

Santa Clara County Board of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Regular Board Agenda (#2466)
San Jose Room
5:00 p.m.

1. SCCBOE CALL TO ORDER

A. Call to Order

President Berta called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board Member Pastrana Jimenez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgement

Student Board Member Pastrana Jimenez read the Land Acknowledgement.

D. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)

Members present:

Jessica Speiser
Raeena Lari (*via teleconference*)
Don Rocha
Maimona Afzal Berta
Victoria Chon
Jorge Pacheco Jr.
Tara Sreekrishnan
Student Board Member Pastrana Jimenez

E. Set the Agenda

Motion #2466-1 by Victoria Chon, second by Jessica Speiser, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Recognition of the SCCOE Student of the Year

President Berta introduced Fatima, a current student of Opportunity Youth Academy, as the 2025 Student of the Year. She acknowledged Fatima for her community involvement, leadership, and personal growth. Fatima was presented with a framed Certificate of Recognition and an iPad in recognition of her achievements.

B. Recognition of the SCCOE Substitute of the Year

Vice President Chon introduced Eric Camilleri as Substitute of the Year. Eric has been a substitute teacher in the Alternative Education Department throughout the 2024-2025 school year. Eric was recognized for his dedication to student success, reliability, and excellent communication skills. He has worked with the SCCOE for three years, serving a diverse student population. Eric was presented with a framed Certificate of Recognition.

3. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

A. The student member of the Board may give reports on activities related to their duties as a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Education.

The student board member reported on the following:

- Osborne School will continue with summer school to provide students with additional credit-earning opportunities. Community Schools are also offering a special two-week summer session for the same purpose.
- The Alternative Education Department recently held its high school graduation ceremony, recognizing 70 graduates from Community Schools, CORE, and Independent Studies programs. Thirty-nine graduates participated in the ceremony.
- The student board member acknowledged and thanked President Berta, Dr. Toston, Cabinet members, and staff for attending the event. Four Osborne students received scholarships and will be honored at a recognition ceremony in July.
- Blue Ridge School held its first 8th-grade promotion ceremony, which was attended by families and celebrated students advancing to high school.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were 20 public comments.

5. BARGAINING UNITS' REPORTS

The President or designee of each bargaining unit was invited to present comments. Sarah Gianocar, SEIU Chapter President, provided joint updates for Riju Krishna, ACE President, who could not attend. No PSWA representative was present.

6. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Consent Action Items as listed in Item #6 Consent Action Items**
- B. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2464) on May 21, 2025**
- C. Request Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting (#2464-S1) on May 28, 2025**
- D. Request Adoption of Resolution Recognizing National Safety Month**
- E. Request Approval of the 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan Local Performance Indicator Self-Reflection**
- F. Request Approval of the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)**
- G. Request Approval of the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan Federal Addendum**
- H. Request Adoption of Instructional Continuity Plans (ICP) as an Amendment to the Comprehensive School Safety Plans**
- I. Request Adoption of Multitudes as the Screening Assessment for Risk of Reading Difficulties**
- J. Request Adoption of the 2025-26 resolution to approve the spending plan for the Education Protection Account (EPA)A-D approved**
- K. Accept Donation to the Santa Clara County Office of Education**

Motion#2466-2 by Don Rocha and a second by Jessica Speiser to approve consent action items A through D and F through K (Item E was moved to Item 7. Action items). Motion #2466-2 carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Request Adoption of the 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Director of Alternative Education Dane Caldwell, Assistant Superintendent Stephanie Gomez, and Gema Alvarez presented the 2025-26 LCAP on behalf of the Alternative Education program. The presentation included an overview of how the LCAP aligns with the California School Dashboard indicators and the process for triggering Differentiated Assistance. Trustees engaged in a discussion about the connection between LCAP goals, dashboard data, and state accountability requirements. The team also shared that the SCCOE is currently

working with the California Department of Education on addressing chronic absenteeism through Differentiated Assistance.

Motion #2466-3 by Maimona Afzal Berta, second by Jorge Pacheco. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

B. Request Adoption of the Santa Clara County Office of Education County School Service Fund Budget for 2025-26

Stephanie Gomez, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, presented the 2025–26 County School Service Fund Budget for adoption, following the public hearing held the previous week. Ms. Gomez confirmed that the budget meets all state-adopted criteria, including the 4% reserve for economic uncertainty, and demonstrates the SCCOE's ability to meet fiscal obligations in the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

Motion #2466-4 by Don Rocha, second by Jorge Pacheco. Motion carried 6-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco
No: Tara Sreekrishnan

C. Request Approval of the Budget Revisions for the Month of May 2025

Dr. Toston introduced Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Stephanie Gomez, to present budget updates. Ms. Gomez highlighted new funding received in May and noted decreases in projected revenue due to declining enrollment.

Motion #2466-5 by Jorge Pacheco, second by Victoria Chon. Motion carried 6-1 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan
Not Present at Vote: Don Rocha

D. Request Approval of the 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan Local Performance Indicator Self-Reflection

The Board considered the approval of the 2025–26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Performance Indicator Self-Reflections. The item was presented by Mr. Dane Caldwell-Holden and Ms. Gemma Alvarez, Manager of Implementation and Compliance, with introductory remarks by Dr. Patrick Hefflin, Director of Continuous Improvement and Accountability. Dr. Hefflin noted the team's role in supporting school districts and the County Office in developing LCAPs and providing differentiated assistance. As this item required a separate vote following a public hearing, it was removed from the consent agenda and brought forward for individual action.

Motion #2466-6 by Victoria Chon, seconded by Jessica Spicer, to approve the 2025-26 LCAP Performance Indicator Self-Reflection. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Raeena Lari, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

8. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Informational Update on the Head Start Program

Staff provided an update on corrective actions related to the Head Start and Early Head Start deficiency and five areas of noncompliance. Following visits from the Office of Head Start's Technical Assistance team in April and May, SCCOE was granted an extension through August 21 for both the Basic and CCP grants after an initial partial denial and subsequent appeal.

Ongoing site monitoring and program improvements continue, with updates shared at recent Policy Council and Board meetings. Key topics included recruitment, program design, bylaws, student outcomes, and federal correspondence.

Staff also reported that the chronic under-enrollment designation for the CCP grant has been lifted, with a review of the Basic grant expected in the fall. The Superintendent acknowledged continued advocacy efforts and support from the federal delegation.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at approximately 7:30 p.m. President Berta called Closed Session to order at 7:40 p.m. and called roll. All Trustees were present.

A. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Alum Rock Union School District, Desired District: Berryessa Union School District

B. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Alum Rock Union School District, Desired District: Berryessa Union School District

C. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Campbell Union High School District, Desired District: Fremont Union High School District

D. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Filed on Behalf of Student, Resident District: Palo Alto Unified School District, Desired District: Mountain View Los Altos High School District

10. OPEN SESSION (Immediately Following Closed Session)

A. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board concluded Closed Session at 10:12 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:15 p.m.

President Berta indicated that in the matter of 10A, the County Board approved the appeal.

Motion #2466-6 by Trustee Sreekrishnan, seconded by Trustee Pacheco, to approve the appeal based on Factor 3, for a length of time through 8th grade. Motion carried 4-3-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Tara Sreekrishnan, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Raeena Lari

No: Jessica Speiser, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha

President Berta indicated that in the matter of 10B, the County Board denied the appeal.

Motion #2466-7 by Jorge Pacheco, seconded by Jessica Speiser, to deny the appeal, based on Factor 12, for a length of time through 8th grade. Motion carried 3-4-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Jorge Pacheco

No: Tara Sreekrishan, Victoria Chon, Raeena Lari

President Berta indicated that in the matter of 10C, the County Board approved the appeal.

Motion #2466-8 by Jorge Pacheco, seconded by Tara Sreekrishnan, to approve the appeal, based on Factor 1, for a length of time through 12th grade. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishan, Victoria Chon, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Jorge Pacheco, Raeena Lari

President Berta indicated that in the matter of 10D, the County Board approved the appeal.

Motion #2466-9 by Jorge Pacheco, seconded by Victoria Chon, to approve the appeal, based on Factor 4, for a length of time through 12th grade. Motion carried 7-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Tara Sreekrishan, Victoria Chon, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Jorge Pacheco, Raeena Lari

Due to the late hour, Items 11 through 15 were bypassed and not discussed during the meeting.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The next Santa Clara County Board of Education regular meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

Motion #2466-10 by Tara Sreekrishnan and seconded by Jorge Pacheco to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0 with the following vote:

Yes: Jessica Speiser, Don Rocha, Maimona Afzal Berta, Victoria Chon, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan
Not Present at Vote: Raeena Lari

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Toston, Sr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary