

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED ON OCTOBER 2, 2024  
September 18, 2024  
Regular Meeting #2448  
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. Land Acknowledgement**

**D. 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 Sreekrishnan was not present from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.

Trustee Rocha was not present from 5:50 to 6:30 p.m.

**E. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2448-1 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Lari to set the agenda, pulling item 4E at the request of Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera. Motion carried 6-1-0.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari and Mah,  
and Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera

No: Trustee Sreekrishnan  
Abstain: none  
Absent: none

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the September 18, 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 updates relating to participation in the county operated Student Programs Best Practice Committee, the Osborne data collection in the garden project, and the importance of Latino Heritage month to celebrate the diversity and contributions of the Latino community.

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

There were 20 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 Regular Board Meeting of September 4, 2024 (#2447)**
- C. Request Approval of the 2024-25 Real Estate Leases**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Supporting Climate Action Week**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing LGBTQ+ History Month**
- H. Request Adoption of Resolution in Support of Expanded Language Programs in Public Schools**

**MOTION #2448-2 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Lari 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

**E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing the Significance of Cybersecurity Awareness and National Bullying Prevention Month**

Item 4E was pulled for discussion. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera noted the importance of cybersecurity awareness and national bullying prevention. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera voted in favor of the resolution.

**MOTION #2448-3 by President Berta and seconded by Trustee Chon to adopt the resolution recognizing the significance of Cybersecurity Awareness and National Bullying Prevention Month. 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, and Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2024**

Dr. May Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools, introduced Director of Internal Business Services, Lauren Nguyen, who provided updates on the budget revisions for the month of June 2024. Director Nguyen highlighted new restricted funds that were received and updates on grant awards.

**MOTION #2448-4 by President Berta and seconded by Vice President Rocha to approve the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2024. Motion carried 6-0-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, and Sreekrishnan  
No: none  
Abstain: Trustee Mah  
Absent: none

**B. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of August 2024**

Dr. Dewan introduced Director of Internal Business Services Lauren Nguyen who provided updates on the budget revisions for the month of August 2024. Director Nguyen shared information relating to restricted revenues as well as funds for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative and the Educator Workforce investments.

**MOTION #2448-5 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve the Budget Revisions for the Month of June 2024. Motion carried 6-0-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, and Sreekrishnan  
No: none  
Abstain: Trustee Mah  
Absent: none

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Public Hearing on the Rocketship Sí Se Puede Charter School Renewal Petition**

President Berta opened the public hearing on the renewal petition for Rocketship Sí Se Puede Charter School at approximately 5:50 p.m. The hearing began with a report from staff of the Charter Schools Department.

Janine Ramirez, Interim Executive Director, and Danisha West, Principal of Rocketship Sí Se Puede Charter School made a presentation on the renewal petition.

There were no speakers from the Alum Rock Union School District.

There were 11 public comments on the Rocketship Sí Se Puede Charter School renewal petition.

President Berta closed the hearing at 7:00 p.m.



## **7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Spotlight: Sustainability - Green Improvement Initiatives**

Dr. Dewan provided an overview of Senate Bill 1383 which set a goal of reducing landfill organic waste by 75 percent by 2025. Dr. Dewan introduced Director of Special Projects, David Putney, and Climate Fellow, Devin Ngo, who presented highlights of the SCCOE sustainability project, including the Ridder Park Tree Planting, Solar Project, and the California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (CalSHAPE HVAC) Program.

### **B. Spotlight: Post Secondary Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program**

Dr. Dewan introduced Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Teresa Shipp, Assistant Director of Special Education Kristie Kropp, Principal of Oster Cluster Dr. Tarsha Foye, and Program Manager of Vocational Education Rowan Lewis to highlight the SCCOE Post Secondary Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, including the WorkAbility I program, worksite options, student entrepreneurship, and worksite opportunities and partnerships.

### **C. Charter Schools Update**

There was 1 public comment.

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Department, reported the County Superintendent has arranged an investigation into allegations that (1) Bullis Charter School has improperly disenrolled students with disabilities rather than providing a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") and (2) Bullis has not properly developed and/or implemented individualized education programs ("IEPs"). Director Fairley also reported that the County Superintendent has issued a notice of concern to Bullis regarding its failure to comply with its legal obligation to promptly respond to all reasonable inquiries from the SCCOE.

Director Fairley provided an update on the Alpha Jose Hernandez renewal.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 7:57 p.m.

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

There were 5 public comments.

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 8:05 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 8:12 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

- A. **Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Oak Grove School District, Desired District: San Jose Unified School District**
- B. **Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Union School District, Desired District: Los Gatos Union School District**
- C. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Consideration of whether to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case**
- D. **County Superintendent Evaluation**
- E. **Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): 2 cases**

**9. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)**

**A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

The Board concluded Closed Session at 12:02 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 12:05 a.m.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 8A, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

**MOTION #2448-6 by President Berta and seconded by Trustee Sreekrishnan to approve the appeal based on factor 3 through TK. Motion carried 5-1-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: Vice President Rocha

Abstain: Trustee Di Salvo

Absent: none

President Berta reported that in the matter of 8B, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict transfer appeal.

**MOTION #2448-7 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve the appeal based on factor 12 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 8C, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 8D, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 8E, the County Board took no reportable action.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. First Reading of Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs**

Dr. Dewan provided an overview of Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in SCCOE Programs and Activities to reflect new federal regulations, 89 Fed. Reg. 33474 and 31320 to clarify what is included as “discrimination” as well as follow up relating to the Title IX grievance procedures. The Second Reading and adoption will be brought to the Board at the meeting on October 02, 2024.

### **B. First Reading of Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination and Harassment**

Dr. Dewan provided an overview of Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination and Harassment to reflect new federal regulations 89 Fed. Reg. 33474 as well as state law, Assembly Bill 1165. The Second Reading and adoption will be brought to the Board at the meeting on October 02, 2024.

## **11. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Dewan provided an update on the September 18<sup>th</sup> Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting, including the status of SCCOE sponsored bills, overview of the budget clean up bill, highlights of legislation and budget projections for the anticipated 2025 state budget, and potential priority topics for the committee for 2025.

President Berta provided an update on the Warmenhoven Inclusion Collaborative Advisory Board meeting, including a review of the transition of the working group recommendations.



Trustee Lari provided an update on the September 10<sup>th</sup> Strong Start Coalition meeting. The Coalition members heard two presentations from Dr. Rachel Chazan Cohen, Assistant Professor from the University of Connecticut, relating to mental health of home visitor staff and a new project in Connecticut on bringing together home visitation and center-based staff to provide whole family supports through coordination of existing programs. The next Strong Start Coalition meeting is scheduled for October 8.

## 12. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Mah reported on the following:

- Her attendance at the County Board Member Services conference along with President Berta and Trustee Lari. Trustee Mah further elaborated on the need to raise awareness on sex trafficking, as discussed at the conference and the work done in Monterey County around this topic. Trustee Mah highlighted the dangers to youth and recommended that topics such as mental health, dangers of opioid and fentanyl abuse, gang violence, and sex trafficking could be incorporated into a summit within the county;
- Participation in the Joint Legislative Advisory Committee meeting;
- Attendance at the Santa Clara Alliance of Black Educators meeting where they shared their activities and had officer elections;
- Attendance of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group's Amazon AI Summit focusing on igniting innovation and driving the next technology evolution; and
- Questions brought by the Head Start Policy Council members relating to a current acting director and requested clarity on the bylaws and personnel policies, particularly to be translated to Spanish and Vietnamese to allow full participation by parents.

Trustee Sreekrishnan reported on the following:

- On September 14, she attended the College of Adaptive Arts' 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration;
- Trustee Sreekrishnan thanked Dr. Dewan for connecting her with Jyothi Kalai, musician who performed at Hester and Gateway;
- An update relating to the backpack drive;
- Aayna Dhruv and her involvement in the environmental justice curriculum;
- Meetings with Dr. Dewan and Dr. Jessican Bonduris with local parents relating to faith-based discrimination; and
- A meeting with Hemant Buch and work relating to the recognition of cricket as a high school sport.

Trustee Lari reported on the following:

- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, she attended a community discussion at the West Valley Muslim Association;



- From September 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, Trustee Lari attended the County Board Member Services conference and reiterated Trustee Mah's interest in highlighting the prevalence of human trafficking in our communities. Trustee Lari suggested incorporating this topic into the planned youth and wellness summit to provide education on trafficking;
- A public health advisory from the Surgeon General relating to a loneliness crisis, workplace wellbeing, and the impact of social media on mental health and wellbeing in the community; and
- Trustee Lari thanked Dr. Dewan and staff for working on a resolution to highlight mental health support issues.

President Berta reported on the following:

- Attendance at the CSBA County Board Services Conference and highlighted the work of the Alameda County Office of Education and the practices to build board members' capacity to understand issues around charter schools.

### **13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dewan shared updates on the following:

- Sal Khan's "Brave New Words: How AI Will Revolutionize Education", which will be featured in the upcoming AI summit;
- An invitation and update on the visit to Leigh High School and the DHH post-secondary program on October 1;
- Updates on the successful advocacy work relating to the fire clearance and building code regulations;
- Updates relating to the Early Learning Services Director vacancy;
- The California Department of Education's formal approval of the SCCOE 2024-25 Budget and Local Control and Accountability Plan;
- September as the National Suicide Prevention month and the *Never a Bother, Youth Suicide Prevention Media Campaign*;
- The availability of the Closing the Gap clinic for student immunizations;
- Reminder on the annual mandated trainings required of Trustees;
- Reminder of the September 20<sup>th</sup> Title IX Reception event;
- Reminder of the September 30<sup>th</sup> convening on school violence prevention in partnership with the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative;
- Reminder of the October 5<sup>th</sup> grand opening of Voices Morgan Hill; and
- Reminder of the October 28<sup>th</sup> annual AI summit.

### **14. INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **A. Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Dewan provided an update on items previously requested by the Board, including that the attendance spotlight presentation will be moved to the October 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dr. Dewan reported that the updates relating to information on the bargaining units is still forthcoming with updates anticipated in October.

**15. CONSENT INFORMATION ITEMS (Information items provided for review that do not require presentation or action.)**

**A. Head Start/Early Head Start Monthly Board Reports**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2024.

**MOTION #2448-8 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Chon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:45 a.m.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

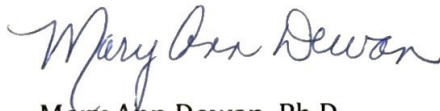
Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha, Trustees Chon, Di Salvo, Lari, Mah, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Respectfully submitted,



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

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