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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Sandra Nichols**  
**Ms. Sue Roth • Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen**

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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Boardroom and/or Zoom**

**Alternate Remote Location:**  
**626 Russell Avenue**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46225**

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## **AGENDA**

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

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

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 August 10, 2023

5.0.2 Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

5.0.4 Alternative Education Consolidated Application

#### **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. NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ACTION ITEMS**

**7.1 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

According to County Board of Education Board Bylaw 9150, the Board may appoint a high school student from the county to serve as a Student Trustee for the duration of the school year.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.2 Conduct Interviews of Student Trustee Applicants**

Applicants: Laurel J Finlayson (Harbor High)  
Neely J. Pfeiffer (Soquel High)  
Nathan D. Perry (Soquel High)  
Oscar S. Alvarez (Pajaro Valley High)  
William Rodriguez (Pajaro Valley High)

**7.3 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Board Deliberation to Determine Final Student Trustee Candidate**

The Board will deliberate to determine the final student trustee candidate.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.4 Resolution #23-28: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

According to Board Bylaw 9150, the Board is authorized to make an appointment to fill the Student Trustee vacancy.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.5 Filling Trustee Area IV Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

A vacancy exists on the County Board of Education, Trustee Area IV. Board President Bruce Van Allen will establish the interview process for the applicants/nominees.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.6 Conduct Interviews of Applicants/Nominees**

Applicant: Edward Estrada

**7.7 Filling Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Board Deliberation to Determine Final Candidate**

The Board will deliberate to determine the final candidate.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.8 Resolution #23-29: Provisional Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education**

Under the provision of Education Code 5091, the Board is authorized to make a provisional appointment to fill the existing vacancy through to the next regularly scheduled governing board election, November 2024.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.9 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

According to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board shall hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2023-2024 school year.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education

Open, Conduct &

Close Public Hearing: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.10 Resolution #23-30: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

To be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the governing board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects under Education Code Section 60605 et. seq.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.11 Resolution #23-31: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month**

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson. All students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curriculum. The County Board of Education affirms its role in, and commitment to, continuing the historical process of transforming the educational system to ensure inclusiveness, safety, and a sense of belonging for all LGBTQ+ students, teachers, staff, and their families. The County Board will consider the adoption of this Resolution.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**7.12 Resolution #23-32: Recognizing October 8 through October 14 Week of the School Administrator**

The title “school administrator” is a broad term used to define many education leadership positions. Superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, special education and adult education leaders, curriculum and assessment leaders, school business officials, classified educational leaders, and other school district employees are considered administrators. With more than 6 million students in California’s public education system, the future of the public education system depends upon the quality of its leadership. The Board is asked to recognize these administrators.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

**8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**9. 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.

**10. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
October 19, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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**Backup Documentation:**

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