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Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 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. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - 4.1 **Closed Session Disclosure**
The Board President will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to a litigation matter against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education as noted in item 4.2. Comments from the public will be taken following closed session.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez (President)
 - 4.2 **Closed Session: Litigation Matter**
Superintendent Sabbah and Deputy Superintendent Reyes will share a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
5. **OPEN SESSION**
Open session will begin as soon as matters can be heard.
6. **REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**
President Sanchez will report on any reportable action(s) taken by the Board in Closed Session.
7. **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.

8. 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.

- 8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 20, 2022
- 8.0.2 Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification
- 8.0.3 Donations

8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 8.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Official correspondence received by the Board, if any, is included herein. Copies of correspondence received within 72 hours of the meeting will be made available at the meeting location.

10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Tech+ Student Programs Update

Jason Borgen, Chief Technology Officer will provide an overview of the work of the Tech+ Division. The division formed in 2018, focuses on all aspects of technology, data, innovation, and educational technologies. The presentation will also provide a virtual connection with our CTE IT Essentials Class that is held at Digital Nest in south county and articulated with Cabrillo college for dual credit. Our Grant funded course and other CS initiatives will be shared as well.

Presenter(s): Jason Borgen, Chief Technology Officer, Tech+

10.2 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools.

Presenter(s): Bryan Wall, Santa Cruz COE Williams Coordinator
Richard Reid, Director, COE Maintenance and Operations

10.3 School Safety Update

The safety and wellness of students, families, and school personnel are the highest priorities of all Santa Cruz County Schools. Given recent local events, there are growing concerns of students' sense of safety across our school community. These incidents highlight the importance of close collaboration between our emergency services and schools. Superintendent Sabbah will share several of these efforts and the high level of prioritization they are given across our county, from scenario-based trainings over the summer at Scotts Valley High School, to our ongoing Incident Command Academy hosted at the County Office of Education to our Safe Schools Consortia, involving local fire and law enforcement agencies, district and COE representatives, and others.

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

10.4 Health & Wellness 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

10.5 Student Trustee AR

In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the County Board of Education and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance. Superintendent Sabbah will share his Administrative Regulation, detailing the Student Trustee application process and other important requirements.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

11.1 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.3 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter School (CAC)

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Presenter (s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Denise Sanson, Senior Director, Career and Adult Learning Services

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.4 Adopt Resolution #22-39: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.5 Adopt Resolution #22-40: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses. Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms. We are committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities. We are encouraging recognition of United Against Hate Week at all schools within our community from Sunday, November 13, through Saturday, November 19.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.6 Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution #22-41 Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953

Consistent with Government code section 54953, on October 20, 2022, the County Board of Education adopted Resolution #22-39, 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 #22-41, 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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

11.7 Discussion of the Possible Use of Remote Teleconferencing for the December 15, 2022 Board Meeting

The Board discussed the possibility of conducting the December 15, 2022 meeting remotely via teleconferencing. In accordance with Resolution #22-39, 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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez, President

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sabbah will provide an update on activities and matters of interest.

13. 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.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Meeting

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

December 15, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History

February 1, 2022

Santa Cruz COE Annual Event - Watsonville

Sequoia Schools

February 8, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

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Public Participation:

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