

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of February 21, 2025, starting at 3:00 pm, is in a hybrid format. The public can attend and **comment in person** by presenting a blue card to the Executive Assistant at the Lewis Early Learning Academy (2230 Lomitas Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404) or view/listen to the meeting in a virtual format via Zoom. **No public comments will be taken via the virtual format.** For more information on viewing/listening to the meeting virtually via Zoom or by phone, please click [HERE](#).

La reunión del 21 de febrero de 2025 de la mesa directiva de Santa Rosa City Schools, a partir de las 3:00 p. m., se realizará en formato híbrido. El público puede asistir y hacer comentarios en persona presentando una tarjeta azul al asistente ejecutivo en Lewis Early Learning Academy (2230 Lomitas Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404) o ver/escuchar la reunión en formato virtual a través de Zoom. **No se aceptarán comentarios públicos a través del formato virtual.** Para obtener más información sobre cómo ver/escuchar la reunión virtualmente a través de Zoom o por teléfono, haga clic [AQUÍ](#).

Individual speakers shall be allowed **one to three minutes** to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board may limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. With Board consent, the presiding officer may increase or decrease the time allowed for public presentation, depending on the topic and the number of persons wishing to be heard. The presiding officer may take a poll of speakers for or against a particular issue and may ask that additional persons speak only if they have something new to add (BP 9323).

Cada orador tendrá de **uno a tres minutos** para dirigirse a la mesa directiva sobre cada tema incluido o no en la agenda. La mesa directiva puede limitar el tiempo total para la participación del público sobre cada tema a 20 minutos. Con el consentimiento de la mesa directiva, la presidenta puede aumentar o disminuir el tiempo permitido para comentarios del público, dependiendo del tema y del número de personas que deseen comentar. La presidenta puede realizar una encuesta entre los oradores a favor o en contra de un tema en particular y puede solicitar que otras personas hablen sólo si tienen algo nuevo que agregar (BP 9323).

For questions or comments, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (707) 890-3800 ext. 80101 or [mmartin@srcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:mmartin@srcs.k12.ca.us).

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**MISSION:** SRCS ensures equitable access to a transformative educational experience grounded in the assets of our students, staff, and community. We nurture the whole student in an engaging, challenging, and safe environment. We recognize and value each student's individuality and our community's cultural wealth.

**VISION:** SRCS will send students into the world empowered to find purpose, think critically, embrace diversity, work together, and adapt to our changing planet, and live healthy and fulfilling lives.

### **Attendees**

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### **Voting Members**

Sarah Jenkins, Board of Education Director  
Stephanie Manieri, Board of Education Vice President  
Roxanne McNally, Board of Education President  
Nick Caston, Board of Education Director  
Jeremy De La Torre, Board of Education Clerk  
Mark Kirby, Board of Education Director

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER (3:00 p.m.)**

President McNally called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

Trustee Medina recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.  
Student Board Member Zúñiga was present.

#### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President McNally led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **B. PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS, ONLY**

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Leah Gabriel, School Consolidation and Closure
- Alexa Forrester, School Consolidation and Closure
- Mike Ascricio, School Consolidation and Closure
- David Benjamin Gruenbaum, School Consolidation and Closure
- Luis Eduardo Casillas Ambriz, School Consolidation and Closure
- Andy Bunnell, School Consolidation and Closure
- Marlin Gabriela Menjaivar Ochoa, School Consolidation and Closure
- Duane De Witt, School Consolidation and Closure
- Karol Noriega, School Consolidation and Closure
- Erica Lipanovich, School Consolidation and Closure
- Nicole Noriega, School Consolidation and Closure
- Megan Covey, School Consolidation and Closure

- Dahianara Padilla, School Consolidation and Closure
- Logan Kaper, School Consolidation and Closure

## **C. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. (Action) School Consolidation and Closure**

The following individuals presented the School Consolidation and Closure to the Board:

- Lisa August, Associate Superintendent
- Dr. Roderick Castro, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Vicki Zands, Assistant Superintendent
- Stacy Desideri, Executive Director
- John Fischer, Executive Director
- Dr. Amie Carter, County Superintendent, Sonoma County Office of Education
- Greg Medici, Deputy Superintendent, Sonoma County Office of Education
- Sarah Lampenfeld, Director of External Fiscal Services, Sonoma County Office of Education

The questions, discussion and comments by the Board and Staff lasted 1 hour. The updated presentation is attached to the meeting minutes.

The recording of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Trustee Caston made the following motion and Trustee De La Torre seconded it:

- Elsie Allen High School will be restructured to provide a targeted using project-based learning with experiential methodology incorporating the university center, public health, and public safety programs. The boundary maps are adopted as presented with phasing consistent with the Steele Lane Elementary School closure (four comprehensive high schools of Piner High School, Santa Rosa High School, Montgomery High School, and Maria Carrillo High School). In year 1 (2025-2026 school year), priority will be given to students requesting a transfer to their year 2 (2026-2027) home school. In year 2, the maps will be in effect.
- In year 1 (2025-2026), Herbert Slater Middle School and Santa Rosa Middle School will close and consolidate with an expanded 7th through 12th grade comprehensive program at Montgomery High School and Santa Rosa High School respectively. In year 2 (2026-2027), Comstock Middle School will close and merge with an expanded 7th through 12th grade comprehensive program at Piner High School. Montgomery High School will incorporate 7th and 8th grade culinary and wood shop facilities.

An amendment was made to the original motion by Trustee Caston; Trustee De La Torre seconded the amendment:

- An alternative grades 7-12 education program at Elsie Allen High School will start in the 2026-2027 school year.

**Motion Passed with Amendment:** Elsie Allen High School will be restructured to provide a targeted alternative 7-12 education program starting in the 2026-2027 school year using project-based learning with experiential methodology incorporating the university center, public health, and public safety programs. The boundary maps are adopted as presented with phasing consistent with the Steele Lane Elementary School closure (four comprehensive high schools of Piner High School, Santa Rosa High School, Montgomery High School, and Maria Carrillo High School). In year 1 (2025-2026 school year), priority will be given to students requesting a transfer to their year 2 (2026-2027) home school. In year 2, the maps will be in effect.

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**Student Board Member Zúñiga preferential vote: Aye**

Motion made by: Nick Caston

Motion seconded by: Jeremy De La Torre

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - No

Stephanie Manieri - Yes

Roxanne McNally - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

# Santa Rosa City Schools Consolidation Scenarios Overview

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# Scenario Updated - Timeline

Year 1  
2025-2026

## Secondary

- SRMS and HSMS close
- SRHS and MHS becomes 7-12
- EAHS boundaries are updated in preparation for year 2
- Prioritization for 25-26 transfers into 26-27 homeschool

Year 2  
2026-2027

## Secondary

- HCMS closes
- PHS 7-12
- EAHS - become 7-12
  - Restructured the school to provide targeted instructional program focus on project based learning using experiential methodology, incorporating the university center, public health and public safety program
  - 26-27 maps would be in effect as with Steele Lane

# Scenario Updated - Savings

Year 1  
2025-2026

Year 2  
2026-2027

**Projected Savings**  
-\$6,691,080

**Projected Savings**  
-\$8,602,273

-\$600,000.00

Save from not busing former Cook students to 3 different middle schools

-\$400,000.00

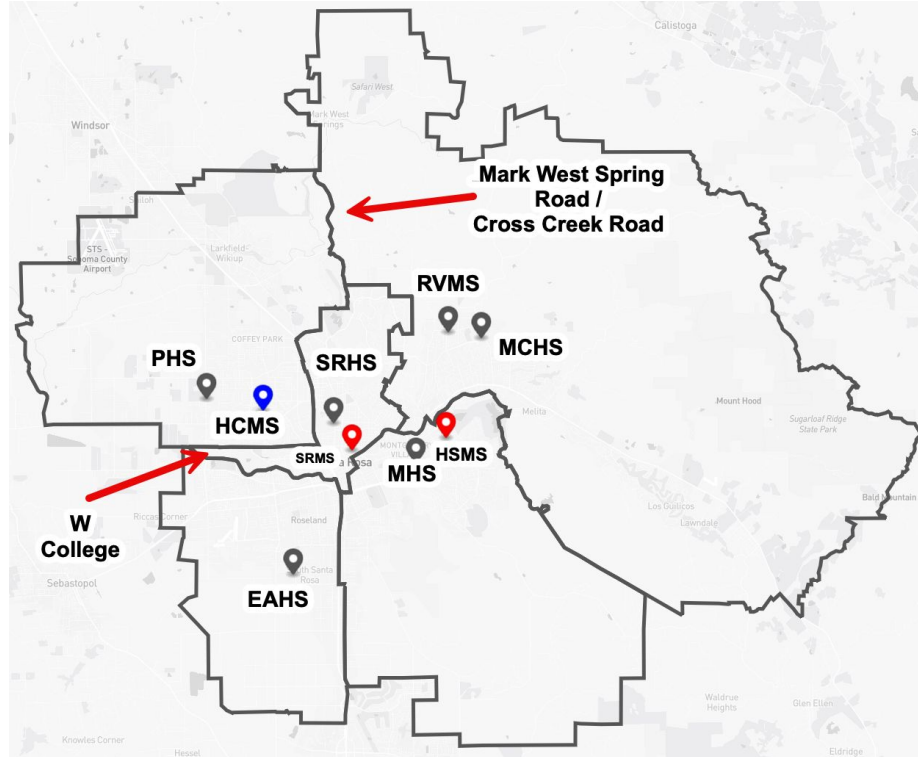
Not busing an additional 480 students

-\$1,000,000.00

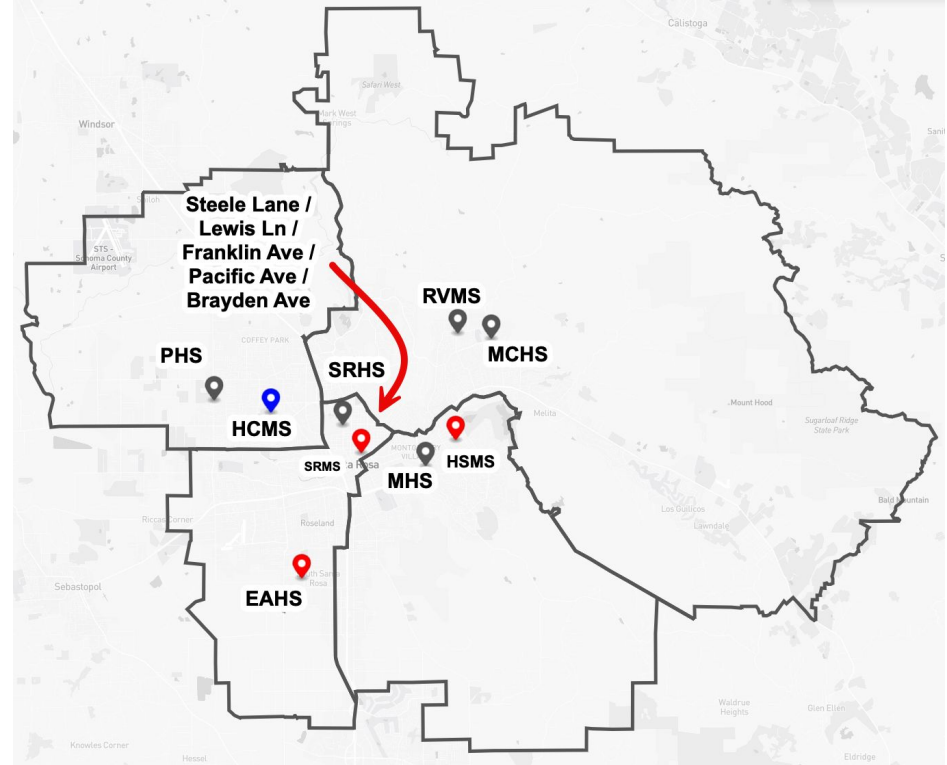
On agreement, revert to a 6-period day\*

\*requires bargaining

# Year 1



# Year 2



# Questions?

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