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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols
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, April 18, 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, 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 &

Voice 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. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Roth will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to an interdistrict transfer appeal as noted in item 5.1.

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 Interdistrict Transfer Appeal #24-01

The Board will hold an Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearing concerning a student wishing to attend school in the Scotts Valley Unified School District.

Open, Conduct, & Close the Hearing: Sue Roth (President)

6. OPEN SESSION

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

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Van Allen will report 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 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.

9. 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.

- 9.0.1 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on March 20, 2024
- 9.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 21, 2024
- 9.0.3 Donations
- 9.0.4 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 made available at the meeting location.

11. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Recognizing the Santa Cruz COE 2024 STEAM Expo ISEF Winners

The Board will recognize the 2024 STEAM Expo finalist Brent Kong (Scotts Valley High School). Alongside Santa Cruz COE Science Coordinator Dr. Heather Wygant, he will travel to Los Angeles next month to attend and present their projects at the 2024 Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Presenter(s): Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Miguel Aznar, STEAM Expo Lead Judge

11.2 COE Special Education Presentation

The Board will receive an update on Santa Cruz County Office of Education activities in our special education program.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Deven Stark, Director, Special Education

11.3 Multilingual Students and Network Presentation

The Board will receive an update on Santa Cruz County Office of Education activities supporting the multilingual student community and multilingual network in recognition of April as Bilingual/Multilingual Advocacy Month.

Presenter(s): Dr. Angela Meeker, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Barbara Huebner, Multilingual Coordinator, Educational Services

11.4 Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities

The Board will receive a report of the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Benefits, as is required every two years in compliance with GASB 43/45.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Rebecca Olker, Senior Director, Fiscal Services

12. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approve 2024 - 2025 COE and Student Program Calendars

The Board is asked to approve the 2024-2025 Santa Cruz COE and Student Programs calendars.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.2 FIRST READING: BOARD POLICY

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the following proposed policy(ies) as submitted and waive a second reading and move to take action, order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading:

BP 1250 Visitors/Outsiders

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Policy Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.3 Approve Resolution #24-12 Proclaiming May 1-7, 2024 For Flying the Rainbow Flag and Honoring Harvey Milk Day

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education celebrates Harvey Milk Day and invites all across Santa Cruz County to fly the rainbow flag from May 1-7, 2024, and encourages teachers to teach lessons about LGBTQ+ history during this week in their classrooms aligned with the State History Framework.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.4 Adopt Resolution #24-13 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 #24-13.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.5 Adopt Resolution #24-14 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 #24-14.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.6 Approval of Resolution #24-15 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 #24-15.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.7 Approval of Resolution #24-16 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 well-being of all ethnic populations including Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #24-16, 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: Sue Roth (President)

12.8 Approval of Resolution #24-17 Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. The Board will consider adoption of Resolution #24-17, 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: Sue Roth (President)

12.9 Approve Resolution #24-18 Ordering an Election (Santa Cruz County)

Trustee Area terms for areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 expire this November. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-18 Ordering an Election, requesting County Elections to Conduct the election, and requesting the consolidation of the election, and specifications of the election order in Santa Cruz County.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

12.10 Approve Resolution #24-19 Ordering an Election (Monterey County)

Trustee Area terms for areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 expire this November. Part of Trustee Area 6 resides in Monterey County. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-19 Ordering an Election, requesting the Registrar of Voters to conduct the election, and requesting the consolidation of the election, and specifications of the election order in Monterey County.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

14. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Student Trustee Alvarez-Delgado will provide an update on activities and matters of interest.

15. 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.

16. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting
May 18, 2024
9:00 a.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

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Public Participation:

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