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

Student Trustee: Mr. Oscar Alvarez-Delgado

**Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 16, 2023
Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.
Open Session will commence as soon as matters can be heard
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, Edward Estrada, Sandra Nichols, Sue Roth, Abel Sanchez

Oscar Alvarez, Student Trustee

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. **CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

President Van Allen will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to a litigation matter as noted in item 5.1.

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

5.1 **Litigation Matter Discussion**

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

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services

6. **OPEN SESSION**

Open session will begin as soon as the matter can be heard.

7. **REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

- 9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 19, 2023
- 9.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on November 9, 2023
- 9.0.3 Budget Revisions
- 9.0.4 Donations
- 9.0.5 Surplus Items

9.1 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.

10. 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.

11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District and Santa Cruz City School District

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Bryan Wall, Santa Cruz COE Williams Coordinator
Richard Reid, Director, COE Maintenance and Operations

11.2 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter School make an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals. Their presentation will also present the charter's Diversity Plan.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Maria Reitano, Head of School, Pacific Collegiate School

11.3 Review and Discuss Board Bylaw 9323: Meeting Conduct

Review and discuss Board Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct, in particular the public participation section.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Board President
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

12. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

12.1 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Community Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

12.2 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Alternative Education Court Schools

California Education Code § 64001(i) requires that the School Plan for Student Achievement shall be reviewed and approved by the governing board or body of the local educational agency at a regularly scheduled meeting whenever there are material changes that affect the academic program for pupils covered by programs identified in this part.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Jennifer Izant Gonzales, Director, Alternative Education

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

12.3 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for the Santa Cruz COE Career Advancement Charter

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Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Denise Sanson, Executive Director, Career & Adult Learning Services

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

12.4 Resolution #23-36 Recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

In 2007, Congress established November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to raise awareness about youth homelessness, its causes, and potential solutions. This month is a time to recognize efforts addressing youth homelessness and strengthen the commitment to ending it in the United States. The California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) support this initiative and emphasize the role of education in preventing and ending youth homelessness. The Board will consider adopting this Resolution.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Hayley Newman, Coordinator, School Climate and Wellness

Motion &

Voice Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

12.5 Resolution #23-37 Recognizing Special Education Day

December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the nation's first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was signed on December 2, 1972. Special Education Day was first celebrated in 2005 which was the 30th anniversary of IDEA. The Board will consider adopting this Resolution.

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

12.6 Resolution #23-38 To Commit Funds For High Priority Capital Needs

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education was able to retain the savings from previous facility projects in the County School Facility Fund 35. The ending balance in Fund 35 at June 30, 2023 was \$737,923.32. The Office of Public School Construction (“OPSC”) allows LEAs to retain their project savings as long as those savings are used for “high priority capital facility needs.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Bruce Van Allen, Board President

13. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

14. 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.

15. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

16. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2023
4:00 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Van Allen will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

All persons are encouraged to attend and, when appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please be present at the beginning of the meeting as any item, upon motion, may be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their names for the record. The president of the Board will establish a time limit of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise stated by the president, for comments from the public. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except those relating to litigation, personnel, and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in closed session. Expulsion appeal hearings are heard in closed session unless a request for a hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

Backup Documentation:

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