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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

Student Trustee: Ruben Marcus and Natalie Hofkins

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 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
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: 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. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The following trustees will be sworn into the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Natalie Hofkins, Student Trustee

6. 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.

6.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on October 17, 2024

6.0.2 Budget Revisions

6.0.3 Donations

6.0.4 Surplus Items

6.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 6.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

7. 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.

8. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Annual Report: Williams Legislation, Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Pacific Elementary School District, San Lorenzo Valley School District, and Santa Cruz City School District

Education Code § 1240(2)(B) requires, pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, that the County Superintendent of Schools report the findings of the visits and reviews of schools within the county designated as decile 1-3 schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Bryan Wall, Santa Cruz COE Williams Coordinator

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

9.1 Resolution #24-42 Authorizing Participation In Proposition 47 Grant For School Safety Initiatives By The Santa Cruz County Office Of Education

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education seeks approval to participate in the Proposition 47 Grant administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). This grant will support initiatives aimed at enhancing school safety within the county. The resolution authorizes the Director of School Safety, Rishi Lal, to submit the grant proposal and sign the Grant Agreement with the BSCC on behalf of the Office of Education.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

9.2 Approval of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education’s Strategic Plan for 2025-2029

The 2025-2029 Strategic Plan defines the COE’s commitment to supporting all learners, from birth to adulthood, by addressing key challenges in education, rising costs, and mental health needs. Developed collaboratively, the plan promotes a resilient, adaptable approach. The strategic priorities outlined in the plan are supporting safety and wellness, empowering equitable achievement, and building sustainable systems. The plan centers on building BRIDGES to equity through Belonging, Relationships, Innovation, Data-Informed Decision-Making, Growth, Excellence, and Sustainability. The Board is asked to approve of the plan.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

9.3 Resolution #24-43 Recognizing Special Education Day

December 2nd is recognized as National Special Education Day. This day celebrates the anniversary of the nation’s first special education law as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was signed on December 2, 1972. Special Education Day was first celebrated in 2005 which was the 30th anniversary of IDEA. The Board will consider adopting this Resolution.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth, Board President

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

14. 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

December 12, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Per Education Code 35143, this year, the annual organizational meeting must be held on or after Friday, December 13th, 2024, and no later than December 28, 2024.

TENTATIVE - Action Required to schedule:

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Special Meeting - Board Governance Retreat

Saturday, January 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If this date is not feasible, the board will need to identify an alternative Saturday that works. Once a new date is selected, staff will communicate it to CSBA and our presenter for confirmation.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Roth will adjourn the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE:

Public Participation:

All persons are encouraged to attend and, when appropriate, to participate in meetings of the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please be present at the beginning of the meeting as any item, upon motion, may be moved to the beginning of the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to state their name for the record. The president of the Board will establish a time limit of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise stated by the president, for comments from the public. Consideration of all matters is conducted in open session except those relating to litigation, personnel and employee negotiations, which, by law, may be considered in closed session. Expulsion appeal hearings are heard in closed session unless a request for hearing in open session is made by the appellant.

Backup Documentation:

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