

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED ON AUGUST 26, 2024

August 7, 2024

Regular Meeting #2445

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 #2445-1 by Trustee Lari and seconded by Trustee Chon to set the agenda. Motion carried 6-1-0.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: Trustee Sreekrishnan

Abstain: none

Absent: none

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the August 7, 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 the following updates:

- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera reported that the Santa Clara County Library Department held an open house event at the new James Ranch youth center, which includes an expanded library, recreation and wellness activities. The Mayor of Morgan Hill, the Chief of Probation, Dr. Dewan, and other dignitaries were present at this event.
- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera reported that the summer session at Osbourne is ending. The Creatrix program helped students recognize their feelings, goals, and challenges.
- Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared that he and his peers are excited to further their education in high school and college classes as they prepare for the fall semester. For some, this is their first opportunity to be dually enrolled in college. They are also getting closer to accomplishing their goal of earning their high school diploma.

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

There were 14 public comments.

4. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #4 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of Minutes of the Governance Team Retreat of July 16, 2024 (#2443-716)**
- C. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 17, 2024 (#2444)**
- D. Request Approval of the 2024-2025 Consolidated Application for Funding**

- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Attendance Awareness Month**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution Supporting Proposition 2: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024**
- H. Request Adoption of Resolution Supporting Full funding of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and S. 2217**
- I. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

MOTION #2445-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Sreekrishnan to approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #4 Consent Action Items. 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

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Program Spotlight: Migrant Education Presentation

Rigoberto Elenes, Director of the Migrant Education Program presented an overview of the Migrant Education program with support from student presenters. The SCCOE Migrant Education Program supports high quality and comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption and other issues that result from repeated moves. The SCCOE serves approximately 5,000 students across six counties through direct or indirect services.

B. Charter Schools Spotlight

David Porter, Executive Director of University Preparatory Academy presented an overview and highlights of the schools mission, student data, successes and challenges.

C. 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 second quarter of the 2024 calendar year that align with the six Board Priorities. Cabinet members presented as follows:

Assistant Superintendent Gorgulho presented on SCCOE's progress toward the Board Priority of Empowering Child Wellness. The Student Wellness Advisory Group (SWAG) has built a solid foundation within our county by training new leaders for SWAG organizations within our LEAs.

David Wu, Head of Technology, presented on the Board Priority of Early Learning and Care. He described the continued support of the early learning workforce through the Educator Preparation Program. The first group of apprentice teachers who are now eligible for their Early Childhood Education permit have graduated.

Assistant Superintendent Gomez 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. The SCCOE's partnership with higher education on the Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program Grant has helped over 2800 graduating high school seniors earn their seal of biliteracy.

Assistant Superintendent Shipp presented on the Board Priority of Special Education, Court, and Community Schools. She highlighted SCCOE's work to expand inclusive practices across classrooms, playgrounds, and the community.

Associate Superintendent Bonduris presented an update on the Board Priority of Environmental and Climate Literacy. She highlighted the Santa Clara County Youth Climate Initiative and student presenters shared their experiences.

Assistant Superintendent Gill presented an update on the Board Priority of Workforce Pathways and Diversification. She reported on SCCOE's annual recruitment event on March 23rd designed to attract diversity within the workforce. Over 500 participants benefited from breakout sessions and resources supporting their entry into the educational field.

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

D. Overview on the Charter School Renewal Process

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Department provided a presentation on key information impacting the charter renewal process.

E. Charter Schools Update

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Department provided an update on the number and status of expected SCCBOE-authorized charter school renewal requests for the 2024-25 school year.

- On August 1, Alpha: José Hernández submitted a charter renewal petition. The hearing will be held on September 4th and the decision hearing on October 16, 2024.
- Petitions from Rocketship Alma and Rocketship Brilliant Minds are expected to be submitted on September 3, 2024.
- SCCOE received marketing materials from Bullis Charter School as requested by the Board. Other information requested is still pending.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 6:45 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

- A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Campbell Union High School District, Desired District: Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District**
- B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Moreland School District, Desired District: San Jose Unified School District**
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case**
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 2 cases**
- E. County Superintendent Evaluation**
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case**

7. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

There was 1 public comment.

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 10:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:44 p.m.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 6A, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

MOTION #2445-3 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Lari to approve the appeal based on factor one (1) through grade 12. Motion carried 4-0-3.

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: Vice President Rocha, Trustees Di Salvo and Mah

Absent: none

President Berta reported that in the matter of 6B, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

MOTION #2445-4 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the appeal based on factor three (3) through grade 8. 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 reported that in the matter of 6C, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 6D, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 6E, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 6F, the County Board took no reportable action.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Dewan provided an update from the August 7, 2024, Policy Development Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee held a discussion and review of Board Bylaw 9323 on meeting conduct. The subcommittee also considered changes to Board Policy 1312.3- Uniform Complaint Procedures, and Board Policy 5132- Dress and Grooming to align them with recent law changes. Both passed unanimously and will come to the Board for first reading either at the August 26 or September 4 Board meeting. The subcommittee also discussed new Board Bylaw 9150.1- Compensation for Student Board Members of the SCCBOE based on a new law permitting compensation for student board members. The subcommittee passed the proposed policy and it will be moved to the Board for a first reading.

President Berta reported that the Superintendent's Evaluation Ad hoc has met and updated the evaluation timeline.

9. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Chon

- Along with President Berta, Trustee Chon met with student advocates from GENup to hear how youth are advocating for educational policy.
- Trustee Chon thanked Gena and Sandya for their help with her Makerspace activity.

Trustee Lari

- On July 18, Trustee Lari co-organized and co-moderated a panel on the impact of housing instability and housing quality on our health with the League of Women Voters Bay Area.
- On July 31, Trustee Lari attended with Dr. Dewan the James Ranch Youth Center Library and Recreation Center grand opening celebration.
- On August 1, Trustee Lari participated in the hard hat tour of the Early Learning Center project at Ridder Park.

Trustee Sreekrishnan

- On August 3, Trustee Sreekrishnan attended the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action Annual Leadership Summit.
- On August 3, Trustee Sreekrishnan attended a tour of a family childcare center, organized by a coalition of family childcare providers across the Bay

Area. Dr. Dewan and Raquel Dietrich from the Resource & Referral Program presented. Trustee Sreekrishnan also attended Zoom meetings with staff and Dr. Dewan to hear more from family childcare providers.

- Trustee Sreekrishnan attended a few meetings with students from Homestead High School that are part of the Future Business Leaders of America chapter (FBLA).

Trustee Mah

- On August 1, Trustee Mah attended the hard hat tour of the early learning facility project at Ridder Park.
- Trustee Mah attended the Challenge Team meeting, a north county organization that meets every month with law enforcement, counselors, mental health professionals, and others who care about youth. A speaker on child sex trafficking is helping to raise awareness and work on ways to help youth facing this challenge.

Trustee Berta

- Trustee Berta thanked Ms. Saini, Director Caldwell, Mr. Camilleri, and Dr. Dewan for her visit to Blue Ridge High School where she shared her expedition to Antarctica and some of the related forklift footage. Thanks to the partnership between National Geographic and Lindblad expeditions, students enjoyed VR headsets to view and experience immersive footage of the wildlife, ocean and journey.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Dewan reintroduced Dr. Kushwinder Gill, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services and welcomed her to the team.
- Dr. Dewan is continuing to work with labor partners on the labor management initiative.
- The SCCOE and Association of County Educators completed negotiations and agreed to add a flat salary on schedule increase of \$3,237, retroactive to July 1, 2024.
- On July 31, Dr. Dewan attended the grand opening celebration of the James Ranch Youth Center Library and was honored to hear directly from students how impactful the library and the support from the librarians and staff have been to increasing their literacy.

- On August 1, Dr. Dewan attended the Early Learning Center hard hat tour. The project is about 70% complete. A ribbon cutting will follow when the project is completed.
- On August 2, Dr. Dewan welcomed staff members at the Educational Services Division Professional Development Day at the San Jose Convention Center where over 1,000 staff members from the Educational Services Department attended.
- On August 2, SCCOE, in partnership with Synopsis Foundation, hosted a STEM shop kit building event at Ridder Park. The STEM kit build provides school supplies and classroom supplies to every first-year teacher in Santa Clara County.
- Dr. Dewan was honored to join President Berta on August 6 as she presented about her Antarctica expedition to students at Blue Ridge High School. Students were able to make connections to careers such as forklifting and culinary skills.
- Dr. Dewan reminded trustees that the CSBA County Board Member Services conference will be on September 13-15, 2024, in Monterey.

11. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Dewan reported that the SCCOE continues to make progress on the items previously mentioned and that the table in BoardDocs has been updated since the last meeting.

Trustee Chon stated that she was aware that her request to add an agenda item about employee bargaining units is still under review.

Trustee Chon requested starting Board meetings with a land acknowledgement in order to support and uplift our indigenous communities.

Trustee Sreekrishnan also commented on Trustee Chon's item regarding employee bargaining units.

12. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Employee Compensation Increase Exceeds the EC 1302 (a) Limit

B. Contracts \$250 K and Over

C. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports

13.ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2024.

MOTION #2445-5 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

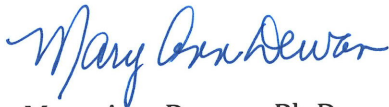
Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Respectfully submitted,



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

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