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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, March 21, 2024
4:00 pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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AGENDA

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

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

Oscar Alvarez-Delgado (Student Trustee)

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: Sue Roth (President)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah 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 outside 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 to be 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 February 15, 2024

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

5.0.4 Department of Rehabilitation Contract for the WeWork Program

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 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, Proposed Changes to Four Articles within the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Bargaining Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

The designated representative of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484, representing classified staff, will propose changes to the following articles within the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Unit Agreement to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools: Article 2 regarding term, Article 11 regarding Pay and Allowances, Article 12 regarding Health & Welfare Benefits, and Article 23 regarding Compensation for Training.

Presenter(s): Rory Bruce, President, CSEA Chapter 484

7.2 Labor Negotiations - “Sunshine” with the Santa Cruz County Employees Association (CSEA)

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will sunshine the 2024-2025 Agreement to the California School Employees Association.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent-Business Service

7.3 Santa Cruz COE 2024 STEAM Expo Presentation

The Board will receive a presentation on the 2024 STEAM Expo held on March 9, 2024. The Expo highlighted science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematic programs from across the County.

Presenter(s): Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Miguel F. Aznar, Lead Judge, Santa Cruz County Science Fair
Audrey Sirota, VAPA Coordinator, Educational Services

7.4 Santa Cruz COE 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report

EDC 1240(j) requires that the Superintendent certify the Second Interim Financial Report and present it to the Board in a public meeting for review prior to filing the report with the State Department of Education.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Resolution #24-08 Recognizing April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month

Forty-two percent of Santa Cruz County's students, TK-12th grade, are multilingual learners: students who are developing proficiency in two or more languages, including students who are learning English as an additional language in school. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-08 recognizing April as National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8.2 Approval of Resolution #24-09 In Recognition of Environmental Awareness Week

April 19-23, 2024, is National Environmental Education Week - the nation's largest celebration of environmental education. Schools in Santa Cruz County recognize the central importance of environmental education and seek to provide learning opportunities and avenues for student engagement in environmental concerns. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #24-09.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8.3 Approval of Resolution #24-10 In Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year, millions of reports of child abuse are reported to child protective services in the U.S. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-10 in Recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8.4 Approval of Resolution #24-11 In Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month

For over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: medicine, law, business, education, technology, the arts, government, military service, and community culture. The history of Arab Americans in the US. remains neglected or diminished by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-11 in Recognition of National Arab American Heritage Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (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 the Board's 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
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2024
4:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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Backup Documentation:

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