

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED on February 5, 2025
January 15, 2025
Regular Meeting #2455
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:02 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:

Jessica Speiser, Area 1
Tara Sreekrishnan, Area 2
Jorge Pacheco Jr., Area 4
Victoria Chon, Area 5 (Vice President)
Maimona Afzal Berta, Area 6 (President)
Raeena Lari, Area 7
Student Board Member Erick De La Rosa Aguilera

Trustee(s) Absent:

Don Rocha, Area 3

Motion #2455-1 by Vice President Chon and seconded by President Berta to excuse Trustee Rocha from the January 15, 2025 meeting of the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan
No: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Trustee Rocha

E. Set the Agenda

MOTION #2455-2 by Vice President Chon and seconded by Trustee Lari to set the agenda with item 5C, D and G pulled for discussion. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

President Berta reviewed the livestream details for the January 15, 2025, 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

Vice President Chon introduced the County Office of Education Employee of the Month, Krystal Esquivel, an Office Specialist in the Early Learning Services Department within the Educational Services Division. Vice President Chon acknowledged Krystal's contributions and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her work at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, along with an engraved pen and a reserved parking space.

3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Student Board Member De La Rosa Aguilera shared updates, including:

- On January 17, three students will be graduating.
- Different organizations will be coming in to work with students in their wellness class, including Art of Yoga, Feet First Boxing, and Planned Parenthood. These new programs teach students about their overall health and how to regulate their emotions and create a better future.
- At Blue Ridge, a new LiUna cohort started last week. This 12-week program offers career educational training through the labor unit in core schools and students are grateful to have the opportunity to have access to the different programs.
- He announced that this would be his last Board meeting as a student board member. He thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve and expressed his gratitude for the skills he had gained.

President Berta acknowledged that this meeting was Student Board Member De La Rosa's last with the Board of Education and thanked him for his service. He was

presented with a certificate, which he will receive at his graduation ceremony. The Board expressed their appreciation for his efforts in uplifting student voices.

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

There were 3 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 December 18, 2024 (#2454)
- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Board of Education Recognition Month
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Korean American Day
- E. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Great Kindness Challenge Week
- F. Accept Donation to the Santa Clara County Office of Education
- G. Request Approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

MOTION #2455-3 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Pacheco to approve Consent Action Items A, B, E, and F. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

- C. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Board of Education Recognition Month.

Item 5C was pulled for discussion.

MOTION #2455-4 by Trustee Pacheco and seconded by Vice President Chon to adopt resolution recognizing Board of Education Recognition Month. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing Korean American Day

Item 5D was pulled for discussion.

MOTION #2455-5 by Vice President Chon and seconded by Trustee Pacheco to adopt resolution recognizing Korean American Day. Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

G. Request Approval of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Item 5G was pulled for discussion.

MOTION #2455-6 by Trustee Speiser and seconded by Trustee Sreekrishnan to approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Motion carried 6-0-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION if necessary

A. Superintendent Search Process

Dr. Hinman introduced Eric Andrew from Leadership Associates to set the search timeline, discuss the superintendent salary range, and finalize the superintendent position description. The Board agreed on February 26 for the candidate review, March 8 and 9 for the interviews, and set the salary range to \$320-370K. Minor changes were made to the position description.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Charter Schools Update

There were no updates.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of December 2024.

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the budget revisions for the month of December 2024.

MOTION #2455-7 by Vice President Chon and seconded by Trustee Speiser to approve the budget revisions for the month of December 2024. Motion carried 6-0-1-1.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon and Trustees Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Not Present at Vote: Trustee Lari

Absent: Trustee Rocha

9. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Board Self-Evaluation

The Board designated an Ad hoc committee to begin work on Board goals. Vice President Chon, and Trustees Pacheco and Speiser volunteered to join.

10. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to a Closed Session at approximately 7:18 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at approximately 7:27 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees, except Trustee Rocha, were present.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): 1 case
- B. 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
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Case Number 5:24-cv-08527-VKD, US District Court, Northern District of California

11. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

- A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee members may provide or report on recent committee activities.

Vice President Chon reported she was not able to attend the Head Start Policy Council meeting on January 14th and will provide an update at the next meeting.

President Berta reported that the Warmenhoven Advisory Committee met on January 10th and Dr. Hinman provided opening remarks emphasizing equity, diversity, and inclusion. Active community participation included updates on ongoing initiatives. Upcoming events discussed included a Neurodiversity Celebration, led by a high school student in partnership with Stanford University, and a book study for young boys of color. Dr. Jennifer Yale presented on improving IEPs, and Amanda Dickey provided legislative updates on AB 49 and SB 48, enhancing protections for immigrant students.

President Berta reported on the Inclusion Collaborative Committee meeting, which included announcements on the release of resources like the Down Syndrome Toolkit, expanded training opportunities, and the ongoing growth of the warmline support service.

Trustee Lari reported that the Strong Start Coalition met via Zoom on January 14th. Coalition members heard a presentation from Dr. Julie Kurtz, Executive Director of the Center for Optimal Brain Integration, who highlighted the importance of strategies to mitigate the impact of trauma on students. Trustee Lari encouraged a resolution on the topic to spread awareness on the impact of adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress on the short- and long-term health, well-being, and academics of students. Reyna Dominguez, Manager of the Early Head Start Program at SCCOE, also presented on SCCOE Early Learning Services programs, and an overview of the Governor's January Budget Proposal was given by Amanda Dickey, Executive Director of Government Relations at SCCOE.

B. Board Appointments to Subcommittees for 2025

President Berta presented the 2025 County Board Subcommittee appointments to the Board.

13. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER REPORTS

Trustee Lari reported she attended the 11th Annual Interfaith Memorial for the Unhoused at San Jose City Hall on December 17th. On December 19th, she was in South County to stand with community members and advocates in solidarity with the immigrant community. On January 11th, she joined volunteers to help spread awareness about the support and the rights available to residents. She announced that January is national human trafficking prevention month.

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hinman reported that on January 15th, he attended the Santa Clara County Superintendents Association meeting where he shared the letter that was produced for districts to sign in the wake of the incoming administration's threat for mass deportation. Dr. Hinman also attended the Head Start Parent meeting on January 14th and commended the parents and staff for their work.

15. INFORMATION ITEM

A. Future Agenda Items

Trustee Sreekrishnan requested an item to have union affiliates have a regular standing item on the Board meeting agenda. She also requested an update on the student advisory board, and a presentation on the work the office is doing to help protect students with disabilities and undocumented students.

Vice President Chon also requested the standing public comment item for the labor groups.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2025.

MOTION #2455-8 by Trustee Sreekrishnan and seconded by Trustee Lari to adjourn the meeting in memory of Rev. Jethroe Moore. Motion carried 6-0-1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: President Berta, Vice President Chon, Trustees Lari, Pacheco, Speiser, and Sreekrishnan

No: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Trustee Rocha

Respectfully submitted,

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