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

Student Trustee: Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025
5:30 pm
Boardroom and/or Zoom

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AGENDA

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

Abel Sanchez (President), Ed Acosta, Edward Estrada (Vice President), Greg Larson, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen, Rachel Williams
Natalie Hofkins (Student Trustee), Ruben Marcus (Student Trustee)
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: Abel Sanchez (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 January 16, 2025

5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 25, 2025

5.0.3 Budget Revisions

5.0.4 Donations

5.0.5 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the 2024-2025 school year

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. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student 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.

8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Behavioral Health Services & Billing Fee Schedule

This presentation includes an overview of available student behavioral health supports, service delivery models, and proposed fee schedule updates for billing and reimbursement.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michael Paynter, LMFT, Executive Director, Student Support Services
Lauren Fein, LMFT, Director, Behavioral Health

8.2 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Senate Bill 114 (2023) added a requirement for LEAs to present a report on the annual update to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) on or before February 28 each at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education

8.3 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement for the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter

Senate Bill 114 (2023) added a requirement for LEAs to present a report on the annual update to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) on or before February 28 each at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board or body of the LEA.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

9.1 Resolution #25-03 Recognizing February as Black History Month

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes February 2025 as National African American History Month, honoring the contributions of Black Americans to U.S. history, culture, and labor. This year's theme, "African Americans and Labor," highlights their significant impact on the workforce. The Board reaffirms its commitment to equity, inclusion, and providing resources that promote understanding of Black history and the ongoing fight against systemic racism in schools and the community.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.2 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot (Subregion 9-A)

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2025 Delegate Assembly Elections ballots have been sent. Completed ballots are due by March 17, 2025.

Elected delegates will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2025, representing their regions in the CSBA Delegate Assembly. The next Delegate Assembly meeting is scheduled for May 17–18, 2025. This election plays a crucial role in ensuring effective governance and representation within CSBA.

The candidates for Subregion 9-A:

Mark Becker (San Lorenzo Valley USD)

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

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.3 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot (County Delegate Region 9)

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) 2025 Delegate Assembly Elections ballots have been sent. Completed ballots are due by March 17, 2025. Each board may vote for multiple candidates but is limited to one vote per candidate. If a tie occurs, a runoff election will be held by April 30, 2025. Elected delegates will serve a two-year term beginning April 1, 2025, representing their regions in the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

The candidates for County Delegate Region 9:

Suzanna Roth (Santa Cruz COE)

Annette Yee Steck (Monterey COE)

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

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.4 Resolution #25-04 Recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education will consider a resolution recognizing March as Disability Awareness Month. This resolution highlights the Board's commitment to fostering an inclusive educational environment where students with disabilities have equal opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute alongside their peers.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.5 Resolution #25-05 Recognizing March as Women's History Month

In recognition of March as Women's History Month, this resolution honors the contributions of women throughout history and today. This annual observance highlights women's achievements across all fields of life. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education remains committed to promoting gender equity by encouraging girls to pursue STEAM careers, providing professional development for educators, and supporting leadership opportunities for women.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach & Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.6 First Reading - Board Bylaw 9240

The County Board of Education may adopt modified and new policies 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:

BB 9240 Board Training

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Policy Committee

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

11. 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.

12. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

All meetings scheduled and approved by the Board are listed below. Specific meetings may be removed or added if so determined, pending board approval.

[The Universal Pre Kindergarten \(UPK\) Pre-K & TK Community Forum](#)

February 27, 2025

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Seascape Golf Course, 610 Clubhouse Dr. Aptos, CA 95003

[Educator Recruitment Fair](#)

March 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060

[STEAM Expo](#)

March 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 2601 E Lake Ave, Watsonville, CA 95076

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Office of Education, 400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

[LGBTQ Symposium for K-12 Educators](#)

March 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Dr, Aptos, CA 95003

[Fashion Teens](#)

April 18, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Rio Theatre, 1205 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

[Youth for Environmental Action Summit](#)

April 21, 2025

Time TBD

Camp Koinonia Conference Grounds, 1605 Eureka Canyon Rd, Corralitos, CA 95076

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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