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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, September 19, 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. CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Roth will disclose that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to property as noted in item 3.1.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The Board will consider the purchase of certain real property and/or give further direction concerning price and/or terms for the purchase to the Board's negotiator. (Govt. Code Section 54956.8)

COE Representatives: Liann Reyes, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services
Kelly M. Rem, Lozano Smith

Property: 119 West Beach Street, Watsonville, CA, Santa Cruz County
APN: 017-101-40

Negotiating Parties: Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Pacific Coast
Development

4. OPEN SESSION

Open session will begin as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Sabbah will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda deletions and/or sequence changes will be approved or the agenda will be approved as submitted.

7. REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Roth will report on any reportable action(s) taken by the Board in Closed Session.

8. 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.

9. 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.

9.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15, 2024

9.0.2 Budget Revisions

9.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 9.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

10. 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.

11. NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education

According to County Board of Education Board Bylaw 9150, the Board may appoint a high school student from the county to serve as a Student Trustee for the duration of the school year.

The Board will review the process the interviews will be conducted.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

11.2 Conduct Interviews of Student Trustee Applicants

Applicants: Brandon Blake (Aptos High School)
Maximiliano Barraza Hernández (Pajaro Valley High School)
Sylvi Kayser (Aptos High School)
Julia Peevers (Santa Cruz High School)
Ruben Marcus (Soquel High School)
Kevin Ruiz (Pajaro Valley High School)

11.3 Filling Student Trustee Vacancy on Santa Cruz County Board of Education - Board Deliberation to Determine Final Student Trustee Candidate

The Board will deliberate to determine the final student trustee candidate.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

11.4 Resolution #24-33: Appointment to Fill Student Trustee Vacancy on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education

According to Board Bylaw 9150, the Board is authorized to make an appointment to fill the Student Trustee vacancy.

Presenter(s): Sue Roth, Board President

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.5 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

According to Education Code Section 60119(1)(A), the Board shall hold a public hearing that provides an opportunity for public input regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials to be used by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Alternative Student Programs during the 2024-2025 school year.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education

Open, Conduct &

Close Public Hearing: Sue Roth, Board President

11.6 Resolution #24-34: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

To be eligible to receive instructional materials funding, the governing board is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether or not each pupil in the Santa Cruz County Office of Education programs has sufficient standards-aligned textbooks and/or instructional materials in specified subjects under Education Code Section 60605 et. seq.

Presenter(s): John Rice, Executive Director, Alternative Education

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.7 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board will be informed of the nominee for the appointment as the joint-appointee to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education Personnel Commission, Lynn Miller, and will publicly announce the intended appointee to fill a vacancy that will exist on December 1, 2024. (Merit Rule 2.102 B).

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

Motion &

Voice Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.8 First Reading: Board Policy - 6000s Series Instruction

Modified and new policies may be adopted by the County Board of Education 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:

BP 6158 Independent Studies

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.9 2023-2024 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statement

The Board is requested to review information from the annual closing financial reporting document filed with the California Department of Education.

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

11.10 Resolution #24-35: Recognizing United Against Hate Week

Hate has no place in society, and least of all on our school campuses. Alongside our school districts, the Santa Cruz COE and County Board of Education rejects hatred, racism, prejudice, violence, and bullying in all forms. We are committed to ensuring our schools are safe and welcoming spaces for learners of all identities. We are encouraging recognition of United Against Hate Week at all schools within our community from Saturday, September 21, 2024, through Friday, September 27, 2024.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach, and Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.11 Resolution #24-36: Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month is an annual, month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements, which was founded in 1994 by Missouri high-school history teacher, Rodney Wilson. All students deserve to feel safe and welcome in their schools and to see themselves represented in the curriculum. The County Board of Education affirms its role in, and commitment to, continuing the historical process of transforming the educational system to ensure inclusiveness, safety, and a sense of belonging for all LGBTQ+ students, teachers, staff, and their families. The County Board will consider the adoption of this Resolution.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach, and Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

11.12 Resolution #24-37: Recognizing October 13 through October 19 Week of the School Administrator

The term "school administrator" encompasses various education leadership roles, including superintendents, principals, curriculum leaders, and more. With over 6 million students in California, the future of public education relies on strong leadership. The Board is asked to recognize these administrators.

Presenter(s): Sandra Nichols, Chair, Community Outreach, and Legislative Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. 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.

14. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

15. 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
October 17, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Agenda, Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2024
4:00 p.m.

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

- 16. ADJOURNMENT**
President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

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Backup Documentation:

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