

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on February 7, 2024  
January 29, 2024  
Regular Meeting #2432  
San Jose Room  
5:00 p.m.

**1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER**

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**A. Livestream the Board Meeting:** <https://tinyurl.com/sccboardmeeting>

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)**

Trustee(s) Present:

Grace Mah, Area 1  
Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2  
Don Rocha, Area 3 (Vice President)  
Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4  
Victoria Chon, Area 5  
Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6 (President)  
Raeena Lari, Area 7

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

President Berta announced that our Student Board Member will not be present for this meeting.

**D. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2432-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to set the agenda. Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

President Berta reviewed the live stream details for the January 29, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

There were ten (10) public comments.

## **3. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **A. Discuss and Consider approval of a contract with Separate Legal Counsel for the Board of Education**

There was one (1) public comment on this item.

**MOTION #2432-2 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve a contract with Haight Brown & Bonesteel for separate legal counsel for the Board of Education. Motion passed 6-1-0.**

Motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, and Mah

No: Trustee Sreekrishnan

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

### **B. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Sustained Peace and Safety for All Children**

There were one hundred sixty (160) public comments on this item.

**The motion held open from the January 10, 2024, meeting (MOTION #2431-7) was withdrawn by President Berta and Trustee Lari.**

**MOTION #2432-3 by President Berta and seconded by Trustee Lari to adopt the revised version of the resolution dated January 25, 2024, with the following additional amendments made during the meeting and approved by the maker of the motion and the seconder:**

- 1. Revise the fourth whereas statement to read "Palestinian-American, and other Middle Eastern-American communities";**
- 2. Revise the first resolved statement to include "and respectful" so that it reads "peaceful and respectful dialogue";**

3. **Revise the beginning of the first resolved statement to read, "Be it further resolved, that the SCCBOE calls for a ceasefire for sustainable peace and the release of all hostages in the Middle East, including Palestine and Israel, which" and continues on as previously drafted from that point;**

**The motion was further amended as agreed to by the maker of the motion and the seconder to add "Be it further resolved, that the SCCBOE affirms the American Academy of Pediatrics' following policy statement:**

- **Children should never be harmed because of the religious, cultural, and other beliefs and values of the child and/or their family;**
- **Harm to children should never be used as a tool or tactic of war or conflict;**
- **Children should be protected from the direct effects of armed conflicts and their food, housing, health, and other basic needs safeguarded."**

**Motion passed 5-0-2.**

Motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, and Mah

No: none

Abstain: Vice President Rocha, Trustee Sreekrishnan

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2024.

**MOTION #2432-4 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary

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