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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 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

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 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 March 16, 2023

5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on April 20, 2023

5.0.3 Childhood Advisory Council of Santa Cruz County, Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

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 made available at the meeting location.

7. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Retirement Recognitions

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: Lisa Carlton, Teacher, Alternative Education
Sue Groth, Early Start Teacher/Coordinator, Special Education

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

7.2 Recognizing 2023 Santa Cruz County Congressional App Winner

The Congressional App Challenge is among the most prestigious prizes in student computer science. Every year, the U.S. Congress challenges students in their districts to create and submit their original apps for a chance to win this distinguished award. Pacific Collegiate School student, Toma Brasoveanu, won the first prize for our Congressional district in California! He designed his app, Pill Alarm, to provide people a better way of monitoring personal medication, and offer scheduled reminders based on their specific medical needs. Toma will share the details of his app, his experience in DC, and be recognized by our County Board.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Jason Borgen, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer
Stephanie Sumara, EdTech & Innovation Coach
Elizabeth Shaw, Computer Science Pathway Coordinator

7.3 2023 Educators and Community Partner of the Year

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, school counselors and a local Community Partner. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients: Maria Ferreira, Teacher of the Year, Santa Cruz COE
Paige Lynd, Classified Employee of the Year, Happy Valley
Jose Morelos, Counselor of the Year, PVUSD
Melissa Nix, Administrator of the Year, Live Oak School District
Craig Broadhurst, Administrator of the Year, SUESD
NAMI of Santa Cruz County, Community Partner of the Year

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

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution #23-18 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Earlier this month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and County Superintendent proclaims June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #23-18 Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

8.2 Approval of Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth

Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The will consider adopting Resolution #23-19 Recognizing Juneteenth.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

8.3 Approval of Resolution #23-20 Authorizing Inter-Fund Transfer and Designation Of Fund Balance As Committed

The Board of Education of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education acknowledges its authority to commit, assign, or evaluate existing fund-balance classifications and identify the intended uses of committed or assigned funds. The Board of Education will annually transfer revenues received into the General Fund 01 to the Deferred Maintenance Fund 14 until this resolution is amended or the targeted balance in the fund is \$1,000,000. The Board is asked to approve Resolution #23-20

Presenter(s): Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services

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 County Board of Education
Special Meeting: Board Self-Evaluation
May 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Countywide Black Graduation
May 20, 2023
3:00 p.m.

COE Alternative and Special Education Graduations
May 22 - May 26, 2023

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
June 22, 2023
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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Backup Documentation:

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