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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols • Ms. Sue Roth
Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 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, Rachel Williams
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 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 June 20, 2024

5.0.2 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 27, 2024

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 Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s Student Trustee Academy Presentation

Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Andres Ortiz, Student Leadership and Engagement Coordinator, and COE’s Trustee Academy students will present to the County Board. Students will share a program overview and their learnings. This is the third cohort of the Academy consisting of 14 students from across the County, representing ten local high schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Andres Ortiz, Coordinator, Student Leadership & Engagement

7.2 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Report

The 2024 Health Service Agency Report by the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury highlights Behavioral Health Division (BHD) issues. Key recommendations include improving reporting and transparency, enhancing case management, focusing on local care, and addressing socioeconomic disparities in South County. The report emphasizes the need for better-targeted mental health services to improve health outcomes and reduce long-term costs. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is named in the report.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Nick Ibarra, Director, Communications & Engagement

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve Resolution #24-26 In The Matter of Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans for Cash Flow Purposes

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution #24-26 in the matter of authorizing inter-fund loans for cash flow purposes.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8.2 Approve Resolution #24-27 Recognizing The 15th Annual Stuff The Bus Campaign

The United Way of Santa Cruz County and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education have organized the Stuff the Bus backpack and school supply drive for 15 years, supporting students in need. The initiative has collected supplies and donations for thousands of K-12 students experiencing homelessness or extreme hardships, ensuring they are prepared for school. Santa Cruz County faces significant challenges, including a severe housing crisis and high rates of student homelessness. This initiative promotes learning, self-esteem, and school attendance, contributing to the community's overall well-being and student success.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

8.3 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
Dr. Heather Thomsen, Manager, School-Based Health

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

County Superintendent Dr. Faris 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 related to Board 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
August 15, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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

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