

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on November 6, 2024  
October 2, 2024  
Regular Meeting #2449  
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

**E. Set the Agenda**

**MOTION #2449-1(a) by Trustee Sreekrishnan to set the agenda, pull Item 5(f) for discussion, and delete Item 9(a). Motion failed with no second.**

**MOTION #2449-1(b) by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Mah to set the agenda and pull Item 5(f) for discussion. 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 October 2, 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. Recognition of the SCCOE Employee of the Month**

Trustee Di Salvo introduced Mike Bromberg, a graphic designer in the Public Affairs Department, within the Executive Services Division. He thanked Bromberg for his work at SCCOE for nearly 24 years and presented him with an engraved pen, a reserved parking space, and a plaque recognizing his contributions to the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

### **B. Recognition of Student for Environmental Justice Work**

Trustee Sreekrishnan introduced Aanya Dhruv, a high school student and founder of EJ Grassroots, an environmental justice nonprofit committed to creating an equitable and sustainable community through education, innovative conservation solutions, and community engaged partnerships. The Board of Education presented Dhruv with a certificate of appreciation.

## **3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared updates from Osborne relating to the special programs involving environmental issues towards green careers. He also provided information regarding the welcoming of new teachers and the wellness coordinator. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera acknowledged the great work of Mike Bromberg, the Employee of the Month, and his contributions to the students in Santa Clara County.

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

There were 49 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 September 18, 2024 (#2448)**
- C. Request Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination in County Office Programs**
- D. Request Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination and Harassment**
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution to Identify the Gann Appropriations Limit**
- G. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month**

**MOTION #2449-2 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to approve Consent Action Items as listed in Item #5 Consent Action Items, with Item 5(f) removed 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

- F. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Indigenous People and Tribal Communities During Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage Month**

Item 5F was pulled for discussion. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera acknowledged the importance of diversity and to recognize indigenous people and tribal communities. Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera voted in favor of the resolution.

**MOTION #2449-3 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Lari to adopt the resolution recognizing indigenous people and tribal communities during Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage 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



## **6. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **A. Public Hearing on the Rocketship Alma Academy Charter School Renewal Petition**

President Berta opened the public hearing on the renewal petition for Rocketship Alma Academy Charter School at approximately 6:40 p.m. The hearing began with a report from staff of the Charter Schools Department.

Janine Ramirez, Interim Executive Director, and Abel Ibarra, Principal of Rocketship Alma Academy Charter School, made a presentation on the renewal petition.

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

There were 10 public comments on the Rocketship Alma Academy Charter School renewal petition.

President Berta closed the hearing at 7:34 p.m. The Board will reconvene and act on this request on November 20, 2024.

### **B. Public Hearing on the Rocketship Academy for Brilliant Minds Charter School Renewal Petition**

President Berta opened the public hearing on the renewal petition for Rocketship Academy for Brilliant Minds Charter School at approximately 7:45 p.m. The hearing began with a report from staff of the Charter Schools Department.

Janine Ramirez, Interim Executive Director, and Lisa Greene, Principal of Rocketship Academy for Brilliant Minds Charter School, made a presentation on the renewal petition.

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

There were 12 public comments on the Rocketship Academy for Brilliant Minds Charter School renewal petition.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 8:18 p.m.

President Berta closed the hearing at 8:40 p.m. The Board will reconvene and act on this request on November 20, 2024.

## **7. HEARING AND ACTION**

**A. Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials**

President Berta opened the public hearing regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials at 8:40 p.m.

There was 1 public comment.

President Berta closed the hearing at 8:43 p.m.

**MOTION #2449-4 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Vice President Rocha to Adopt Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials. Motion carried 5-0-2.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: President Berta and Trustee Di Salvo

Absent: none

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS****A. Head Start Program Update on Director Vacancy**

There were 2 public comments.

Teresa Shipp, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided an update on the Head Start program, including that the Policy Council will meet on October 5, 2024.

**B. Virtual School Presentation**

Dr. Deborah Gorgulho, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Progress, and Dr. Jessica Bonduris, Associate Superintendent of Professional Learning and Support Division, provided a presentation on virtual schools, including updates to the Education Code per Assembly Bill 181 and Senate Bill 153.

**C. Charter Schools Update**

Mefula Fairley, Executive Director of the Charter Schools Department, provided updates including:

- On September 25, 2024, Bullis Charter School submitted to the State Board of Education an appeal of the SCCBOE's August 26-27 decision on Bullis' request

for charter renewal, stating the SCCBOE constructively denied Bullis, a high performing charter school.

- On September 17, SCCOE and Bullis met to discuss and clarify the data requested by the SCCBOE at Bullis' public hearing. On September 30, Bullis submitted to SCCOE the requested data.
- The Staff Analysis for Rocketship Sí Se Puede's renewal request, which includes staff's recommendations and findings, will be published on October 22.
- The Staff Analysis and Finding of Fact for Alpha: Jose Hernandez was published yesterday.

#### **D. Spotlight: Workplace Violence Prevention Program**

Dr. Jessica Bonduris, Associate Superintendent of Professional Learning and Support Division, and Howard Stiskin, Manager of Risk and Liability presented on updates to the workplace violence prevention program.

#### **E. 2023-24 County School Service Fund Unaudited Actuals Financial Report**

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Lauren Nguyen, Director of Internal Business Services, presented on the 2023-24 County School Service Fund Unaudited Financial Report.

### **9. CLOSED SESSION**

There were 6 public comments.

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 10:12 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 10:18 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

#### **A. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Gov. Code § 54957)**

#### **B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): 2 cases**

#### **C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9:(one or more potential cases - County Board action on Bullis Charter School's renewal)**

#### **D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Name of case: Bullis**



**Charter School Appeal to State Board of Education of County Board of Education's Action on Charter Renewal Petition**

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

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

The Board concluded Closed Session at 1:33 a.m.

A report regarding closed session was provided. In the matter of 9A, the County Board took action to terminate the County Superintendent's appointment per her employment contract without cause upon 30 days written notice, pursuant to Section 6, Subsection (c) of her employment contract. Additionally, the Board placed the Superintendent on paid administrative leave for the thirty (30) day notice period, effective upon receipt of the notice.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Rocha and Trustees DiSalvo and Mah

No: Trustees Chon and Sreekrishnan

Abstain: Trustee Lari

In the matter of 9B, the County Board took no reportable action.

In the matter of 9C, the County Board took no reportable action.

In the matter of 9D, the County Board took no reportable action.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #2449-5 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Mah to adjourn the Board meeting and defer the remaining items. Motion carried 6-0-1.**

Motion carried with the following vote:

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

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Sreekrishnan

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Hinman, Ed.D.

Interim County Superintendent of Schools

Ex-Officio Secretary