



**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday January 16, 2020**  
**Closed Session: 3:45 P.M.**  
**Open Session 4:00 P.M.,**  
**or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard**  
**Board Room**

**AGENDA**

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

Sue Roth (President), Jane Royer Barr, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Dana Sales, Abel Sanchez,  
Bruce Van Allen  
Faris Sabbah, Secretary

**2. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

President Roth will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to one claim for damage as noted in item 3.1. Comments from the public will be taken prior to commencing closed session.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**3.1 Claim for Damage**

Pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9, the Board will meet and confer in closed session to receive information which, based on existing facts and circumstances, presents one claim for damages against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

Presenter: Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

**4. OPEN SESSION**

Open session will begin at 4:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board President will report out on any reportable action(s) taken by the Board in Closed Session.

**8. 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 **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.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items appearing on the 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.

- 9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2019
- 9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 9.0.3 Donations

**9.1 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.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board is included herein.

**11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**11.1 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report**

The Board will be provided with the 2018-2019 final, audited, prior-year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller's Office.

Presenters: Rebecca Olker, Senior Director, Fiscal Services  
Jill Stenton, Partner, Eide Bailly LLP

**11.2 Charter Legislation Training by Counsel**

A number of new pieces of legislation will revise several governing provisions pertaining to charter schools regarding the ways in which petitions are submitted, appealed, and revoked. They will also specify new criteria and procedures for the consideration and determination of these issues. The Board will receive a training on these new laws in order to understand changes to existing law.

Presenter: Edward Sklar, Attorney, Lozano Smith

**11.3 Young Writers Program (YWP)**

The Board will receive a presentation about updates and accomplishments of the COE Young Writers Program (YWP). The presentation will explain who the program has served, the role it has taken in our community, and highlight the publications that students have produced through this program.

Presenters: Julia Chiapella, Director, YWP  
Michele Delibert, Teacher, Sequoia High School  
YWP Student

**11.4 Extension Granted to Review And Approve PCS Memorandum of Understanding**

The County Superintendent of Schools will announce that Pacific Collegiate Charter School has requested additional time to review Santa Cruz COE's proposed Memorandum of Understanding required to approve the Petition to Renew Pacific Collegiate Charter School, which was originally due to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on January 16, 2020. The Board will now review the executed MOU at the next regular meeting on February 20, 2020.

Presenter: Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

**12. PUBLIC HEARINGS, NEW BUSINESS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**12.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing #20-01**

The Board will hold an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

**12.2 Approve Resolution #20-01 in Support of Proposition 13**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #20-01 in support of Proposition 13: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020. The funds would provide resources for the renovation and upgrade of existing classrooms and laboratories that enhance teaching and learning, for the construction and expansion of schools to accommodate growth, and for career technical education facilities to enhance job and career training. If the bond passes, it would provide \$15 billion for facilities at the state's preschools, k-12 schools, community colleges, and four year colleges and universities.

Presenter: Board Community Outreach & Legislative Committee

**12.3 Approve Resolution #20-02 in Support of Measures T and U (SCCS)**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #20-02 in Support of Measure T & U for our local high schools. The purpose of both measures would be to protect and maintain the quality of education of Santa Cruz City Schools' (SCCS) high schools. The passing of Measure T would continue previously approved, locally controlled funding, keeping overall tax rates flat. Measure U would renew existing locally-controlled funding for instructional enrichment and student-support services, and would implement an \$18/year parcel tax.

Presenter: Board Community Outreach & Legislative Committee

**13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**14. 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.

**15. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)**

**11.1 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee Update**

The committee will update the Board on recent and upcoming legislative policy changes.

**16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS**

Delivering on Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education  
Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main St., Watsonville CA 95076  
January 21, 2019  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Civics Summit  
Cabrillo College Crocker Theater  
January 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Delivering on Our Promise: The Santa Cruz COE's Strategic Plan for Education  
Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, 705 Front St., Santa Cruz CA 95060  
January 28, 2019  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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