

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on March 6, 2024
February 21, 2024
Regular Meeting #2435
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
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

D. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2435-1 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

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the February 21, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese or view ASL interpretation.

2. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared that, while other students are on February break, students at Osborne are still in session. This month, they are honoring Black History Month by focusing on the contributions of African Americans as well as their struggles in the fight for equality. Students are learning how they can contribute to that fight. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera expressed his support for the two resolutions being considered this evening.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

There were ten (10) public comments.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 5:30 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

There were twenty (20) public comments on the items for Closed Session. The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 6:10 p.m. President Berta called roll. All Trustees were present.

A. County Superintendent Evaluation

B. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Government Code §54957) (County Superintendent of Schools)

5. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. President Berta announced that there were no reportable actions on items 4A or 4B.

6. 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 February 7, 2024 (#2434)**
- C. Approval of 2024-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plans**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Youth Arts Month**

MOTION #2435-2 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Lari 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, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

7. ACTION ITEM

A. Discussion and Approval of Candidate(s) for Region 20 CSBA Delegate Assembly

The Santa Clara County Board of Education must submit a single ballot for the Region 20 California School Board Association Delegate Assembly with no more than four (4) candidates selected. By consensus, the Board chose to perform a roll call vote on each candidate individually to select the top four candidates. In the first round of voting the results were as follows:

Candidate 1: Isabel Jubes-Flamerich (Sunnyvale SD). Result 7-0-0.

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

Candidate 2: Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara USD). Result 4-1-2.

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

No: President Berta

Abstain: Trustees Di Salvo and Lari

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

Candidate 3: Carol Presunka (Cambrian SD). Result 4-0-3.

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

No: none

Abstain: President Berta, Trustees Chon and Sreekrishnan

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

Candidate 4: Vaishali Sirkay (Los Altos ESD). Result 6-0-1.

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

No: none

Abstain: Trustee Mah

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

Candidate 5: Jessica Speiser (Los Altos ESD). Result 5-0-2.

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

No: none

Abstain: Vice President Rocha, Trustee Mah

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

On the first ballot three candidates were selected: Isabel Jubes-Flamerich, Vaishali Sirkay, and Jessica Speiser. A second round of voting was held to break the tie between the two remaining candidates. In the second round of voting the results were as follows:

Candidate 3: Carol Presunka (Cambrian SD). Result 4-0-3.

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

No: none

Abstain: Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, and Sreekrishnan

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

Candidate 2: Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara USD). Result 2-0-5.

Yes: Trustees Chon and Sreekrishnan

No: none

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

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: none

The final slate of candidates selected was Isabel Jubes-Flamerich, Vaishali Sirkay, Jessica Speiser, and Carol Presunka. Dr. Dewan indicated that she would work with staff to prepare and submit the ballot on behalf of the board prior to the March 15, 2024, deadline.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Annual Training: Brown Act

Marcelo Quiñones and Mary Hanna-Weird from the Office of County Counsel provided training to the Board Members on Government Code Section 54950 (the Brown Act). This annual training is provided in accordance with BB 9005 (Code of Conduct) and BB 9240 (Board Training).

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

Dr. Dewan requested a change in agenda order to allow the staff from the Workability 1 and Environmental Literacy programs to present before the presentation on Educare.

C. Workability 1 and Environmental Literacy Presentation

Roan Louie, Program Manager – Vocational Education, presented on the Workability I program funded by the California Department of Education. This program provides comprehensive pre-employment skills training and employment placement for high school and post-secondary students in special education. Annie Wulczynski, Gardening Instructor, presented on the Special Education Environmental Literacy Program located at seven sites for students ages three (3) through twenty-two (22). Ms. Louie and Ms. Wulczynski also presented on the collaboration between their two programs with respect to the Hester's Helping Hands student-run business.

B. Educare California at Silicon Valley (ECSV) Reimagining and Role of SCCOE

Dr. Teresa Shipp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Shawn Gerth, Executive Director of Educare California at Silicon Valley (ECSV), provided an update on changes at ECSV and the reimagining of SCCOE's role. Since 2019, ECSV's leadership has been engaging in a long-term strategic planning process which has led to the decision that a partner organization would be selected to operate the Educare site, while ECSV shifts to a low footprint "Friends Of" role. Through a rigorous process, SCCOE has been selected to be that operator beginning July 1, 2024.

D. Charter Schools Update

Dr. Dewan announced that a three-year \$8.25 million grant was awarded to Rocketship California, which operates Rocketship Public Schools in Santa Clara County. The Stronger Connections Grant is from the California Department of Education and will help students and families meet their wholistic needs. Rocketship has identified social emotional learning, mental health and wellness services, family engagement, and efforts to address absenteeism as a focus for this funding. Dr. Dewan congratulated Rocketship on this news.

E. Overview of Budget Development and Fiscal Planning

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented on SCCOE's budget development and fiscal planning process. She focused on some of the factors and assumptions SCCOE uses when developing the budget, as well as the timeline.

9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Mah provided an update from the February 13 Head Start Policy Council meeting. She reported being in another meeting also via zoom at the same time but was able to report that as one of the first meetings of the year, introductory topics were covered for the benefit of new members.

Trustee Lari provided an update from the February 13 Strong Start Coalition meeting. Members heard a presentation by Amanda Dickey, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs at SCCOE, on the Governor's January Budget Proposal and SCCOE's legislative priorities and sponsored legislation. Attendees also heard from Anna Powell, Senior Research and Policy Associate at UC Berkeley's Center for the Student of Child Care Employment, on the center's research into family, friend, and neighbor care. Dr. Matthew Tinsley, Manager of Early Learning Initiatives at SCCOE, invited members to thank the Governor for the proposed extension of the increased reimbursement rate for childcare providers in his January budget. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2024.

10. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Lari

- On February 12, Trustee Lari organized and co-moderated a panel on Infection Associated Chronic Conditions. The panelists discussed long COVID, Lyme disease, and other conditions, and noted the risk to children.

- On February 21, Trustee Lari was a team lead for Lyme Advocacy Day with legislators. The effort is seeking more funding for therapeutics and diagnostics.
- On March 9, the League of Women Voters is hosting an event that will cover the intersections of Health and Education, Health and Housing, and Health and the Environment. Dr. Dewan will be speaking on Education and Health.
- Trustee Lari noted that March 8th is International Women's Day and the theme is "Inspire Inclusion." She also acknowledged the upcoming start to Women's History Month.

Trustee Mah

- Trustee Mah attended the Silicon Valley Community Foundation Child Advocacy Network (CAN) meeting. Participants discussed legislation and the candidate forums that have been held to reinforce the importance of early learning.
- On February 9, Trustee Mah attended the Challenge Team meeting in north county. Ted Lempert, President of Children Now, presented on the organization's legislative work and handed out copies of the California Children's Report Card.
- On February 15, San Mateo County Office of Education hosted a Summit for Partnership in Education called *Elevating Racial Justice in San Mateo County*. There was a focus on Pacific Islander groups and existing efforts on equity.
- Trustee Mah also recommended the Library tab within BoardDocs which has some useful resources.

President Berta

- On February 10, President Berta served as a judge at East Side Union High School District's STEmpalooza! 2024 event. The event was a success with nearly one thousand students, staff, community members, and industry partners participating. She expressed her gratitude to all the participants as well as Vanessa Vitug, ESUHSD's Science Coordinator, and Sergio Diaz-Luna, ESUHSD's Director of Communications & Community Engagement.

11.SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On February 10th, SCCOE held the Step into an Education Career event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event supplied information about the various credentials and child development permits and how to achieve them. Information was shared about

financial aid, compensation, retirement, and benefits; and an opportunity to hear about the various university, community college and teaching programs available to the attendees. The attendees had the opportunity to speak to credential experts and talk with the eleven community colleges and universities along with our EPP program to answer personal questions. There were 136 attendees (121 registered & 15 walk-ins). Dr. Dewan thanked Michelle Fine in SCCOE's Human Resources department and all the volunteers and participants for a great event. The next event will be on August 17, 2024.

Dr. Dewan reminded Board Members that SCCOE is making preparations for Sacramento Advocacy Day on April 2, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4p.m. All Board Members are invited to participate. RSVPs are needed soon so that the day can be properly agendaized if more than a quorum plans to participate.

12. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Future Agenda Items

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

Board Member	Suggested Item
Trustee Di Salvo	Science of Reading including an update on implementation and what might be needed

13. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Schedule of Monthly Budget Revisions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

B. LCAP Mid-Year Report

C. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024.

MOTION #2435-3 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:12 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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

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