



**SANTA CRUZ**  
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**EDUCATION**  
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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**

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**Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 16, 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

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. 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 April 18, 2024

5.0.2 Donations

#### **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 2024 Educators and Community Partner of the Year**

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education celebrates the accomplishments of teachers, classified employees, administrators, school counselors, and a local Community Partner. Award recipients are nominated by their peers and will be awarded a plaque of outstanding achievement by Superintendent Sabbah.

Award Recipients: Woodstock's, Community Partner of the Year  
Cristal Renteria, Administrator of the Year, Santa Cruz COE  
Jennifer Konicke, Classified Employee of the Year, Pacific ESD  
Soledad Hess, Counselor of the Year, SCCS  
Russell Bryan Love, Teacher of the Year, PVUSD

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

**7.2 Santa Cruz COE's Youth Led Leadership Alliance Presentation**

Our student leadership initiatives provide opportunities for students to develop and practice essential leadership skills such as collaboration, public speaking, self-confidence, critical thinking, and civic engagement. Students from the Santa Cruz COE's Youth Led Leadership Alliance (YLLA), representing six leadership groups with specific goals and objectives, will share their projects and highlights during the 2023-2024 school year with the board.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Nick Ibarra, Communications and Engagement Director  
Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator

**7.3 Santa Cruz COE's Countywide Robotics Club**

Early May, ten teams from across the county participated in the MATE ROV (Marine Advanced Technology Education – Remotely Operated Vehicle) Regional Competition. The program aims to build student skills in entrepreneurship, team work, collaboration, as well as technical skills in robotics, computer programming, and design, engineering, and fabrication. The Santa Cruz COE's X Academy Robotics Clubs participated in the competition. Our Hephaestus Robotics team secured a remarkable 3rd place finish in the Ranger Class. This achievement earns them a coveted spot at the MATE ROV World Championship in Kingsport Tennessee at the end of June, where they will compete against 40 of the top teams from around the world. Our Angry Otters team in the Navigator class demonstrated exceptional skill by taking 2nd place in their division.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools  
Jason Borgen, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer

**8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Approval of Resolution #24-20 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

Earlier this month, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, alongside all ten school districts, raised the Progress Flag in honor of Harvey Milk Day. The Progress Flag is a visual representation of acceptance and inclusion. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #24-20 Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

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

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

**8.2 Approval of Resolution #24-21 Recognizing Juneteenth**

Established as a federally recognized holiday in 2021, Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. It was first celebrated in Texas on June 19, 1866, exactly one year after Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and declared that enslaved people had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. The Board will consider adopting Resolution #24-21 Recognizing Juneteenth.

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

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

**8.3 Approval of Resolution #24-22 Establishing Fund 40 Special Reserve Fund For Capital Outlay Projects**

This resolution will establish the Fund 40 Special Reserve Fund for Capital Outlay Projects. This fund will primarily accumulate general fund money for capital outlay purposes, sourced from interfund transfers and interest income. It can be used for various capital projects like land or building purchases. If projected projects don't materialize, funds may be transferred back to the General Fund 01. The Board is asked to approve this resolution.

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

Motion &  
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

**8.4 Schedule Special Board Meeting**

Trustee will schedule a special meeting to host interviews for the vacancy for Trustee area 5 and Oath of Office Swearing in ceremony. The dates in consideration are May 28, May 29, and May 30, 2024. Trustees may also suggest other dates as well.

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, Committee Member, Board Vacancy Committee  
Bruce Van Allen, Committee Member, Board Vacancy Committee  
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

**9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**10. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT**

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

**11. 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.

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

**13. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

With the recent trustee resignation, the Board no longer has a trustee acting as vice president.

**13.1 Nominations and Election for the Vice President of the Board**

President Roth will call for nominations for the Vice President. By motion, the board will elect a vice president.

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

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

COE Alternative Graduations

May 20 - May 24, 2024

Countywide Black Graduation

May 25, 2024

COE Special Education Graduation

May 30, 2024

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

June 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

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Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
June 27, 2024  
4:00 p.m.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**  
President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Public Participation:**

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