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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Ms. Alyssa Alto • Ms. Rose Filicetti • 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, April 20, 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. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **4.1 Closed Session Disclosure**

President Van Allen will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to a litigation matter against the Santa Cruz County Office of Education as noted in item 4.2. Comments from the public will be taken following closed session.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen (President)

#### **4.2 Closed Session: Litigation Matter**

Superintendent Sabbah will share a litigation matter with the County Board of Education.

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

### **5. OPEN SESSION**

Open session will begin as soon as matters can be heard.

### **6. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

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

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 16, 2023

8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

8.0.3 Migrant Head Start Application for Federal Assistance Policy Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification  
Council/Committee and Board Approval Verification

8.0.4 Donations

**8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 8.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

**9. 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.

**10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Enrollment Data**

According to updated data released April 7 by the California Department of Education, there are about 5.9 million students enrolled in public schools this school year, close to 40,000 fewer students than last year or a 0.7 percent drop. Superintendent Sabbah will be sharing an update on enrollment data for Santa Cruz County.

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

**11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**11.1 Review County Board of Education's Effective Governance Handbook (Draft)**

On June 11, 2022, 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.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Board Governance Handbook Committee

**11.2 Approval of Resolution #23-11 Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month**

May is Jewish American Heritage Month, a month that provides an opportunity for all people to appreciate the achievements and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout history. The Santa Cruz COE encourages staff, students, and community members to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about Jewish Americans and the importance of their role in communities across our Nation. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #23-11, recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**11.3 Approve Resolution #23-12 Proclaiming May 8-12, 2023 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day**

Harvey Milk Day was established by the California legislature and signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in the history of California. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education celebrates Harvey Milk Day and invites all educational institutions, organizations, companies and individuals across Santa Cruz to fly the rainbow flag from May 8-12, 2023 in honor of Harvey Milk Day, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history during this week in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #23-12.

**11.4 Adopt Resolution #23-13 In Support of Day of the Teacher**

Education Code, Section 372229(a), specifies the Second Wednesday in May as the Day of the Teacher, a day having special significance. All public schools and educational institutions are encouraged to observe those days, and, specifically on the Day of the Teacher, conduct exercises commemorating and directing attention to the teachers and the teaching profession. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #23-13.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**11.5 Adopt Resolution #23-14 In Support of Classified Employees Week**

California Senate Bill 1552, passed in 1984, decreed the third full week in May as California School Employees' Week in official recognition of the services and dedication of classified school employees. The Board is asked to adopt Resolution #23-14.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**11.6 Approval of Resolution #23-15 Recognizing May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

The month of May is recognized as National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to recognize and honor the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States as designated by the United States Congress since 1992. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education renews its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #23-15, recognizing the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**11.7 Approval of Resolution #23-16 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month**

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness — a challenge that has been exponentially exacerbated by the isolation and extreme stress many have dealt with in the past year as a result of the pandemic and precautions taken to slow the spread of the virus. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #23-16, proclaiming the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and expressing support of students and staff challenged by mental illness.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**11.8 Approval of Resolution #23-17 Board Compensation For Missed Meetings**

Each member of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education may receive the maximum monthly compensation for participation in Board meetings as provided for in Education Code 35120. A member may be compensated for meetings he/she/they missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that he/she/they was performing designated services for the district at the time of the meeting or that he/she/they was absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

The Board will consider adopting Resolution #23-17, to approve full compensation to Trustee Filicetti for missing the March 16, 2023 Board meeting due to an illness.

Presenter(s): Rose Filicetti, County Board Trustee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen (President)

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**13. 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.

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

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

Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

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.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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