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Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 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, Rachel Williams
Faris Sabbah (Secretary)

1.1 Board Member Remote Attendance Approval

Per 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 which are considered to be routine in nature 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 July 18, 2024

5.0.2 Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Teaching Assignment Monitoring Outcomes (TAMO) for 2022-2023

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. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools, Annual Report

Proposition 28, known as the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, was approved by California voters on November 8, 2022. This initiative aims to provide consistent annual funding for arts education in K-12 public schools, including charter schools, by allocating an amount equal to 1% of the total state and local revenues received under Proposition 98 from the previous fiscal year. Under this proposition, schools are required to submit annual board-approved reports detailing how funds were spent.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Denise Guerra-Sanson, Executive Director, Student Program

Motion &
Voice Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.2 Approve Resolution #24-28 In Support of the City of Santa Cruz's Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Proposal

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education supports a proposal to impose a two-cent per fluid-ounce tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in Santa Cruz. This measure aims to address troubling trends in youth health, such as obesity and diabetes, by reducing the consumption of unhealthy beverages. Modeled after similar successful taxes in other California cities, this initiative could generate up to \$1.3 million annually for essential city services, including youth programs. A Community Oversight Panel would ensure a transparent allocation of the funds towards health and wellness programs benefiting the community.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Martine Watkins, City of Santa Cruz, Council member

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.3 Approve Resolution #24-29 Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15)

Each year our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, a commemoration started in 1968 and expanded in 1988 to cover the 30-day period of September 15 to October 15, with its first day commemorating the start of the Mexican War of Independence, leading to the independence of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The Board is asked to recognize September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all students, faculty, administrators, and parents, to remember and celebrate the contributions that Hispanic Americans have made to California and the United States.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.4 Approve Resolution #24-30 National Suicide Prevention Month

September is nationally recognized as Suicide Prevention Month. Santa Cruz County Office of Education is committed to supporting the mental and emotional health of students and staff in Santa Cruz County. The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-30 Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.5 Approve Resolution #24-31 Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024

Proposition 2, on the 2024 ballot, seeks to authorize state bonds to fund the modernization, repair, and improvement of K-12 schools and local community colleges. It aims to enhance safety, upgrade outdated infrastructure, and ensure educational facilities meet current standards and technological needs.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.6 Approve Resolution #24-32 to Bring Back Retired Employee per Gov. Code sections 7522.56 & 21229

Pursuant to Government Code section 7522.56, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education must provide CalPERS this certification resolution when hiring a retiree before 180 days has passed since their retirement date.

Jody Belgard, Senior Systems Support Liaison, retired from the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, effective June 30, 2024. Currently, the Santa Cruz County Office of Education would like to appoint Jody Belgard to assist with the backlog and various projects related to the position of Senior Systems Support Liaison.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Rebecca Olker, Executive Director, Fiscal Services

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustees will report on matters, events, and activities related to the Board's goals of advocating for students, maintaining community relations, and promoting student achievement.

10. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024
4:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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Backup Documentation:

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