

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on April 17, 2024
March 20, 2024
Regular Meeting #2437
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 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 #2437-1 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Rocha to set the agenda with item 5E pulled for discussion. 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 20, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese or view ASL interpretation.

CHANGE IN AGENDA ORDER

President Berta proceeded with a change in agenda order to allow for the special recognition honoree to arrive.

4. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared the following updates:

- He expressed his gratitude and support for Dr. Dewan.
- The students at Osborne School are completing their project on pointillism which will culminate with a competition for a gift card.
- For Women's History Month, teachers at Osborne are focusing their lessons on women leaders in the fight for equality. He expressed his appreciation for the work of female teachers serving students each day.
- At Blue Ridge School, students have completed the requirements to earn their CPR and First-Aid certifications. He indicated an interest in expanding this opportunity to Osborne.

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

There were 11 public comments.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Vice President Rocha introduced Michael Orozco as the Student of the Year in the SCCOE Special Education Program. He noted Michael's leadership at the school and kindness toward others and stated that he will receive a plaque signed by the Board President and County Superintendent of Schools, as well as an iPad.

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 March 6, 2024 (#2436)**
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Education and Sharing Day U.S.A.**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Environmental Education Week**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Arab American Heritage Month**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month**
- H. Request Approval to Submit the Non-Competitive Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Application for FY 2024-25 and Selection Criteria**

MOTION #2437-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Sreekrishnan to approve Consent Action Items A-D and F-H. 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

- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Endometriosis Awareness Month**

There was one (1) public comment.

MOTION #2437-3 by Trustee Lari and seconded by President Berta to approve Consent Action Item 5E. 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

6. ACTION ITEM

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

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented on February 2024 budget updates. During the month of February 2024, expenditure budgets were increased by \$351,149; revenue was increased by \$212,027; and the fund balance was decreased by \$139,122. She highlighted the increases in restricted revenue in the amount of \$150,000 which was allocated to support the following initiatives:

- \$50,000 for the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) agreement with the City and County of San Francisco to provide staff training to 1,500 district staff members in three Bay Area counties on the following: (1) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and (2) social media.
- \$100,000 for the Tutoring Matters Grant Program to provide high need students in San Jose with an opportunity to access high-quality tutoring services and accelerate growth toward academic goals.

MOTION #2437-4 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve the budget revisions for February 2024. 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. Early Start and Deaf Hard of Hearing Programs

Dr. Jennifer Ann, Director of Special Education, Michelle Kjellesvig, Assistant Director Early Start Learning Development, and Dr. Tarsha Foye, Principal of the Oster Cluster, presented on the Santa Clara County Office of Education's programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.

The Early Start Program is a collaboration with the San Andreas Regional Center and a consortium of community agencies to serve children age birth to three with a low-incidence disability and their families. The program serves students through a

coaching model in which an interdisciplinary team provides supports to parents and caregivers. The program currently serves 176 families, 97 of those under the deaf/hard of hearing eligibility category.

Once students reach age three, classroom-based services are offered through age 22. Currently, 98 students are enrolled in the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) program across five sites (Chandler Tripp, Oster, Dartmouth, Leigh, and Hester) and there are additional students who receive SCCOE itinerant supports in their district programs.

Student presenters Mina and Leah (Leigh High School) and Juan (Hester Post-Secondary) presented on their experiences in the DHH program.

There were 11 public comments for item 7A.

B. Charter Schools Update

Executive Director Mefula Fairley, Charter Schools Department, provided an update on two items.

- Charter Schools program staff are scheduled to meet with leadership at Downtown College Prep (DCP) Alum Rock on March 27, 2024, to discuss DCP's forthcoming material revision to its charter. The material revision is expected to be heard at the April 17, 2024, meeting of the SCCBOE.
- Charter Schools Performance Category data was released by the California Department of Education on March 12, 2024. These data include a list of charter schools and their respective performance categories based on the California School Dashboard. The performance category is one criterion charter authorizers must use in decisions to reauthorize a charter school. The five SCCBOE-authorized charter schools expected to come before the board for renewal in 2024-2025 include schools in the high (1), medium (3), and low categories (1).

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were four (4) public comments for the items in Closed Session.

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 7:10 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 7:18 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

A. County Superintendent Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)

- B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Sunnyvale School District, Desired District: Santa Clara Unified School District**
- C. Expulsion Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Gilroy Unified School District**

Vice President Rocha left at 11:44 p.m. Trustee Di Salvo left at 11:45 p.m. Trustee Sreekrishnan left at 11:47 p.m.

9. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 11:45 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 11:48 p.m. President Berta announced that there was no reportable action on item 8A.

In the matter of 8B, a motion was made by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal through high school based on factor five with a vote of 7-0-0.

On the matter of 8C, the Board of Education was unable to make a decision and no action was taken. The expulsion remains in effect.

10. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Dewan provided an update from the March 20, 2024, meeting of the Budget Study Committee. The committee provided an update on the budget development timeline and received a report about the Head Start grant application. The committee agreed to convert their May 15, 2024, Budget Study Committee meeting to a Budget Study Session of the full board.

Trustee Mah provided an update from the March 12, 2024, Head Start Policy Council meeting. She reported that the Head Start Policy Council reviewed and approved the Head Start grant application and that it was otherwise a standard meeting.

Trustee Lari provided an update from the March 12, 2024, Strong Start Coalition meeting. Members heard a presentation by Dr. Dewan and Amanda Dickey on SCCOE sponsored legislation, including two bills related to early care and education (AB 2206 and AB 1930). The committee heard a presentation by Dr. Rupa Basu on the effect of climate change on the frequency of premature and low birth weight births in California. Dr. Matthew Tinsley concluded the meeting with guidance for members wishing to advocate on early childhood-relevant legislation.

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Mah

- On March 20, Trustee Mah attended the California School Board Association Legal Services Lunch & Learn program on California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests.
- Trustee Mah attended the Attendance Collaborative meeting sponsored by the SCCOE and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. She reported learning about the wide range of resources available to schools and districts and recommended highlighting some of the most important best practices via the website.
- On March 20, Trustee Mah attended the Budget Study Committee meeting as an observer.
- Along with Dr. Dewan, Trustee Mah attended the YMCA Project Cornerstone Asset Champion Breakfast.
- Trustee Mah attended the Alpha Public Schools Stars of Tomorrow Alumni Celebration with Executive Director Fairley.
- Trustee Mah attended Second Harvest Silicon Valley's Legislative gathering on March 12, 2024, where they provided information on Second Harvest's legislative work.
- Trustee Mah attended the Santa Clara County School Board Association's Legislative Brunch on Saturday, March 9.
- Together with Trustee Di Salvo, Trustee Mah participated in a Rocketship Fellowship Panel.

Trustee Lari

- On March 9, 2024, Trustee Lari helped organized League Day 2024 with the League of Women Voters Bay Area. The event spotlighted the intersections of health and education, health and race, health and housing, and health and the environment. Dr. Dewan presented on the work of the SCCOE to support the health and mental health of students.
- On March 10, 2024, Trustee Lari and Trustee Chon attended the League of Women Voters of Cupertino/Sunnyvale's gathering of elected officials.

- Trustee Lari attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Center in Morgan Hill on March 15, 2024. The Center is expected to provide healthcare access to families in Morgan Hill and Gilroy. The facility will also house a child advocacy center for survivors of abuse, which will open soon.
- In celebration of the month of Ramadan, Trustee Lari has attended a number of community iftars including one in Milpitas where there was a presentation on the history of powerful women in Islam and an interfaith iftar with a youth panel hosted by the American Muslim Voice Foundation at the Frist United Methodist Church of Palo Alto.
- Trustee Lari attended an Evergreen fundraiser for educating vulnerable students in India where the nonprofit reported finding students made substantial progress once nutritious meals were provided.
- She concluded her report by noting that March 20 is the International Day of Happiness as recognized by the United Nations.

President Berta

- President Berta attended a ribbon cutting and tour of a larger facility for Planned Parenthood Miramonte.
- President Berta met with leaders of Bullis Charter school.
- President Berta attended a number of community iftars to mark the month of Ramadan including several that featured environmental sustainability efforts and performances from students.

12.SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- On March 19, the SCCOE received notice of a complaint from the Office of Civil Rights. This complaint was filed by Marty Estrada with the Caras Organization. The complaint has been provided to legal counsel and an update was provided to the board via a confidential memo. The initial response is due April 12, 2024.
- On March 9, Dr. Dewan participated in Bay Area League Day 2024 hosted by the League of Women Voters Bay Area alongside Trustee Lari. She had the opportunity to speak about the intersection of health and education.
- On March 15, Dr. Dewan participated in a Silicon Valley Reads event with Students from Orchard Elementary at RAFT. Students had the opportunity to

work on an art project with Art House Studio related to one of the books the students have been reading.

- On Saturday, March 16, SCCOE hosted the 2nd Annual California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration (CCLA) Summit with the theme Students First: Making Moments Matter.
- Dr. Dewan provided a reminder that the 2024 ¡Viva El Mariachi! Showcase will take place on Thursday, April 4 at 6 p.m. at Mexican Heritage Plaza in San José.
- The Santa Clara County Annual Children’s Summit will take place on Friday, April 19. The event will include the release of the Countywide Children’s Data Book.
- The SCCOE will be hosting the annual Power of Democracy event Wednesday, April 24. This year’s theme is Youth Innovation for Sustainability and will spotlight the power of youth voice and action in driving impactful sustainable change.
- The SCCOE’s 3rd Annual Environmental Literacy Summit is scheduled for April 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dr. Dewan requested that the Board of Trustees save the date for the SCCOE Staff Recognition event on Thursday, May 30, 2024. The SCCOE will celebrate retiring colleagues and recognize staff achievements from throughout the academic year.
- Dr. Dewan congratulated the top performers in the Santa Clara County Spelling Bee: County champions Ishani Dasgupta (Stratford School, Milpitas Great Mall Parkway) and Shradha Rachamreddy (BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Upper School), along with runners-up: Vihaan Gupta (West Valley Elementary School) and Yanlin Huang (BASIS Independent Silicon Valley Upper School). They will be advancing to the California State Spelling Bee Championship on April 27.
- Two schools received state recognitions recently. Union Middle School was redesignated as a 2024 California School to Watch and Mission Early College High School was named a 2024 California Exemplary Dual Enrollment Awardee. The SCCOE is planning a local recognition for them along with our California Distinguished Schools and Model Continuation Schools for June 5, 2024, just before the Board Meeting
- This week is National LGBTQ Health Awareness Week. This year’s theme is VITAL VIBRANT VOICES. It is recognized to raise awareness about the health

challenges facing the LGBTQ community and to foster informed dialogue about LGBTQ health care.

- Dr. Dewan has been working with Valley Water on a template for a countywide agreement at the request of Vice President Rocha. This agreement could help districts access some of the resources offered by Valley Water.
- As a reminder, April 2, 2024, is the deadline for the Annual Form 700 filing requirement.
- As an update to the SCCBOE and per the Board's request, Dr. Dewan and SCCOE staff have begun noting the trustee areas of event locations in the calendar invitations. She reminded trustees that all trustees are invited to the majority of the events.
- As noted during the Budget Study Committee report, there is a plan to repurpose the May 15 meeting of the Budget Study Committee to a full board Budget Study Session. It will occur at the same time, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

13. 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. Dr. Dewan noted that she and Trustee Mah are still working to connect on her previously requested charter schools item. No additional future agenda items were mentioned.

14. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

MOTION #2437-5 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:04 a.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: Vice President Rocha, Trustees Di Salvo and Sreekrishnan

Respectfully submitted,



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

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