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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2023**  
**4:00pm**  
**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, Rose Filicetti, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez  
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 December 15, 2022

5.0.2 Budget Revisions for December

5.0.3 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.4 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.5 Alternative Education Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

**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 7.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

**6. 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.

**7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Retirement Recognition**

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employees who are planning to retire in the 2022-2023 school year.

Retirees: Patty Freedman, Project Specialist, Alternative Education (Highlands)

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
John Rice, Director, Alternative Education

**7.2 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

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #23-01 regarding Temporary Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts**

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board will be asked to approve a resolution to allow SantaCruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.2 Approve Resolution #23-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month**

Black History Month is a time for us to continue our collective journey honoring and deepening our knowledge of the history and contributions of Black Americans and people of African descent that have been marginalized from mainstream curricula and discussions because of our country's legacy of slavery, and institutional and structural racism. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the Board of Education is committed to valuing diversity and believes deeply that equity, respect and justice are central to the character of who we are, to the health of our democracy and to the well-being of our world.

The Board will consider approving Resolution #23-02 Recognizing February as Black History Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.3 Approval of the 2023-2024 Budget Calendar**

The Board will be asked to approve the 2023-2024 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by administration.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: President Van Allen

**8.4 Approve Resolution #23-03 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 2023, 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): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent 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**

Santa Cruz Coe's Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community  
Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History  
February 1, 2023

Santa Cruz Coe's Achievement and Resilience: Celebrating Our School Community  
Sequoia Schools  
February 9, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 16, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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