

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on May 15, 2024
May 1, 2024
Regular Meeting #2440
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
Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2
Don Rocha, Area 3 (Vice President)
Victoria Chon, Area 5
Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6 (President)
Raeena Lari, Area 7
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Joseph Di Salvo, Area 4 (*arrived at 5:03 p.m.*)

Trustee(s) Absent:

None

D. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2440-1 by Trustee Chon 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
Not Present at Vote: none

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the May 1, 2024, Board meeting and explained where to call to listen to the meeting in Spanish or Vietnamese or view ASL interpretation.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Congressional Commendation

Dr. Dewan announced that Congressmember Zoe Lofgren extended a Congressional Commendation to the Santa Clara County Board of Education at the April 24 Power of Democracy Event. A message from Congressmember Lofgren was played and Jaqueline Ocegueda, District Representative from Congressmember Lofgren's office, offered additional congratulations.

B. May Employee of the Month

Trustee Sreekrishnan introduced William Baker as the Santa Clara County Office of Education's May Employee of the Month. William is an Applications Systems Analyst and was selected as the Employee of the Month for going the extra mile to ensure that customer needs are met. 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:

- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera expressed his congratulations to former Student Board Member Nathan Alvarez for being recognized as the Alternative Education Program's Student of the Year.
- Seniors in the Alternative Education program recently had the opportunity to sit for professional graduation photos thanks to Mike Bromberg from the SCCOE Public Affairs Department.
- Every youth at Juvenile Hall has the opportunity to take part in a six-week health program which will focus on individual health as well as health careers.

- The Pro-Com basketball season ended with the San José Job Corps as this season's champions. Next, students will have the opportunity to play in softball and soccer tournaments.
- Students at Blue Ridge have started a four-week welding program in which they will earn an entry-level welding certification.
- Two students from the Sunol Community School, Maria and José, participated in the Power of Democracy event on April 24.

On April 26, the Kiwanis Games to Support Inclusivity were held at West Valley Community College. Students from the SCCOE Special Education Program had the opportunity to participate in the day's events.

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

There were 10 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 April 17, 2024 (#2438)**
- C. Request Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting of April 23, 2024 (#2439-S1)**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National School Nurse Day and National Nurses Week**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Fentanyl Awareness Day**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Classified School Employee Week**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution National Teacher Appreciation Week and California Day of the Teacher**
- H. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

I. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education

MOTION #2440-2 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. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Charter Schools Update

There was 1 public comment for item 6A.

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

- As reported at the April 17, 2024, Board Meeting, Charters Department staff have completed site visits to all 21 SCCBOE-authorized charter schools. Since that meeting, Charters Department staff have completed four (4) additional follow-up visits—3 visits to recheck personnel files and 1 visit to recheck special education files. Charters Department will staff will also be adding a presentation on personnel records management best practices to an upcoming charters leaders meeting.
- Charters Department staff have completed their analysis of the DCP Alum Rock petition for a material revision. The analysis was posted on the SCCOE website on April 30, 2024. The material revision decision will come before the Board on May 15, 2024.

B. SCCOE Learning Acceleration Literacy Initiatives

Dr. Jessica Bonduris, Associate Superintendent of Professional Learning, and Support, and Barb Flores, Director of Learning Acceleration, presented a report on SCCOE activities to promote literacy attainment, as requested by the Board.

7. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Dewan provided an update from the May 1, 2024, meeting of the Policy Development Subcommittee. Four revised policies were discussed at the meeting. All passed out of committee unanimously and will have a first reading on May 15, 2024.

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 6:11 p.m. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 6:11 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 6:25 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

9. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 7:20 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

President Berta indicated that in the matter of 8A, no reportable action was taken.

10. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Lari

- On April 18, Trustee Lari attended the San Francisco Women's Policy Summit.
- On April 19, Trustee Lari attended the Santa Clara County Children's Summit, which Dr. Dewan also attended.
- On April 24, Trustee Lari attended the Power of Democracy event hosted by the SCCOE.
- On April 26, Trustee Lari attended the Kiwanis Special Games event for students from special education programs.
- On April 27, Trustee Lari attended a tree-planting event in San José followed by the SCCOE's Environmental Literacy Summit later in the day.
- On April 28, Trustee Lari attended a Worker's Memorial Day event on the South Bay's state of health and safety.

- On May 1, Trustee Lari attended the 12th Annual Ms. Event.

Trustee Di Salvo

- On April 24, Trustee Di Salvo attended the SCCOE's Power of Democracy event.

Trustee Chon

- Trustee Chon attended the 22nd Annual Korean American Federation Presidential Inauguration event.

Trustee Mah

- On April 25, Trustee Mah attended the 2nd Annual Cybersecurity Summit hosted by the SCCOE at the Tech Interactive.
- On April 27, Trustee Mah attended the SCCOE's Environmental Literacy Summit.
- Trustee Mah attended the Parent Advisory Council Meeting for parents of students in the Special Education program.
- Trustee Mah attended an event hosted by CalMatters called "Will the State Finally Lead on Mental Health?"

President Berta

- On April 25, President Berta attended the National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month Showcase
- On April 26, President Berta participated in a site visit of the Wellness Center at Andrew Hill High School with Dr. Dewan and Assemblymember Kalra.
- On April 27, President Berta attended a Black April Commemoration Event at the Board of Supervisors building where she presented the Board's Resolution with Dr. Dewan.
- President Berta attended a California School Boards Association meeting. CSBA has an upcoming CSBA Delegate Assembly on May 18.
- President Berta concluded her remarks by noting that an update to the public regarding the evaluation of the County Superintendent of Schools will be forthcoming at future meeting.

11.SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- On April 19, Dr. Dewan attended the Santa Clara County Annual Children's Summit. The Annual Kids Data Book was released and there was a recognition of partners involved in the Wellness Center initiatives. Dr. Dewan provided copies of the Kids Data Book for Trustees.
- On April 20, the SCCOE hosted a Santa Clara County School Boards Association and Registrar of Voters event for candidates interested in running for their local school boards.
- On April 24, the SCCOE hosted the Power of Democracy event. Highlights included some of the special recognitions presented to individuals and teams for their work promoting civic engagement.
- On April 25, the SCCOE hosted the 2nd Annual Cybersecurity Summit which provided school leaders the opportunity to learn about steps they can take to protect students, staff, and schools from cyber threats.
- Also on April 25, the SCCOE hosted the Annual National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month Showcase to honor our bilingual and multilingual learners and the educators who support them.
- On April 26, Dr. Dewan joined a panel presentation at the San José Education Forum organized by the NorCal Promise Coalition. The panel topic was the state of education in San José.
- Also on April 26, Dr. Dewan toured the Wellness Center at Andrew Hill High School in the East Side Unified High School District with President Berta and Assemblymember Kalra.
- On April 27, Dr. Dewan attended several events including:
 - The 2024 Heart & Soles Run which benefitted local wellness programs including those operated by the SCCOE.
 - The SCCOE's 3rd Annual Environmental Literacy Summit, which drew more than 100 attendees. Dr. Dewan distributed the eco-friendly program from the event (printed on seed paper).
 - The Youth Leadership Summit hosted by the Santa Clara County Office of Children & Families Policy, where Dr. Dewan provided welcoming remarks.
 - The Black April Commemoration with President Berta.

- On April 29, the SCCOE hosted the Civic Engagement Celebration where students who have earned the State Seal of Civic Engagement were recognized.

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

- On May 5, the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators' (SCCABE) Student Recognition Program will take place at Santa Clara University from 2-5 p.m. This event recognizes students throughout the County graduating from elementary, middle, and high school.
- 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.
- The Walden West Pickleball Challenge will be held on May 11 from 2-5:30 p.m. in support of outdoor education.
- On May 24, the SCCOE will host the May Revision Budget Perspectives Workshop presented by Capitol Advisors from 9-11 a.m. at Ridder Park.
- 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.
- Dr. Dewan reminded the Board that they are invited to attend all of the SCCOE graduation events, which are noted in the Superintendent's Weekly Memo and in Board Scheduler. The first event is May 23.
- Dr. Dewan concluded her report by offering congratulations to 8th grader Shrada Rachamreddy from Santa Clara County who was the winner in the CA State Spelling Bee 2024 (Junior High Division) on April 27.

12. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Dewan and Executive Director Mefula Fairley provided an update on the request from Trustee Mah to spotlight SCCBOE-authorized charter schools. Executive Director Fairley shared a presentation template to guide these presentations, which are scheduled to begin in June.

13.ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

MOTION #2440-3 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:57 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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