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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, January 16, 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 December 19, 2024

5.0.2 Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

5.0.4 Alternative Education Court School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.5 Alternative Education Community School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.6 Alternative Education Career Advancement Charter School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

5.0.7 Special Education School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

The Board will be provided with the 2023-2024 final, audited, prior year financial statements, which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller's Office.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Samantha Moore, Senior Associate from Eide Bailly LLP

8.2 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Diversity Update and Report

As the chartering agency, the County Board of Education requires that Pacific Collegiate Charter Schools make an annual report on the evaluation of its educational program in accordance with the charter petition and fulfillment of the charter's purpose and goals.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Maria Reitano, Head of School, Pacific Collegiate School

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

9.1 Resolution #25-01 regarding Short-Term Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts

Under Education Codes 42621 and 42622, County Offices of Education have the authority, with governing board approval, to make short-term cash loans to school districts that may not meet their cash-flow needs. The Board will be asked to approve a resolution to allow Santa Cruz COE to provide short-term loans to Santa Cruz County school districts experiencing cash-flow emergencies.

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

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.2 Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

The Board will be asked to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Development Process and Single Budget Adoption Timelines as submitted and recommended by the administration.

Presenter(s): Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Melissa Lopez, Director, Fiscal Services

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.3 First Reading - Board Bylaw 9320

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 9320 Meetings and Notices

Presenter(s): Abel Sanchez, Board President
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.4 Resolution #25-02 In Support Of Senate Bill 48

This resolution emphasizes the importance of ensuring safe, inclusive school environments by prohibiting federal immigration authorities from accessing campuses without a judicial warrant and limiting the sharing of sensitive information related to immigration enforcement.

SB 48 aligns with the Board's commitment to equitable education and supports the well-being of students and families, particularly those in immigrant communities. The Board will consider the adoption of this resolution.

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

Motion &

Roll Call 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.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting
January 25, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025
5:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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