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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Rose Filicetti • Ms. Sandra Nichols**  
**Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday December 16, 2021**  
**Open Session 4:00PM or soon thereafter**  
**Held by Videoconference Only**

**NOTICE:**

Consistent with AB 361 and Government Code section 54953, and subsequent Board action, this meeting will be held remotely. Members of the public may access the meeting using the following information:

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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. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

The Board shall organize a meeting held each year by electing one of their members as president of the Board. The meeting shall be on the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November (EDC § 1009).

**5.1 Nominations for President of the Board**

Rose Filicetti (President) will call for nominations for Board President.

**5.2 Election of the Board President**

The Board will, by motion, elect a president.

Call for Motion:           Rose Filicetti (President)

**5.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board**

The President will call for nominations of the Vice President.

**5.4 Election of Board Vice President**

The President will, by motion, elect a vice president.

Call for Motion:           Board President

**5.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization**

The Board will appoint a chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

**5.6 Appointment of Chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)**

The Board will appoint a chairperson to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

**5.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board**

The Board will discuss, and by motion, select the day of the month and the time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

Call for Motion: Board President

**5.8 Appointments to Standing Committees**

5.8.1 Agenda Committee

**5.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees**

5.9.1 Board Budget Committee

5.9.2 Policy Committee

5.9.3 Charter Schools Committee

5.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

5.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

**6. 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.

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2021

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

6.0.3 Donations

**6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 6.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Official correspondence received by the Board is included herein.

**8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1 First Interim Financial Report**

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report and present it for the Board to review in open session.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services  
Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services

**8.2 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 keep schools open and students and staff healthy.

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

**9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan was presented in a public meeting to the Board on November 18, 2021. The Board will consider adoption of the plan.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Board President

**9.2 Educator Effectiveness Funds for Career Advancement Charter**

The Educator Effectiveness Grant provides for professional learning and to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. Funds are allocated on the basis of an equal amount per certificated and classified full-time equivalent as reported in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) for the 2020–2021 fiscal year. Funds may be expended during the 2021–2022, 2022–2023, 2023–2024, 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 fiscal years. The plan was presented in a public meeting to the Board on November 18, 2021. The Board will consider adoption of the plan.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools  
Denise Sanson, Executive Director, Student Programs

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Board President

**9.3 Approve Resolution #21-30 Maintaining the Trustee Area Boundaries of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education Pursuant to Education Code Section 1002**

Upon the release of the 2020 Census Data, the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization is required under Education Code section 1002 to evaluate whether the current trustee areas of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education have approximately equal populations using the new census data.

On December 16, 2021, staff reviewed the October 21, 2021 presentation from Cooperative Strategies, LLC, a demographic consulting firm experienced in redistricting issues and requirements, and presented to the County Committee their analysis regarding the current demographic population in the territory of the County Board's jurisdiction, based on the official 2020 Census results, and the criteria of Education Code section 1002 governing redistricting. After evaluating the data, Cooperative Strategies, LLC determined that the County Board's total peak variation is only 7.4%, and the County Board, therefore, is not legally required to make any adjustments to its current boundaries. Following staff's review of the October presentation by Cooperative Strategies, LLC, the County Committee held a public hearing to gather community input regarding the demographer's findings and the County Board's trustee areas. Subsequent to the conclusion of the public hearing, at its December 16, 2021 meeting, the Committee adopted Resolution #21-01, approving the maintenance of the boundaries of the County Board's trustee areas.

The County Board will then consider accepting the determination by the County Committee that the County Board's existing trustee area boundaries are in compliance with Education Code section 1002 and all applicable state and federal voting rights laws, and do not need to be adjusted following the 2020 Census. The County Board will then consider a resolution approving the maintenance of the boundaries of its trustee areas pursuant to Education Code section 1002.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

**9.4 Resolution #21-31: In Support of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022**

In 2016, California voters passed a statewide School Bond (Proposition 51). Funds from Proposition 51 are currently fully reserved. As a result of over subscription, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) created a 'waitlist.' Presently there is over \$3 billion worth of modernization and new construction projects applications on the 'waitlist' awaiting matching funds.

Assembly Bill No. 75 will put on the ballot in 2022 another statewide school facility bond worth \$12 billion in general obligation bonds to fund projects on the 'waitlist' and future needs. The County Board will consider adopting a resolution in support of Assembly Bill 75, the Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

**9.5 Schedule Special January Board Meeting**

The Board will consider scheduling a special meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. to participate in a Board Self-Evaluation.

Presenter: Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

**9.6 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #21-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on November 18, 2021, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #21-29, finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

The County Board of Education will discuss and consider adopting Resolution #21-32, to make a finding after reconsidering the state of emergency, that the current circumstances meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

Presenter(s): Rose Filicetti, Trustee, County Board of Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**11. 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.

**12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
*Tentative:* January 8, 2022  
12:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* January 20, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* February 17, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* March 17, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* April 21, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* May 19, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* June 16, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* July 21, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* August 18, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* September 15, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* October 20, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* November 17, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
*Tentative:* December 15, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**  
The Board President will adjourn the meeting.



**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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