatest, were significantly improved.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Routine July Budget Revisions

Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, Liann Reyes will present the changes to the 21-22 budget during the month of July, 2021. The Board will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The Board is asked to adopt the revisions.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Motion & Roll Call Vote: Rose Filicetti (President)

8.2 First Reading: Board Policies 5000s Series

Modification and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 5123 Promotion, Acceleration, and Retention

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Policy Committee

Motion & Roll Call Vote: Rose Filicetti (President)

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BP 6146 High School Graduation Requirements
BP 6158 Independent Study
BP 6158.1 Independent Study Addendum
BP 6174 Education for English Learners

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Policy Committee

Motion & Roll Call Vote: Rose Filicetti (President)

8.4 Resolution #21-12 Regarding Defacement of the Santa Cruz Black Lives Matter Mural

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education finds the recent vandalism and defacing of the Black Lives Matter mural on Center Street at Santa Cruz City Hall to be offensive, unacceptable, unjustifiable, and potentially hazardous to the physical and emotional well-being of young people, especially those from Black and other communities of color. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education believes that a complete education ensures that all students learn about the histories and current conditions of Black Americans, and also that a complete education ensures that all students see roles for themselves in American society's project of correcting injustices and repairing relations and institutions. The Board is asked to adopt the resolution.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee

Motion & Roll Call Vote: Rose Filicetti (President)

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, will provide an update on activities and matters of interest

10. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustees will report on matters, events, and activities as related to Board goals of: Advocating for students, maintaining community relations, and promoting student achievement.

11. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting (Virtual)
September 16, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Environmental Equity Event
Virtual Meeting
September 28, 2021
6:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President will adjourn the meeting.

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Public Participation:

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Backup Documentation:

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