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

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

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. **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The following trustees will be sworn into the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Edward Estrada, Trustee Area 4

Oscar Alvarez, Student Trustee

6. **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.

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 21, 2023

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

6.1 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.

7. 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.

8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Outdoor Science School Update

Heather MacDougall Molloy, Director, Outdoor Science School will provide the board with a comprehensive update on recent changes and developments in the field of Outdoor Science.

Presenter(s): Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Heather MacDougall Molloy, Director, Outdoor Science School

8.2 Administrator Kick Off Part 2 Recap

This year the annual Administrators' Kickoff for Santa Cruz County administrators was held on two separate days. The first day was a traditional kick-off in early August. On the second day, Dr. Doug Fisher was the keynote speaker, sharing on the importance of trust and building relationships. Dr. Meeker will give a brief presentation about this event to the Board.

Presenter(s): Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

8.3 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

The Board is requested to review information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education.

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

9. New Business and Action

9.1 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board will be informed of the nominee for the appointment as the joint-appointee to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission, Lawrence Lane, and will publicly announce the intended appointee to fill a vacancy that will exist on December 1, 2023. (Merit Rule 2.102 B).

Presenter(s): Troy Cope, Executive Director, Human Resources

Motion &

Voice Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

9.2 Adopt Resolution #23-33: Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit

The Gann Amendment (Proposition 4, 1979) limits the growth in appropriations made by the State of California, school districts, and local governments. All local education areas are required to adopt Gann Appropriations Limits each year by Board Resolution.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

9.3 Adopt Resolution #23-34: Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month

In the US, November 1 through November 30 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month. National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States. The Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

9.4 Adopt Resolution #23-35: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses. Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms. We are committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities. We are encouraging recognition of United Against Hate Week at all schools within our community from Sunday, November 12, through Saturday, November 18.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. 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.

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

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