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**EDUCATION**  
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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 20, 2023**  
**4:00 pm**  
**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

1.1 **Board Member Remote Attendance Approval**

In accordance with AB 2449, Trustees may participate in the Board meeting remotely under the following conditions:

- Just Cause, or Emergency Circumstances
- Board Approval

It is required that a Board quorum be present in person.

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. **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.

5. **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.

5.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 15, 2023

5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 22, 2023

5.0.3 Surplus Items

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

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

**7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Student Trustee Academy Presentation**

Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, Marlice Velasco, Student Trustee Academy Facilitator, and students from the COE's Student Trustee Academy will present to the County Board. Students will share a program overview and their learnings. This is the second cohort of the Academy consisting of 20 students from across the County, representing eight local schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Andres Ortiz, Coordinator, Student Leadership & Engagement  
Marlice Velasco, Facilitator, Student Trustee Academy

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approve Resolution #23-25 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #23-25 in the matter of authorizing inter-fund loans for cash flow purposes.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.2 Approve Budget Revisions**

Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services will present notable changes to the budget. The board is asked to review the revisions.

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

Motion &

Voice Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**8.3 Adopt Santa Cruz County Board of Education Governance Handbook**

On May 20, 2023, the Board participated in an effective governance workshop conducted by CSBA Consultant, Luan Burman Rivera. A draft handbook was created at the workshop. The Board will review this draft handbook and consider adopting it.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen (President)

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

County Superintendent 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 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 County Office of Education  
Administrator Kick-Off  
August 1, 2023  
Seascape Golf Course  
8:30 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education  
All Staff Orientation  
August 7, 2023  
Twin Lakes Monschke Hall  
9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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