

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on February 21, 2024  
February 7, 2024  
Regular Meeting #2434  
San Jose Room  
5:00 p.m.

**1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER**

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:08 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  
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

**D. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2434-1 by Trustee Lari 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

President Berta reviewed the live stream details for the February 7, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese or view ASL interpretation.

## **2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

President Berta introduced Bernadette O'Donnell, Student Services Specialist in the Special Education Department, as February's Employee of the Month. She noted O'Donnell's contributions and stated that O'Donnell will receive a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Santa Clara County Office of Education, an engraved pen, and a reserved parking space.

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

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared his daily experience as a student at Osborne High School. He expressed his appreciation that the Board would be hearing updates on the Solar Project and the opportunities that project would provide to students. He concluded by recognizing Michelle De Caro and Maddy Blanco in honor of National School Counselors Week.

## **4. INFORMATION ITEM**

### **A. Santa Clara County Office of Education 2022-2023 Annual Finance Audit Report**

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced Assistant Superintendent Stephanie Gomez and Heather Rubio of Christy White, Inc., who provided an overview of the Santa Clara County Office of Education 2022-23 Annual Financial Audit Report.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 5:28 p.m.

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

There were nineteen (19) public comments.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

There was one (1) public comment on the items for Closed Session. The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 5:57 p.m. President Berta called roll. All Trustees were present.

**A. County Superintendent Evaluation**

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

**7. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)**

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

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. President Berta announced that there was no reportable action on items 7A or 7B.

**8. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #8 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 29, 2024 (#2432)**
- C. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 31, 2024 (#2433)**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Lunar New Year**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Parent Teacher Association Founder's Day**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Raising Awareness About the Dangers Related to Doxxing**

There were six (6) public comments related to item 8F.

**MOTION #2434-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve Consent Action Items A-F. 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

## 9. INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Annual Training: Conflict of Interest

Shanna Heller from the Office of County Counsel provided training to the Board Members on conflicts of interest. This annual training is provided in accordance with BB 9005 (Code of Conduct) and BB 9240 (Board Training).

### B. Charter Schools Update

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Department within the Santa Clara County Office of Education, provided updates on the following topics:

- Bullis Charter School North Campus annual visit on February 1, 2024
- Delay of the annual site visit to Voices Morgan Hill due to a storm-related closure
- Storm-related school closures at Voices Morgan Hill, Voices Mount Pleasant, University Preparatory, Rocketship Alma, Alpha José Hernández
- DCP Alum Rock 2022-2023 Audit

### C. Solar Project Update

Dr. Teresa Shipp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented an update on the Solar Project with a focus on the supplement services to students.

### D. LCAP Mid-Year Supplemental Report

Dr. Teresa Shipp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Jennifer Ann, Executive Director of Special Education, and Dane Caldwell-Holden, Executive Director of Alternative Education presented the mid-year report on the Local Control Accountability Plan.

Trustee Di Salvo left at 9:18pm.

## 10. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, provided an update from the February 7, 2024, Budget Study Committee meeting. The Committee heard presentations on the Governor's January Budget Proposal, SCCOE's budget development and financial planning process, and Special Education enrollment and program cost trends.

President Berta reported that the Warmenhoven Advisory Committee met on January 12, 2024. At the meeting, Inclusion Collaborative introduced new staff and reviewed



their statement of purpose. Participants shared community and program updates. Student presentations included those by Parvin Balasingam (Special Needs Awareness Program) and Rhea Sandir (Snowflake Learning). The Inclusion Collaborative Annual Report, data on warmline usage, upcoming events, and updates on a recent grant award were shared. The next Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 3, 2024.

## 11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

### Trustee Lari

- Reported working on a public health series with the League of Women Voters. The next event is *Death vs. Dollars: How Can We Deal with Chronic Disease – Long COVID, Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases, Asthma?* The event will be hosted via Zoom on February 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### Trustee Sreekrishnan

- Met with the Santa Clara Reading Coalition on Friday, February 2, 2024.
- Met with student Thy Hope Luong to discuss the Doxxing Resolution that the Board approved earlier in the evening.
- Reported ongoing conversations about the possibility of a Student Advisory Board with Dr. Dewan, her staff, and students from the community.

### President Berta

- Provided a keynote address at the Santa Clara County Service Center's Annual Board Member's Dinner.

## 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- On February 5, 2024, Dr. Dewan presented at Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative's kickoff webinar for School-Linked Partnerships and Capacity Grants. The Santa Clara County Office of Education, in partnership with the Sacramento County Office of Education, will oversee fund distribution to all 58 county offices of education (COEs) and will provide training and technical assistance to help COEs successfully implement a statewide multi-payer fee schedule for school-linked behavioral health services.
- On February 5, 2024, Dr. Dewan participated in an Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) Call to Action Info Session hosted by County Supervisor Cindy Chavez and County Executive James Williams. This was to address a consideration in Governor Gavin Newsom's January budget proposal that could impact the County of Santa Clara's budget and the budgets of 15 local cities and 11 special districts. It would not impact the SCCOE's budget, but

SCCOE will continue to monitor it as it may impact services on which our families rely.

- Reported working with a local student, Anushka, to conduct research on student advisory councils and commissions. Based on this research, staff are exploring the possibility of establishing a student or youth advisory council during the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Dewan thanked Anushka for her research and partnership in this work and Trustee Sreekrishnan for making the introduction.
- As a follow-up to an inquiry from the Trustees about the use of SCCOE facilities, Dr. Dewan shared the Conference Center's brochure on the SCCOE website with information about available spaces and the process for submitting a request. The link will be included in the weekly.
- Requested that Board members save Tuesday, April 2, 9-4 p.m. as a possible SCCOE Sacramento Advocacy Day. During SCCOE's Advocacy Day, we will advocate on legislative budget issues, connect with elected legislators and high-level education staff, as available, and emphasize the relevance of key legislation.
- 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.
- Reminded the Trustees that they are cordially invited to join us at this year's Asset Champions Breakfast. The event will occur on Friday, March 15 at the Santa Clara Convention Center and RSVPs are required by Friday, February 9th.
- Dr. Dewan shared that she has been in ongoing conversations with Amanda Hawes from the Safe Jobs Coalition. Together, we are developing a communication plan to raise awareness about this research initiative.
- The California Teacher Credentialing Department conducted a successful site visit of SCCOE's Educator Preparation Programs, which is done periodically.
- Reported a successful Silicon Valley Reads Kick-off and provided a reminder that Silicon Valley Reads continues through March.

### **13. INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **A. Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Dewan introduced the item by explaining that this item provides Board Trustees an opportunity to mention topics of interest.

Board Member	Suggested Item
Trustee Chon	A recurring spotlight presentation from site staff, parents, or students at SCCOE programs.
Trustee Mah	A highlights presentation from Board-authorized charter schools in addition to the SCCOE programs mentioned by Trustee Chon
Trustee Mah	An update on Educare changes and the financial impacts
Trustee Mah	Branch, division, or department reports or updates

#### 14. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

##### A. Contracts Over \$250,000

##### B. Disposition of Surplus Items October 2023 – December 2023

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024.

**MOTION #2434-3 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:38 p.m.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Di Salvo

Respectfully submitted,



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

: kc