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

Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado

**Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2023
Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.
Open Session will commence as soon as matters can be heard
Boardroom and/or Zoom**

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AGENDA

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

Bruce Van Allen (President), Ed Acosta, Alyssa Alto, Edward, Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Oscar Alvarez, Student Trustee

Faris Sabbah, Secretary

1.1 **Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

Under AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Sabbah (Secretary) will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda deletions and/or sequence changes will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

4. **CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

President Van Allen will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to a litigation matter as noted in item 5.1.

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

5.1 **Litigation Matter Discussion**

Superintendent Sabbah 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

6. **OPEN SESSION**

Open session will begin as soon as the matter can be heard.

7. **REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Van Allen will report out on any reportable action(s) taken by the Board in Closed Session.

8. 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 for 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.

9. 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).

9.1 Nominations for President of the Board

Bruce Van Allen (President) will call for nominations for Board President.

9.2 Election of the Board President

The Board will, by motion, elect a president.

Call for Motion: Bruce Van Allen (President)

9.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

The President will call for nominations of the Vice President.

9.4 Election of Board Vice President

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

Call for Motion: Board President

9.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

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

9.6 Appointment of Representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

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

9.7 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

9.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

9.8.1 Agenda Committee

9.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

- 6.9.1 Board Budget Committee
- 6.9.2 Policy Committee
- 6.9.3 Charter Schools Committee
- 6.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee
- 6.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

10. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions that are considered routine 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.

- 10.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2023
- 10.0.2 Budget Revisions
- 10.0.3 Donations

10.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 10.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

12. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

12.1 Retirement Recognition

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who have retired in the 2023-2024 school year.

Retirees: Donna Gagne, Instructional Aide, Autism Support in Special Education
Kathleen Proffitt, Instructional Aide, Alternative Education

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deven Stark, Executive Director, Special Education
John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education
Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Senior Director, Alternative Education

12.2 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

13. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

13.1 Approve Resolution #23-39 School Board Recognition

An excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life for all California citizens and communities. School board members continue to advocate to best serve the children in our community each and every day. Local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools declare our appreciation to the members of every public School Board in the County of Santa Cruz and proclaim the month of January 2024, as School Board Recognition Month in the County of Santa Cruz. We urge all community members to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of our children.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Board President

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

15. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustees will report on matters, events, and activities related to Board goals of Advocating for students, maintaining community relations, and promoting student achievement.

16. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tentative: January 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tentative: February 15, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Tentative: March 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: April 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: May 16, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: June 20, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting

Tentative: June 27, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: July 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: August 15, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: September 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: October 17, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: November 21, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tentative: December 12, 2024 4:00 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President 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 names 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 a hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

Backup Documentation:

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