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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: Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 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

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: 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. APPRECIATION FOR OUTGOING TRUSTEE

Trustee Sandra Nichols' term has expired and will not be continuing to serve on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education. The Board will recognize Trustee Nichols for her twelve years of dedicated service to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education, and twelve years prior on the Pajaro Valley Unified School District Board.

Outgoing Trustee: Sandra Nichols, Trustee Area 3

Presenters: Sue Roth, Board President
Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools

6. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Faris Sabbah will swear in the following newly elected trustees to the Santa Cruz County Board of Education:

Greg Larson, Trustee Area 3
Edward Estrada, Trustee Area 4
Rachel Williams, Trustee Area 5
Ed Acosta, Trustee Area 6

6.1 Seating of New Officers of the Board of Trustees

New officer will be seated.

7. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

California Education Code § 1007 establishes the terms of office and governance procedures for county boards of education. In alignment with term start dates, the board must hold annual organizational meetings to elect a president and other board positions. This meeting occurs on or after the second Friday in December.

7.1 Nominations for President of the Board

Sue Roth (President) will call for nominations for Board President.

7.2 Election of the Board President

The Board will, by motion, elect a president. Following the vote, the newly elected Board President will assume all Board President duties.

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Sue Roth (President)

7.3 Nominations for the Vice President of the Board

The Board President will call for nominations of the Vice President.

7.4 Election of Board Vice President

The Board President will, by motion, elect a Vice President.

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Board President

7.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

The Board will appoint a chairperson to the County Committee on School District Organization.

Motion &
Roll Call Vote: Board President

7.6 Appointment of Representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCZCSBA)

The Board will appoint a representative to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association.

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

7.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board will discuss, and by motion, select the day of the month and the time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

7.8 Appointments to Standing Committees

7.8.1 Agenda Committee

7.9 Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees

7.9.1 Board Budget Committee

7.9.2 Policy Committee

7.9.3 Charter Schools Committee

7.9.4 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

7.9.5 Other committee(s) as determined

8. 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.

8.0.1 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 21, 2024

8.0.2 Budget Revisions

8.0.3 Donations

8.0.4 Surplus Items

8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

This item is placed on the agenda to address any items that might be pulled from Agenda Item 8.0 for further discussion/consideration if so determined.

9. 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.

10. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Retirement Recognitions

The Board will recognize the important contributions of the following Santa Cruz County Office of Education employee who will be retiring this December:

Retiree: Rosa Rosas, Department Office Coordinator, Alternative Education

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

10.2 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

10.3 First Interim Financial Report

In accordance with Education Code § 1240(L), the Superintendent is required to certify the first interim financial report and present it for the Board to review in open session.

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

11. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

11.1 Approve Resolution #24-44 Authorizing the COE into local agreement with the State of California

This resolution must be adopted in order to certify the approval of the Governing Board to enter into this transaction with the California Department of Social Services for the purpose of providing child care and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Presenter(s): Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

11.2 Approve Resolution #24-45 School Board Recognition Month

A strong public education system is essential for the well-being of California's citizens and communities. School board members tirelessly advocate for the best interests of our children, believing every child can succeed with education tailored to their needs.

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools express gratitude to all public school board members in Santa Cruz County and declare January 2025 as School Board Recognition Month. We encourage the community to join in honoring their dedication and collaborating to build an education system that supports every child.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

11.3 Call for Nominations to CSBA Delegate Assembly

The CSBA Delegate Assembly sets general policy for CSBA and supports the interests of school districts and county offices of education in California. Only CSBA member county boards can nominate board members from their region. Nominees must serve on a CSBA member county board within the respective region or subregion. Delegates serve two-year terms from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2027.

Nomination and biographical sketch forms for CSBA's Delegate Assembly are being accepted until Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is in Region 9. If any trustees are interested in running for election, the board must approve their nomination.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Board President

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. AD HOC/STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

16. 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, 2024
9:00 a.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President 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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