



**SANTA CRUZ**  
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**EDUCATION**  
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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 June 23, 2022**  
**4:00pm**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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## **AGENDA**

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

Abel Sanchez (President), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, 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 May 19, 2022

5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 11, 2022

5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.4 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 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions**

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2021-2022 school year.

Retirees: Michele Cuartilon, Office Coordinator, Career & Adult Learning  
Kimlin McDaniel Keith, Nurse, Special Education  
Anne McManus, Administrative Assistant, Special Education  
Maggie O'Grady, Student Data Specialist II, Special Education

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

**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 keep schools open and students and staff healthy as we address the COVID19 Pandemic.

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

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1 Public Hearing: 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board will hold a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the 2022-2023 Annual Update, and 2022-2023 Budget Overview for Parents.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

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

Conduct and  
Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.2 Public Hearing: 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School**

In compliance with California EDC § 52062(b)(1), the Board will hold a public hearing to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the 2022-2023 Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School and the 2022-2023 Annual Update, and 2022-2023 Budget Overview for Parents.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

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

Conduct and

Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.3 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2022-2023 Budget**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2022-2023 Budget is presented for public comment in accordance with EDC § 1620 et seq., 24103. A copy of the budget is available upon request.

Open Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

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

Conduct and

Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 Approve Resolution #22-19 To Support School and Community Safety**

In 2022, our country has so far suffered 213 mass shootings, with 27 of these being school shootings. Public schools have a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff, a responsibility shared by the larger community. The Board calls upon the California State Legislature and federal government to consider and enact laws that would help reduce access to guns by people who are determined to be a risk of harming themselves or others. The Board will consider adopting this resolution.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.2 Approve A-G Completion Grant**

EC § 41590 specifies that LEAs must develop their plans by April 1, 2022 that contains prescribed descriptions, including but not limited to: How the funds increase or improve services to English learners, foster youth, or low-income students in ways that will increase their A-G eligibility; How the funds will be used to provide opportunities for eligible students to retake A-G courses; How the grant funds supplement and do not supplant other investments identified in a Local Control and Accountability Plan and Assembly Bill 86 learning recovery plans. The plan must be presented at a regularly scheduled meeting and adopted at the subsequent regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board. The Board was presented the plan at the May 19, 2022 regular board meeting. The Board will consider approving the grant.

Presenter(s): Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.3 Adopt Resolution #22-20 Recognizing Juneteenth**

Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The will consider adopting Resolution #22-20 Recognizing Juneteenth.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.4 Adopt Resolution #22-21 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month**

Last month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaims June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #22-21 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.5 First Reading: Board Policy 6000's Series**

Modified 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 6173          Education for Homeless Children

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Policy Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.6 Approve Resolution #22-22 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Santa Cruz County Office of Education)**

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution #22-22 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.7 Approve Resolution #22-23 in Support of Prop 30 and 55, Education Protection Funds Act (Career Advancement Charter)**

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution #22-23 to approve usage of the funds made available from Proposition 30 and Proposition 55 for educational expenditures within the County Office of Education's budgets.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.8 Approve an Adjustment to the 2021 - 2022 COE and Student Program Calendars**

As of June 17, 2021, Juneteenth is the twelfth federal legal holiday. Juneteenth is an annual day of remembrance commemorating the emancipation of African Americans enslaved in the United States. This holiday is observed annually on June 19th. The Board will be asked to approve an adjustment to the 2021-2022 Santa Cruz COE and Student Program calendars to recognize June 20, 2022 as a non-work day, in recognition of Juneteenth.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.9 Approve an Adjustment to the 2022 - 2023 COE and Student Program Calendars**

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.10 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-24 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on May 19, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-18, 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 #22-24, 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): Abel Sanchez, President, County Board of Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**9.11 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the June 30, 2022 Board Meeting**

The Board will discuss the possibility of conducting the June 30, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-24, Trustees will need to be in agreement that an in-person meeting would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. This decision would meet the requirements of AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 for the Board to continue conducting meetings remotely.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, President, County Board of Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (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**

Special Meeting  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
June 30, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

All persons are encouraged to attend and, when appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please be present at the beginning of the meeting as any item, upon motion, may be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their name for the record. The president of the Board will establish a time limit of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise stated by the president, for comments from the public. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except those relating to litigation, personnel and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in closed session. Expulsion appeal hearings are heard in closed session unless a request for hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

**Backup Documentation:**

Any writings or documents that are public records and are provided to a majority of the governing board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the County Office of Education, located 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, during normal business hours.

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