Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022
4:00pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Agenda, Regular Meeting  
September 15, 2022

**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 August 18, 2022  
   5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

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 **COE Wellness Programs Presentation**
Selected program updates from Student Support Services and Educational Services related to mental health and wellbeing supports underway at the COE. This includes integrated and cross departmental offerings for SEL (Social Emotional Learning), behavioral health navigation and direct care, Wellness Center development and planning, among others. Additionally, a preview of anticipated changes occurring at the state level under the umbrella of mental health revenue opportunities and expanded avenues for receiving care and tiered supports.

Presenter(s): Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Michael Paynter, Executive Director, Student Support Services

7.2 **Public Health 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

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8.1 **Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**
Pursuant to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board shall hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2022-2023 school year.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education

Open, Conduct &
Close Public Hearing: Abel Sanchez (President)

9. **NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

9.1 **Adopt Resolution #22-29 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**
In order to be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the governing board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects pursuant to Education Code Section 60605 et. seq. The Board is asked to adopt Resolution #22-29 for this purpose.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)
9.2 **Adopt Resolution #22-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month**

September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention month. Santa Cruz County Office of Education Staff will highlight earlier in the meeting (item 7.1) the efforts and initiatives in place to support the mental and emotional health of students and staff in Santa Cruz County. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #22-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community and Legislative Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services  
Michael Paynter, Executive Director, Student Support Services

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.3 **Adopt Resolution #22-31 Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month**

Each year our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, a commemoration started in 1968 and expanded in 1988 to cover the 30-day period of September 15 to October 15, with its first day commemorating the start of the Mexican War of Independence, leading to the independence of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the myriad advances Hispanic Americans continue to make in areas including education, medicine, art, culture, and public services in our community, state, and nation.

The Board is asked to recognize September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all students, faculty, administrators, and parents, to remember and celebrate the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to California and the United States.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community and Legislative Committee

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)
9.4 **Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-32 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953**

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on August 18, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-28, 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 #22-31, 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)

9.5 **Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the October 20, 2022 Board Meeting**

The Board will discuss the possibility of conducting the October 20, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-32, 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**

12.1 **Board Charter Committee Update**

President Sanchez will provide the Board with an update following the Charter Committee meeting with Pacific Collegiate School.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, Chair, Charter Committee
13. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**
Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2021-2022 Annual Report to the Community
September 22, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

**Public Participation:**

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