

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on May 1, 2024
April 17, 2024
Regular Meeting #2438
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 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
Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6 (President)
Raeena Lari, Area 7
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Victoria Chon, Area 5 (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

D. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2438-1 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to set the agenda. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Chon

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the April 17, 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 Di Salvo introduced Nathan as the Student of the Year in the Alternative Education Program. He noted Nathan's leadership at the school, his perseverance, and dedication to others. Nathan received a plaque signed by the Board President and County Superintendent of Schools, as well as an iPad.

Trustee Mah introduced Emma Shenefiel as the Santa Clara County Office of Education Volunteer of the Year. Emma was honored for her dedication to helping youth succeed at our Walden West Outdoor School Program. She received a plaque signed by the Board President and County Superintendent of Schools.

Trustee Lari introduced Juvencio Montiel as the Santa Clara County Office of Education's April Employee of the Month. Juvencio is the Lead Custodian in General Services and was selected as the Employee of the Month for his professionalism and commitment to service. He received a plaque, a cross pen, and reserved parking space.

3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

- In the past month, he has initiated college coursework, started working toward the State Seal of Civic Engagement, and earned Student of the Month at Osborne School. He expressed his gratitude for the individuals who have supported him in these achievements. He thanked Principal Santillán for his support of athletics at Osborne.
- The cheerleading squad from Blue Ridge recently performed for parents and school staff. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera thanked Mr. Camilleri, Ms. Law, and Ms. Enqueros for their support of the program.
- At Blue Ridge, the LiUNA program completed another cohort in March. Eight students were able to earn CPR/First Aid, OSHA 10, MC3 and other certifications.

- Student have also been working on a fire suppression project that involves learning about and implementing construction techniques taking into account ADA compliance, water drainage, and other factors.
- The Pro-Com Athletics League has reached the end of the basketball season. The championship game is schedule for April 18, 2024, between the San Jose Job Corps vs. Mt. Monguna at Willard gym in Gilroy. At the semi-final game, South County Community School put up a great effort against the team from San Jose. Thank you to Assistant Superintendent Shipp for her attendance and support.
- Osborne students recently took part in a national program that teaches students about the importance of clean water, air, and the environment. Retired Santa Clara County Justice Wong introduced the program to Osborne school.
- Through Trout in the Classroom, students at Osborne were responsible for hatching trout eggs and raising the young fish until they were ready to be released. Osborne teacher Ms. Hernandez received a specific certificate from the State of California allowing them to raise the trout eggs. Last week, Mr. Santillán and the Sunol Community School students released the eggs in Sandy Wool Lake in Milpitas.
- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera thanked the Santa Clara County Office of Education for supporting all of these programs which support students academically, socially, and emotionally.

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

There were 19 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 March 20, 2024 (#2437)**
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Foster Care Month**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Mental Health Awareness Month**

- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Acknowledging the Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon**
- G. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

MOTION #2438-2 by Trustee Lari and seconded by Vice President Rocha to approve Consent Action Items listed in #5. 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 March

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented on March 2024 budget updates. During the month of March 2024, expenditure budgets were increased by \$2,375,125; revenue was increased by \$2,235,125; and fund balance was decreased by \$140,000. She highlighted the increases in restricted revenue in the amount of \$1,300,585 which was allocated to support the following initiatives:

- \$600,000 for the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion (TRIE) Grant to support a collaborative partnership with one or more Commission-approved teacher preparation programs offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education (IHE) to implement a new or expand an existing current residency program.
- \$431,921 Tobacco Grant Program to implement restorative practices at all Santa Clara County schools by providing countywide trainings, media awareness campaigns and public education outreach to families on underage tobacco use.
- \$268,664 CalFire Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Green Schoolyard Planning Grant for SCCOE's South County Annex and Sunol campuses to create green schoolyards to protect the health, well-being, and

provide educational opportunities to children most vulnerable to increasing temperatures and extreme heat across California.

MOTION #2438-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve the budget revisions for March 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. Board Priorities Update

Dr. Dewan introduced the Board Priorities Update item as an opportunity for members of the Superintendent's Cabinet to update the Board on some of the activities from the first quarter of the 2024 calendar year that align with the six Board Priorities. Cabinet members presented as follows:

- Associate Superintendent Bonduris presented on SCCOE's efforts to support child wellness through the implementation of a fee schedule that would allow for billing of mental health services provided at schools. A student and member of the Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG) also presented on SWAG's work to raise awareness and destigmatize mental health treatment.
- Assistant Superintendent Gomez presented on the Board Priority of Early Learning and Care. She shared two important areas of work: the continued support of the early learning workforce through the Educator Preparation Program and the construction of the Early Learning Center at Ridder Park set to open Fall 2024.
- Assistant Superintendent Gorgulho presented on the Board Priority of Literacy and Academic Achievement. She highlighted SCCOE's work as one of the lead agencies for the California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration.
- Assistant Superintendent Shipp presented on the Board Priority of Special Education, Court, and Community Schools. She featured SCCOE's work to expand access to career pathways and the State Seal of Civic Engagement.

- Head of Technology David Wu presented an update on the Board Priority of Environmental and Climate Literacy. He presented on several initiatives including a National Oceanic and Atmosphere Association grant which provides three years of funding for professional learning and student outdoor experiences.
- Assistant Superintendent Oshodi presented an update on the Board Priority of Workforce Pathways and Diversification. His presentation highlighted the Step into an Education Career event on February 10, 2024, which drew more than 130 participants interested in exploring education careers. Three speakers from the Educator Preparation Program, Bryan Panuco, Hairl Maggee, and Urmi Dutta, shared their experiences in the program.

Dr. Dewan concluded the presentation by sharing some of the grant awards and intent to fund letters that have were received in the first quarter of 2024.

B. Charter Schools Update

There was 1 public comment for item 7B.

Executive Director Mefula Fairley, Charter Schools Department, provided an update on three items:

- On April 11, 2024, DCP Alum Rock submitted a charter petition and request for a material revision to reflect the reduction of grades from 6-12 to 6-8. Staff are currently working on their analysis and staff report. The decision hearing will take place on either May 15 or June 6, 2024.
- Executive Director Fairley provided an update on ACE's response to the arrest of a former ACE Empower Academy teacher.
- Annual Site Visits to SCCBOE-authorized Charter Schools have been completed. Staff are in the process of drafting reports based on these visits. This year, the reports will have a more user-friendly format with data visualizations. Reports will be available in late April or early May.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Material Revision of the Downtown College Prep Alum Rock Charter Petition

President Berta opened the public hearing on the petition for material revision to the charter for Downtown College Prep Alum Rock to reduce the grades served. Staff from the Charter Schools Department presented a report. Pete Settlemayer,

CEO, and Ruth Wamuyu Schriver, COO, of Downtown College Prep made a presentation on the considerations that informed the material revision. There was board discussion. President Berta closed the hearing.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 7:28 p.m. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 7:30 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 7:45 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

- A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Sunnyvale School District, Desired District: Cupertino Union School District**
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case**
- C. County Superintendent Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957)**

10. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 9:44 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:45 p.m.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 9A, a motion was made by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal based on factor five through grade eight.

MOTION #2438-4 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal based on factor five through grade eight. 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

On the matter of 9B, Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case, there was no reportable action.

On the matter of 9C, County Superintendent Performance Evaluation (Government Code §54957), there was no reportable action.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Dewan provided an update from the April 17, 2024, meeting of the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee. The Committee reviewed current legislation in alignment to the Board Priorities and the Early Action on the State Budget. Dr. Dewan distributed a handout on the bills the SCCOE is currently co-sponsoring. Regarding Advocacy Day, Dr. Dewan thanked Trustee Mah for her participation and congratulated the staff and partners responsible for organizing the event.

Trustee Lari provided an update from the monthly Santa Clara County School Board Association Zoom meeting on March 27, 2024. The guest speaker was County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dewan. Presentations were also made by Chris Norwood, Trustee of the Milpitas Unified School Board, and Maryela Martinez from CSBA Legal on the topic of significant disproportionality in special education. The Hoffman Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Trustee Lari shared that the Strong Start Coalition met on April 9, 2024. Members heard a presentation by Christine Thorsteinson, Silicon Valley Community Foundation about Choose Children polling results. Dr. Amal Syed from the California Environmental Protection Agency also presented on the negative impacts of wildfire smoke on children's health. Dr. Matt Tinsley from SCCOE shared advocacy information related to AB 1930 (Reyes) which is related to Child Development Associate teacher permit renewals.

Trustee Mah shared that the Silicon Valley Reads Committee gathered and heard a report of all the activities from the 2024 program year. The Committee also began brainstorming ideas for the 2025 theme.

Trustee Mah provided an update from the April 16, 2024, Head Start Policy Council meeting. She reported that members of the Head Start Policy Council expressed concerns about a personnel matter. Assistant Superintendent Shipp and County Counsel were in attendance to field questions about employee confidentiality related to the personnel matter.

12. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Mah

- Trustee Mah participated in Sacramento Advocacy Day and attended the California School Boards Association Coast-to-Coast Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Trustee Mah attended the Silicon Valley CAN meeting and heard about their legislative work through the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Trustee Lari

- On March 23, Trustee Lari attended the Women's Leadership and Policy Summit with Dr. Dewan.
- Trustee Lari attended many community iftars, including one in Fremont with Trustee Sreekrishnan, and others in Los Altos and Milpitas.
- On March 29, Trustee Lari attended the At the Kids Table Event.
- On April 6, Trustee Lari attended Caras' Annual Cesar Chavez Community Champions celebration and awards. President Berta was also in attendance.
- On April 9, Trustee Lari co-moderated a panel on race and gender disparities on our health for the League of Women Voters Bay Area public health series.
- Last week, Trustee Lari attended town halls hosted by Senator Cortese on racial justice and poverty, and another on gender equity and justice.
- On April 11, the Santa Clara County Office of Health Equity and Supervisor Ellenberg hosted a film screening and discussion on designing safe and healthy communities for Black families.

President Berta

- President Berta attended the Caras Cesar Chavez breakfast in Gilroy. Students were recognized with awards during the event.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- On March 23, the SCCOE held the 37th Annual Teacher Recruitment Fair for more than 500 educators to learn about openings with the 28 school districts and charter schools that participated.
- On March 21, Dr. Dewan spoke at the monthly Santa Clara County School Board Association Lunch and Learn session where she presented on the Local

Control Funding Formula Equity Multiplier and the requirements for the funding provided through the Equity Multiplier.

- On March 22, Dr. Dewan attended a symposium hosted by Joint Venture Silicon Valley called The Childcare Crisis & Business: The Case for Action and participated in the Young Women's Power Lunch hosted by the Superior Court of California.
- On Saturday March 23, Dr. Dewan participated in the Women's Leadership & Policy Summit hosted by Supervisor Chavez and the Valley Health Foundation. She hosted a panel called Collaboration through Community.
- April 2 was SCCOE's Advocacy Day in Sacramento. She expressed thanks to the elected officials who met with the group throughout the day.
- On April 4, the SCCOE hosted the Viva El Mariachi Showcase. She acknowledged Sofia Fojas the SCCOE's Arts Coordinator and her team for all their work pulling this event together.
- On April 9, Dr. Dewan testified at hearing on AB 2206, one of JLAC's co-sponsored bills, which would amend childcare facility licensing requirements.
- On April 10, Dr. Dewan attended County Ethics Training mandated by AB 1234 and hosted by the County.
- On April 12, SCCOE staff hosted our first Countywide Prom for students in the SCCBOE Special Education program.
- On Saturday, April 13, Dr. Dewan participated in Senator Cortese's Gender Equity and Justice Town Hall where she presented on childcare access and affordability. Trustee Lari also attended.

She reminded the Board of several upcoming events to which they are invited.

- The Santa Clara County Annual Children's Summit is scheduled for Friday, April 19th, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. The theme of this daylong event is Cultivating Caring Communities.
- The yearly Power of Democracy event to advocate for and educate on the importance of increasing student civic literacy will take place Wednesday, April 24, from 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Ridder Park.

- The SCCOE invites trustees, district superintendents, chief business officers, HR executives, and technology leaders to the 2nd Annual Cybersecurity Summit on Thursday, April 25, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at The Tech Interactive.
- The SCCOE will host the 2024 Annual National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month Showcase in-person at the Ridder Park Campus on Thursday, April 25, 4:30-6 p.m. The showcase will highlight the Seal of Biliteracy, Biliteracy Attainment, and impactful bilingual/multilingual programs and celebrate and honor student poster/artwork winners, school and district teams.
- SCCOE's 3rd Annual Environmental Literacy Summit will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This year's theme is Building Climate Resiliency Together and will focus on key themes of reducing our impact, supporting healthy school communities, and providing environmental and climate literacy education.
- The 2024 Heart & Soles Run is on Saturday, April 27 at Santa Clara University. Registration fees benefit local youth health and wellness programs.
- Trustees are invited to attend this year's Hoffman Awards dinner hosted by the Santa Clara County School Boards Association at Metro Education on Wednesday, May 8 from 6-9 p.m. This year's winners include programs from Los Altos School District, Morgan Hill Unified School District, Cupertino Union School District, Oak Grove School District, MetroED and Campbell Union High School District.
- Thursday, May 30, 2024, will be SCCOE's Staff Recognition event where we will celebrate the public service of our retiring colleagues and recognize staff achievements from throughout the academic year.
- Dr. Dewan reminded those in attendance that Wednesday, April 24th is Administrative Professionals Day.
- Dr. Dewan concluded her remarks by sharing that preparations are underway for a June 5, 2024, reception for district award winners.

14. 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 that are not yet agendaized. Dr. Dewan noted that she, Trustee Mah, and SCCOE staff met to discuss the request for

spotlight presentations from SCCBOE-authorized charter schools. Staff are working on some follow-up items from that meeting and will report back with updates.

Trustee Mah requested that the Budget Study Session be extended.

15. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Williams Settlement Quarterly Report
- B. Disposition of Surplus Items – January 2024 – March 2024
- C. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION #2438-5 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Lari to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:11 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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