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Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Mr. Greg Larson • 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, June 26, 2025
5:30 pm

The meeting will be held at: Boardroom, Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Trustee Larson will participate in the meeting via teleconference from the following location, which is open to the public: 35 Maddox Lane, Tupper Lake, NY

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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 June 12, 2025

5.0.2 Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 12, 2025

5.0.3 Alternative Education Consolidated Application

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 Recognition of Student Trustees

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education is honored to recognize our 2024-2025 Student Trustees Natalie Hofkins and Ruben Marcus for their outstanding service, leadership, and contributions to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

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

8.2 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Summary of Support for School Districts

In accordance with Education Code § 52066(i), the County Superintendent of Schools must prepare an annual summary of how the County Superintendent of Schools plans to support school districts and schools within the county with differentiated assistance.

Presenter(s): Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Marcia Russell, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Brooke Hofkins, Senior Director, District Support and Leadership

8.3 Local Indicators Presentation for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

The SBE adopted state and local indicators to measure school district and individual school site performance in regard to each of the state priorities, as required by law. Performance data on state and local indicators is publicly reported in the California School Dashboard. Local Indicators apply at the LEA and charter school level and are based on data collected at the local level (Priorities 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10). Note, priorities 9 and 10 are for COEs only.

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

8.4 Local Indicators Presentation for the Career Advancement Charter

The SBE adopted state and local indicators to measure school district and individual school site performance in regard to each of the state priorities, as required by law. Performance data on state and local indicators is publicly reported in the California School Dashboard. Local Indicators apply at the LEA and charter school level and are based on data collected at the local level (Priorities 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10). Note, priorities 9 and 10 are for COEs only.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION

9.1 2025-2026 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Following a public hearing held on June 12, 2025 to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (EDC § 52062(b)), it is requested that the Board adopt the LCAP. Per EDC § 52062(b)(2), the board shall adopt the LCAP prior to the adoption of the budget.

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

Motion &
Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.2 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter School

Following a public hearing held on June 12, 2025 to solicit recommendations and comments from members of the public regarding the specific actions and expenditures proposed by the Local Control Accountability Plan of the Santa Cruz County Career Advancement Charter (EDC § 52062(b)), it is requested that the Board adopt. Per EDC § 52062(b)(2), the board shall adopt the LCAP prior to the adoption of the budget.

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

Motion &
Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.3 Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2025-2026 Budget

Following a Public Hearing held on June 12, 2025 to solicit recommendation and comments from members of the public regarding the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's 2025-2026 Budget, it is requested that the Board adopt the Budget as presented. Per California Education Code Section 52062(b)(2), the board shall adopt the budget, following the adoption of the LCAPs.

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

Motion &
Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.4 Resolution #25-21 Recognizing Community Partnerships And Impactful Action In Addressing The Fentanyl Crisis

The Board will adopt a resolution recognizing community partners for their efforts to combat the fentanyl crisis through education, outreach, and naloxone (Narcan) distribution. Over 950 people attended seven Fentanyl High screenings, and all county middle and high schools are now equipped with naloxone and trained staff.

Presenter(s): Greg Larson, Chair, Community Outreach and Legislative Committee
 Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Heather Thomsen, School Health Manager, Student Support Services

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.5 Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools, Annual Report for Santa Cruz County Alternative Education

Proposition 28, known as the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act, was approved by California voters on November 8, 2022. This initiative aims to provide consistent annual funding for arts education in K-12 public schools, including charter schools, by allocating an amount equal to 1% of the total state and local revenues received under Proposition 98 from the previous fiscal year. Under this proposition, schools are required to submit annual board-approved reports detailing how funds were spent.

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

Motion &

Voice Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.6 Resolution #25-22: Usage of funds generated by Propositions 30 and 55, Education Protection Account (Santa Cruz County Office of Education)

In accordance with the requirements of Propositions 30 and 55, educational agencies must adopt a resolution annually detailing the intended use of EPA funds. These propositions mandate that EPA funds be spent exclusively on instructional purposes and prohibit their use for administrative salaries or other administrative costs.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.7 Resolution #25-23: Usage of funds generated by Propositions 30 and 55, Education Protection Account (Career Advancement Charter)

In accordance with the requirements of Propositions 30 and 55, educational agencies must adopt a resolution annually detailing the intended use of EPA funds. These propositions mandate that EPA funds be spent exclusively on instructional purposes and prohibit their use for administrative salaries or other administrative costs.

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

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.8 Resolution #25-24 Recognizing July as Disability Pride Month

The Board will consider adopting a resolution recognizing July as Disability Pride Month, honoring the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and celebrating the contributions of individuals with disabilities. The resolution reaffirms the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's commitment to equity, inclusion, and accessibility for all students, and encourages schools and community partners to observe the month with activities that promote awareness and understanding.

Presenter(s): Natalie Hofkins, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

Motion &

Roll Call Vote: Abel Sanchez (President)

9.9 Resolution #25-25 Support for AB 1021 and AB 1381, Advancing Educational Workforce Housing Solutions

Many of California's 600,000 public school employees cannot afford housing in the communities they serve, contributing to staffing shortages and retention challenges. Research highlights over 7,000 school-owned properties statewide with potential for workforce housing development. AB 1021 and AB 1381 aim to support LEAs in addressing this crisis by expanding development opportunities and providing funding for feasibility studies.

Presenter(s): Bruce Van Allen, Community Outreach and Legislation Committee

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.

County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 21, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

County Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2025
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Sanchez will adjourn the meeting.