

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on November 20, 2024
November 06, 2024
Regular Meeting #2451
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 #2451-1 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Chon to set the agenda and pull item 5(f) 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

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the November 6, 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 Lari introduced Marisela Ornelas, a teacher of Specialized Academic Instruction in the Special Education Department within the Educational Services Division. She thanked Ornelas for her tireless work at SCCOE for the past three and a half years and presented her with an engraved pen, a reserved parking space, and a plaque recognizing her contributions to the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

- The activities in October for college month in South County Community School and Sunol Community School;
- Participation in the student board member symposium in Alameda County; and
- Meeting with Dr. Hinman to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Student Board Member.

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

There were 13 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 October 2, 2024 (#2449)**
- C. Request Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2024 (#2450)**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Homeless Youth Awareness Month**

- E. Request Adoption of Resolution to Support Parent and Caregiver Mental Health and Wellness**
- F. Request Adoption of Resolution to Support the Recognition of Cricket by the California Interscholastic Federation**
- G. Request Approval of Donation from Charmaine Warmenhoven via Silicon Valley Creates for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**
- H. Accept Donations to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

MOTION #2451-2 by Trustee Lari and seconded by Vice President Rocha to accept the Consent Action Items A, B, C, D, E, G, and H. Item 5(f) was pulled 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 to Support the Recognition of Cricket by the California Interscholastic Federation.**

Item 5(f) was pulled for discussion. Trustee Sreekrishnan acknowledged the importance of cricket and thanked the speakers who came in support of the resolution.

MOTION #2451-3 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to adopt the resolution to support the recognition of cricket by the California Interscholastic Federation. 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. First Reading of Board Bylaw and Exhibit 9270 Conflict of Interest**

Dr. Himan provided an overview of Board Bylaw and Exhibit 9270 Conflict of Interest, which meets the requirement of the Political Reform Act that every local

government agency review its conflict of interest code biennially. The proposed updates reflect changes to positions or position titles. The Second Reading and adoption will be brought to the Board at the meeting on November 20, 2024.

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera was excused at 5:42 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 5:45 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 5:51 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

- A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; East Side Union High School District, Desired District: Santa Clara Unified School District**
- B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District; Evergreen Elementary School District, Desired District: Palo Alto Unified School District**
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Cal. Govt. Code Section 54956.9) Name of case: Mary Ann Dewan v. Santa Clara County Board of Education, Case No. 24CV449081, Santa Clara County Superior Court**
- D. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case. In accordance with Cal. Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9(e)(3), see attached.**
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b): 8 potential cases**
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case (County Board action on Rocketship Sí Se Puede Charter School’s request for renewal)**

8. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 9:16 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 7A, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal.

MOTION #2451-4 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to approve the appeal based on factors five (5) and twelve (12) for length of time through grade 12. 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 7B, the County Board voted to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal.

MOTION #2451-5 by Trustee Di Salvo and seconded by Trustee Lari to approve the appeal based on factors five (5) and twelve (12) for length of time 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 7C, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 7D, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 7E, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 7F, the County Board took no reportable action.

9. DECISION ON ROCKETSHIP SÍ SE PUEDE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL AND MATERIAL REVISIONS

A. Request for Action/Decision on the Renewal of and Material Revisions to the Rocketship Sí Se Puede Academy Charter School Charter Petition

The Board heard an opening statement from Executive Director Mefula Fairley.

The Board heard a statement from Janine Ramirez, Rocketship Sí Se Puede's Interim Executive Director for California and Danisha West, Principal of Rocketship Sí Se Puede.

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

There were 9 public comments.

MOTION #2451-6 by Vice President Rocha and seconded by Trustee Di Salvo to adopt the Proposed Resolution entitled: Resolution Conditionally Approving for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030, the Charter Renewal for RSSP Charter School, and, Alternatively, Making Written Factual Findings Supporting Denial and Denying the RSSP Charter School Charter Renewal if the Conditions Are Not Met and Separately Denying the Request for Material Revisions and Adopting Written Factual Findings of Denia. 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

10. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Lari provided an update regarding the Santa Clara County School Boards Association meeting that was held on September 25, 2024, including the formation of a new committee to support unhoused students through communication, collaboration, education, and solutions for school districts.

Trustee Lari provided an update regarding the Strong Start Coalition which met on October 8, 2024. The Coalition heard a presentation from Matthew Tinsley, Manager of the Early Learning Initiatives, Melissa Watts from BrightLife Kids, Christine Thorsteinson from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and Dana Bunnett from Kids in Common regarding resources that are available on the new early childhood career pathways website. The next Strong Start Coalition meeting will be held on November 12, 2024.

President Berta provided an update regarding the Warmenhoven Inclusion Collaborative's 11th Annual Inclusion Collaborative State Conference, which was held on October 21 through 23. President Berta acknowledged the work of Director

Sandya Lopez and thanked keynote speakers Rebecca Cokley, Dr. Bettina Love, and Dr. Wendy Murawski.

11. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Mah reported on her review of documents relating to the Head Start Special Review.

Trustee Lari acknowledged the work of SCCOE staff in putting together the parental well-being resolution.

President Berta reported on her participation in the Annual Teacher Recognition celebration held by SCCOE.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hinman shared highlights on his meetings with the SCCBOE and learning of their goals and dedication to the county. He also shared updates regarding the Annual Teacher Recognition Celebration, which was co-hosted with Dr. Heather Lattimer, Dean of the Lurie College of Education at San Jose State University. Dr. Hinman also shared updates on the Inclusion Collaborative State Conference and the Santa Clara County School Boards Association dinner, including a panel discussion with students at the state conference. Dr. Hinman acknowledged the work of staff and their commitment to making sure every child succeeds.

13. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Future Agenda Items

Trustee Chon requested information on the option to start Board meetings earlier, for example, when there are interdistrict transfer appeals or charter renewals on the agenda. This early start would be to discuss Closed Session items.

Trustee Mah requested updates on the division department reports and requested information on branch updates for future meetings. Trustee Mah also requested a study or review of the Special Education Department.

THE BOARD RETURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 10:38 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 10:43 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

- G. 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**
- H. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraphs (d)(2) and (e)(5) of Government Code Section 54956.9: 1 case**
- I. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Case Number 24CV449859, Santa Clara County Superior Court**

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board concluded Closed Session at 11:13 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 11:15p.m.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 4G, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 4H, the County Board took no reportable action.

President Berta reported that in the matter of 4I, the County Board took no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024.

MOTION #2451-7 by Trustee Chon and seconded by Vice President Rocha to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:17 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Hinman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles Hinman, Ed.D.
Interim County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary