

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on February 7, 2024  
January 31, 2024  
Regular Meeting #2433  
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  
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  
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

Trustee Tara Sreekrishnan was not present at roll call, but arrived at approximately 5:20pm.

**D. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2433-1 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to set the agenda with items 7A and 7B moved up to follow item 6A. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Sreekrishnan

President Berta reviewed the live stream details for the January 31, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese.

## **2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan introduced the new Student Board Member for the Santa Clara County Board of Education, Erick De La Rosa Aguilera. He will serve a term through December 31, 2024. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

## **3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared that he is a student at Osborne High School and simultaneously participating in college courses through West Valley College. He expressed his appreciation for the teachers, staff, and peers who have supported his participation on the Santa Clara County Board of Education and his hope that he will be able to use his voice to make positive change.

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

There were thirty-one (31) public comments.

## **5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #6 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2024 (#2431)**
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Career Technical Education Month**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Black History Month**
- E. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

**MOTION #2433-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Rocha to approve Consent Action Items A-E. Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Charter Schools Updates**

There was one (1) public comment on item 6A.

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director, and Dr. Michelle Johnson, Associate Director, of the Charter Schools Department within the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) presented on the charter school approval and appeal process, including projections on the number of appeals the SCCBOE could hear in future years.

### **CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER**

As decided with Motion 2433-1, the Board next moved to items 7A and Items 7B.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

There were six (6) public comments on the items for Closed Session. The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 6:13 p.m.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 6:15 p.m.

### **A. County Superintendent Evaluation**

### **B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT Title: Superintendent of Schools**

## **8. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)**

### **A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:41 p.m. President Berta announced that the Board discussed and took action on item 7A. The Board discussed item 7B with no reportable action.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **B. Facility Project Updates**

There were (4) public comments on item 6B.

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented an update on five facilities projects currently underway: 1) Gateway Inclusive Playground, 2) Glenview walking path in partnership with Gilroy Unified School District, 3) improvements at Martin Murphy Middle School, 4) the Ridder Park Early Learning Center, and 5) the work to install solar carports at four SCCOE sites (Sunol, Snell, Walden West, and Ridder Park).

### **C. Statewide System of Support Presentation**

Dr. Debbie Gorgulho, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Progress, and Dr. Yee Wan, Director of State and Regional Partnerships at SCCOE presented on the statewide system of support model and SCCOE's role in providing support to districts locally, regionally, and statewide.

### **D. Chronic Absenteeism Update**

At the request of the Board, Dr. Debbie Gorgulho, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Progress shared some of the data currently available about student chronic absenteeism and other educational outcomes for students in SCCOE programs.

## **9. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS**

### **Trustee Lari**

- Attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Planting event hosted by Our City Forest in Kelly Park in San José. Over 60 students were in attendance helping to plant trees.
- Attended, with Dr. Dewan, the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon hosted by the African American Community Service Agency Family Resource Center, where the speaker was Dr. Marc Lamont Hill.

### **Trustee Chon**

- Wished to invite Board Members to two upcoming events:
  - East Side Unified High School District is seeking judges for their STEM-palooza event and would be delighted to have Trustees as judges.
  - The Vietnamese American Roundtable is hosting a Lunar New Year celebration this Saturday, February 3.

### **Trustee Mah**

- Attended a few SCCOE events and wished to congratulate staff on their hard work. These included:
  - Early Learning Data Initiative Meeting
  - Early Childhood Education Policy Forum

- She also attended a screening of the film *Clarissa's Battle* about the fight for universal childcare hosted by Build the Future Santa Clara County and Supervisor Susan Ellenberg.

#### Trustee Sreekrishnan

- Met with students at Bellarmine College Preparatory school to talk about intersectionality and advocacy.
- Participated in a meeting about equal access to outdoor learning with local advocate Peggy Brewster and Dr. Dewan.
- Met with members of the Bicycle Coalition and Dr. Dewan.
- Met with Dr. Dewan and others about the possible formation of a Student Advisory Committee.

#### President Berta

- Expressed her gratitude to Trustees Chon and Di Salvo for their interest in serving with her on the Ad Hoc Committees.
- Attended SCCOE's Early Childhood Policy Forum.
- Attended the State of Education event on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEM

### A. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Dewan and President Berta shared an update on their collaborative planning to add a standing item to future agendas that will provide space for Trustees to suggest possible topics for future agendas, while limiting discussion so that the Board remains in compliance with the Brown Act. Board members were encouraged to contact Dr. Dewan, as outlined in the Board's governance documents, with ideas and requests for topics and report.

## 11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- On January 19, SCCOE hosted the Early Childhood Education Policy Forum at Ridder Park. The forum focused on the significant challenges, opportunities, and changes that are altering the ECE landscape for providers, policymakers, and families. A reference guide from the event was provided for each of the Trustees.
- On January 30, Dr. Dewan delivered the 2024 State of Education address which highlighted some of the work done by educators and partners around the county during 2023. The Annual Report was also released. Materials from that event were provided to Trustees.

- Earlier today, SCCOE hosted a workshop for local education leaders on the Governor's January Budget. Capital Advisors provided their analysis to more than 100 participants. The materials have been provided to Trustees.
- Today was the kickoff for Silicon Valley Reads. Dr. Dewan expressed her gratitude to Trustee Mah for serving on the Silicon Valley Reads Committee this year.
- Dr. Dewan expressed gratitude to all Board of Education members for their service as it was the last day of Board of Education Appreciation Month.
- Dr. Dewan requested the Board Members save the date for the upcoming SCCSBA Legislative Brunch on Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Fremont Union High School District in the board room.
- She reminded Trustees of the Asset Champions Breakfast to recognize Silicon Valley schools, individuals, and organizations that are committed to making this a better place for young people to live and grow. The event will occur on Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Santa Clara Convention Center and RSVPs are required by Friday, February 9.

## 12. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Santa Clara County Office of Education Annual Financial Audit Report**
- B. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports**
- C. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302 (a) Limit**
- D. Board Member Committee Appointments**

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2024.

**MOTION #2433-3 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Chon to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none  
Not Present at Vote: none

Respectfully submitted,



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

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