

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on March 20, 2024
March 6, 2024
Regular Meeting #2436
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:01 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)
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2 (*arrived at 5:03 p.m.*)
Raeena Lari, Area 7 (*arrived at 5:03 p.m.*)

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

D. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2436-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President Rocha 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 March 6, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese or view ASL interpretation.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Trustee Chon introduced Penelope Kirby, Outdoor Recreation Specialist at Walden West, as March's Employee of the Month. She noted Kirby's contributions and stated that Kirby 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 the following updates:

- A new culinary program has started at Osborne School. Through this course students will have the opportunity to earn their food handler certificates which will provide opportunities for employment in the food service industry.
- Osborne's horticulture and aquaponics programs are growing. Students are now caring for more than 100 varieties of plants. There is also a new collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and San Jose Flycasters in which students are raising 50 Rainbow Trout for release at Ed R. Levin County Park in Milpitas in late April.
- For Youth Arts Month, students at Osborne have been learning about pointillism and will be able to create designs to support student businesses. Meanwhile, students at Sunol are working on an art campaign related to the opioid crisis in collaboration with the Department of the Health and Art House.
- Some students are participating in the Pro-Com Athletic League, which allows students from alternative schools to play in year-round sports. Students are required to meet academic, attendance, and behavioral expectations to maintain eligibility. Basketball season recently started with 11 schools participating. The league is collaboratively run by the Santa Clara County Probation Department and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Students are learning teamwork, leadership, and conflict resolution.
- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera recently met with SCCOE staff to learn about the State Seal of Civic Engagement. He expressed interest in working with school staff to build awareness of this opportunity.

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

There were seven (7) public comments.

5. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #5 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2024 (#2435)**
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Autism Awareness Month and Day**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution to Honor the Life of Dolores Huerta**

MOTION #2436-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Lari to approve Consent Action Items A-E. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: Vice President Rocha

6. ACTION ITEM

A. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of January

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services presented on January 2024 budget updates. During the month of January 2024, expenditure budgets were increased by \$11,630,834; revenue was increased by \$11,628,290; and the fund balance was decreased by \$2,544. She highlighted the increases in restricted revenue in the amount of \$5,421,835 which was allocated to support the following initiatives:

- \$1,043,620 for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) for temporary rate increases pursuant to Section 1 of Assembly Bill (AB) 110 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2023)

- \$3,608,112 for the Santa Clara County School Behavioral Health Workforce Pipeline grants from the U.S. Department of Education to increase mental health support for children and youth in Santa Clara County schools and to increase the number and diversity of credentialed school social workers in high-need community schools
- \$770,103 for the Data Adventures grant for a Mobile Makerspace to promote data literacy, digital storytelling, and interest in data science

MOTION #2436-3 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve Consent Action Items A-D. 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. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Charter Schools Update

Executive Director Mefula Fairley, Cynthia Tapia, Matt Daugherty from the SCCOE Charter Schools Department provided an update on planned changes at Downtown College Prep (DCP) Alum Rock. The presentation was intended to inform the SCCBOE of the DCP Board's actions and DCP's communication with families to date. A material revision of DCP's charter reducing the grade levels served from 6-12 to 6-8 is expected to come before the Board later this spring.

B. Culturally Responsive Garden Education: Honoring Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Teresa Shipp, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services introduced Eugene Santillan, Principal, North County Alternative Education, Jenn Mutch, Coordinator, Integrated STEAM program, and Ashima Sharma, California Climate Action Corps Fellow who presented on culturally responsive garden education. The presenters shared the history of the program from idea to robust community of practice. They also shared some of the benefits of garden education and how the program connects to the Board Priorities.

C. 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services provided a report on County School Services Fund budget for 2023-2024, known as the 2nd Interim

Report. She indicated that second interim reporting reflects a positive certification, meaning that the SCCOE will meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent fiscal years. There was an increase in restricted grant and contract revenue of approximately \$6.9 million designated solely for specific actions and deliverables.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Chon provided an update from the March 6, 2024, meeting of the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee (JLAC). During the meeting, Trustee Chon was selected to serve as Chair for 2024. The committee heard presentations on the Governor's Budget, legislation, and co-sponsored legislation. There are over 300 bills related to education this cycle. Dr. Dewan indicated that the Board members would be provided with an informational handout on the six (6) co-sponsored bills.

Trustee Lari provided an update from the February 28, 2024, meeting of the SCCSBA. There was a panel presentation hosted by the SCCOE on the California Mathematics Framework. Presenters included individuals from the California Department of Education, the Oak Grove School District, Morgan Hill Unified, and the SCCOE.

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2023-2024 County Superintendent Evaluation Process

There were seven (7) public comments on item 9A.

Vice President Rocha clarified that this item was for the evaluation to be completed at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year. President Berta recommended the creation of an ad hoc to determine the criteria and process for the evaluation. Trustee Chon volunteered to be part of the ad hoc committee. She also requested that the development of the Superintendent's goals be collaborative. Dr. Dewan requested Board consideration of the timing of the goal development process as most of the 2023-2024 year has passed.

B. 2024 Board Self-Evaluation

There was one (1) public comment on item 9B.

Dr. Dewan explained that in accordance with BB 9400, each January the Board President is expected to form an ad hoc committee to determine the Board's self-evaluation process for the year. President Berta recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to develop a framework for the evaluation with the intent of discussing and/or conducting the evaluation at the annual board retreat. Vice President Rocha and Trustee Chon indicated

support for this approach. Dr. Dewan offered that a facilitator could be arranged to support if there was interest from the Board.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 6:54 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There were three (3) public comments for the items in Closed Session.

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 7:00 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 7:04 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case

B. County Superintendent Evaluation (Government Code §54957)

11. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 8:26 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:30 p.m. President Berta announced that there were no reportable actions on items 9A or 9B.

12. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Mah

- On March 1, Trustee Mah attended the Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) Showcase Luncheon with the theme *Transform Tomorrow Together*. She highlighted the programs FLY offers to support at-risk youth.
- Trustee Mah attended the California Charter School Association's (CCSA) *First Friday with Myrna* event with their President & CEO. Trustee Mah indicated that SCCOE/SCCBOE is a member of CCSA and requested SCCOE staff provide access/log-in information so that she can access some of the resources CCSA offers through their website.
- Trustee Mah indicated that she has also been in contact with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) about access to the Gamut platform which

hosts sample board policies and other resources. She requested that SCCOE staff provide access/log-in information for that account, if possible.

- On March 6, Trustee Mah attended the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee with newly elected Chair, Trustee Chon.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The SCCOE was the host of the Curriculum and Instruction Steering Committee Annual Symposium, which is an event of California County Superintendents. The event brought together over a thousand participants from across the state. SCCOE staff presented in several sessions and did a fantastic job. Dr. Dewan thanked staff for their hard work especially the teams from the Professional Learning & Support, Educational Progress, Public Affairs, and Educational Services divisions who were instrumental in planning the conference and all the presenters and leaders who volunteered.

On February 22, Dr. Dewan hosted a Zoom Lunch & Learn session with Santa Clara County School Board Association (SCCSBA) where she covered some of the latest developments in COVID-19 and some of the research and trends on chronic absenteeism. Dr. Dewan also attended the SCCSBA monthly meeting on February 28th where the SCCOE presented a panel on the new Math Framework.

On February 26, Dr. Dewan met with student advisor Anushka Tadikonda to continue building a framework for a Student Advisory Council. Anushka and SCCOE staff continue to research different models throughout the state. Anushka's input continues to be invaluable. Dr. Dewan will keep the board apprised as this work continues to develop.

On Saturday, March 2, Dr. Dewan gave a welcome at Read Among the Redwoods at Walden West as part of Silicon Valley Reads. Students had the chance to hear one of this year's featured books, *The Forest Man* by Anne Matheson and take an educational walk among the redwoods.

Dr. Dewan participated in a site visit to Edenvale Head Start in San Jose with Congressman Panetta who has been interested in supporting Head Start reform at the federal level. Thank you, Vice President Rocha, for joining me.

Dr. Dewan provided reminders to the Board about a few upcoming events, including:

- The Santa Clara County School Board Association Legislative Brunch on March 9, 2024
- SCCOE's Advocacy Day in Sacramento on April 2, 2024
- The Viva El Mariachi Showcase on April 4, 2024

- The 2024 Santa Clara County Children's Summit on April 19, 2024
- SCCOE's 3rd Annual Environmental Literacy Summit on April 27, 2024
- The Walden West Foundation's Pickleball Challenge Fundraiser on May 11, 2024

Details about each of these events will be provided in the Superintendent's weekly memo to the Board.

The names of the 2024 California Distinguished Schools were released on February 29. Sixteen (16) schools in Santa Clara County were recognized. Two schools were also recognized as Model Continuation Schools. The SCCBOE and SCCOE will be recognizing both groups of schools at an upcoming Board meeting.

The California School Public Relations Association recently held their award gala where several Santa Clara County teams were recognized. Dr. Dewan congratulated the Public Affairs team from SCCOE which was honored for their Fentanyl Awareness Campaign and Hoffman Award videos. Jasmine Leyva, SCCOE Media and Marketing Manager, was honored as a CalSPRA Rising Star.

14. 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 Mah	Explore the possibility of a study or review of the SCCOE Special Education Program.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024.

MOTION #2436-4 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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

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