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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
Special Board Meeting
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9:00 am - 3:30 p.m.
Boardroom, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060

MEETING MINUTES

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

Trustees Present:

Abel Sanchez (President), Edward Estrada (Vice President), Greg Larson, Sue Roth, Bruce Van Allen, Rachel Williams

Trustees Absent:

Ed Acosta, Natalie Hofkins (Student Trustee), Ruben Marcus (Student Trustee)

Staff Present:

Dr. Faris Sabbah (Secretary), Verenise Valentin

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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented (Van Allen/Williams, 6-0-0-1).

Ayes: Estrada, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Acosta

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. GOVERNANCE PRACTICE WORKSHOP

5.1 “Good Beginnings” Workshop

The Board participated in a “Good Beginnings” workshop conducted by Michael Walsh, Director at the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The workshop focused on building the governance team’s capacity by exploring various aspects of their roles and responsibilities, navigating difficult conversations, defining the team’s core values, and enhancing the Board’s influence.

6. 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
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025
5:30 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.