



**SANTA CRUZ**  
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**EDUCATION**  
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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday May 19, 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 April 21, 2022

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Central California Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification

**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 **2022 Educators and Community Partner of the Year**

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, and counselors. For the first time, the County Office will also recognize a local Community Partner of the year. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients:       Patty Freedman, Classified Employee of the Year, SCCOE  
                                  Dr. Jessica Kiernan, Administrator of the Year, SUESD  
                                  Daisy Nuñez, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD  
                                  Janet Stahl, Teacher of the Year, SLVUSD  
                                  Santa Cruz Public Library, Community Partner of the Year

Presenter(s):             Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
                                  Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Svcs.

7.2 **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 will approve this grant at the June 23, 2022 Board meeting.

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

7.3 **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. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #22-15 In Recognition of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz COE renews its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #22-15, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.2 Approve Resolution #22-16 In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month**

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #22-16, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.3 Approve Resolution #22-17 In Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month**

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #22-17, recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.4 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 6158.1 Independent Study to Implement AB 130 and AB 167 (2021)

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

**8.5 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-18 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on April 21, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-14, 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 #22-18, 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. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris 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/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

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

Black Graduation

May 22, 2022

London Nelson Center

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations

May 23 - May 27, 2022

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation

June 11, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 23, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

June 30, 2022

4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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**Backup Documentation:**

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