

MEETING MINUTES

The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of March 25, 2026, starting at 5:30 pm at Santa Rosa High School Auditorium (1235 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401), is in a hybrid format. The public can attend and comment in person by presenting a blue card to the Santa Rosa City Schools Administrative Staff at the time of the meeting, 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 de la mesa directiva del distrito escolar Santa Rosa City Schools el 25 de marzo del 2026, a partir de las 5:30 p. m., se llevará a cabo en un formato híbrido. El público puede asistir y hacer comentarios en persona presentando una tarjeta azul a la Asistente Ejecutiva en la Cámara del Ayuntamiento de Santa Rosa High School (1235 Mendocino Ave., Santa Roas, Ca. 95401) 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 minute** 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 minuto** 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.

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Board Meeting Norms

The Board is committed to conducting its work transparently and respectfully, with appreciation for the public's interest and engagement. Board meetings are meetings of the Board, held in public to conduct the business of the district—not meetings with the public.

- **Integrity** – Engage respectfully, act ethically, and make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- **Inclusion** – Listen actively, value diverse perspectives, ensure each trustee's voice is heard, and foster a safe, welcoming environment.
- **Accountability** – Take responsibility, align actions with SRCS priorities, and focus on measurable results.
- **Compassion** – Approach discussions with empathy and awareness of human impact.
- **Excellence** – Be prepared, informed, and committed to continuous improvement in governance.
- **Academics & Enrichment** – Prioritize decisions that enhance learning and prepare students for their futures.
- **Safety & Security** – Maintain respectful, orderly meetings and support safe learning environments.
- **Fiduciary Responsibility** – Use resources wisely and make transparent, fiscally sound decisions.
- **Staff Support** – Consider how board actions affect recruitment, retention, and staff well-being.
- **Communication** – Engage constructively, keep commentary brief and focused, build trust, and model open, honest communication.

MISSION STATEMENT

Students will be educated in a safe environment where they acquire critical thinking and social-emotional skills necessary to thrive in an evolving society.

VISION STATEMENT

Santa Rosa City Schools ensures equitable access to an excellent and enriching educational experience grounded in the assets of our students, staff, and community.

Attendance

Voting Members

Sarah Jenkins, Board of Education Clerk

Nick Caston, Board of Education President

Jeremy De La Torre, Board of Education Trustee

A. CALL TO ORDER (4:00 p.m.)

President Caston called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.
Trustee Medina was absent.

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

There was no public comment on the Closed Session agenda.

B. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

President Caston stated that the following items would be discussed during the Closed Session meeting:

- Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Coordinators)
- Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Case name: Case Nos.: 24CV00520/23CV00397)
- Conference With Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Number of potential cases: 2)

The meeting recessed to the Closed Session at 4:11 pm.

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Coordinators) [Gov. Code § 54957]

2. Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Case name: Case Nos.: 24CV00520/23CV00397) [Gov. Code § 54956.9]

3. Conference With Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Number of potential cases: 2) [Gov. Code § 54956.9]

C. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (5:30 p.m.)

President Caston reconvened the meeting to the Open Session at 5:38 pm.
Trustee Medina was absent.
Student Board Member Carrillo was absent.
Student Board Member Fitzsimmons was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

Jason Andrews led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The following report of action was taken during the Closed Session meeting:

- The Board voted unanimously to approve two settlements under Anticipated Litigation.

4. Items Considered In Closed Session for Action In Open Session

No items considered in the Closed Session were acted on in the Open Session.

5. Statements of Abstention

There were no statements of abstention.

6. Adjustments to Agenda

The following adjustments to the agenda were made:

- Item F.9, Second Read of BP 0430 was pulled and will be brought back on April 8, 2026
- Item F.4, Approval of Contracts over \$15,000, contract #4 was pulled, Springboard Collaborative
- Item F.1, Approval of Absent Board Members, was pulled
- Item F.6, Approval of Faba Films, was pulled for discussion
- Item F.7, Approval of Agreement with 3D Strategies, was pulled for discussion
- Item F.8, Approval of Annual Update for the HTS Transportation Plan, was pulled for discussion.

D. REPORTS

1. California School Employee Association (CSEA) Santa Rosa 75 Report

Jason Andrews, President of CSEA Santa Rosa 75, gave a report.

2. Teamsters Local 665 Report

Teamsters Local 665 did not give a report.

3. Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) Report

Kathryn Howell, President of SRTA, gave a report.

4. Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent Lisa August Hulme gave a report.

5. Board President Report

Board President Caston gave a report.

6. Board Member Reports

The following Board members gave a report:

- Trustee Jenkins
- Trustee De La Torre
- Trustee Prak
- Trustee Kirby

7. Student Board Members Report

There were no reports from Student Board Members.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment:

- Peter Alexander - Options for the District

F. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Consent Items F.2-F.3, F.5, F.10-F.12

Motion made by: Sarah Jenkins

Motion seconded by: Jeremy De La Torre

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

1. Approval of Absent Board Members

Motion Failed: Approval of Absent Board Members

2. Approval of Personnel Transactions

3. Approval of Vendor Warrants

4. Approval of Contracts over \$15,000

Trustee Kirby pulled Item F.4, Approval of Contracts over \$15,000, for further discussion and questions.

Motion Passed: Approval of Contracts over \$15,000, except for Contract #4, Springboard Collaborative

Motion made by: Donna Prak

Motion seconded by: Mark Kirby

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - No

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

5. Approval of Contracts - Bond

6. Approval of Faba Films and The Joy Lab Inc. Contract for the Use of Elsie Allen High School

Trustee Kirby pulled Item F.6, Approval of Faba Films and The Joy Lab Inc. Contract for the Use of Elsie Allen High School, for further clarification on the terms of the MOU. Principal Cunningham was present to answer the Board's questions.

Motion Passed: Approval of Faba Films and The Joy Lab Inc. Contract for the Use of Elsie Allen High School

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

7. Approval of Agreement between SRCS and 3D Strategies, Inc.

Trustee Jenkins pulled Item F.7, Approval of Agreement between SRCS and 3D Strategies, Inc., for further discussion.

Motion Passed: Approval of Agreement between SRCS and 3D Strategies, Inc.

Motion made by: Sarah Jenkins

Motion seconded by: Mark Kirby

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

8. Approval of Annual Update to the HTS Transportation Plan in order to qualify for 60% reimbursement

Trustee Kirby pulled Item F.8, Approval of Annual Update to the HTS Transportation Plan in order to qualify for 60% reimbursement for clarification.

Motion Passed: Approval of Annual Update to the HTS Transportation Plan in order to qualify for 60% reimbursement

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

- 9. Second Read and Approval of Board Policy 0430: Comprehensive Local Plan For Special Education**
- 10. Approval of Revised Salary Schedules for CalPERS Compliance – CSEA 75 , Teamsters Local 665, Supervisory & Unrepresented, Confidential Employees, and Working Professional Employees**
- 11. Approval of Correction to Scheduled Management Salary Schedule (Effective Date Update)**
- 12. Approval of Resolution 2025/26-69 for the Declaration of Obsolete Equipment/Vehicles and Authorization to Sell, Dispose, Donate, and/or Auction**

G. BOARD POLICY UPDATES / FIRST READ

H. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Resolution 2025/26-68 to Designate March 31st as Farmworkers Day**

President Castro presented the Approval of Resolution 2025/26-68 to Designate March 31st as Farmworkers' Day to the Board. Trustee Jenkins requested that the Resolution be amended by removing "and leaders such as Dolores Huerta." This reflects the Board's belief that it is appropriate to center recognition on the collective contributions and sacrifices of farmworkers rather than on any single individual.

Motion Passed with Amendment: Approval of Resolution 2025/26-68 to Designate March 31st as Farmworkers Day

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Mark Kirby

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

- 2. Finance Calendar**

a. Public Comment on Finance Calendar

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment on the Finance Calendar:

- Maureen Cecil

b. (Action) Approval of Bond Refunding Resolution and Documents

The following individuals presented the Approval of Bond Refunding Resolution and Documents to the Board:

- Lisa August Hulme, Interim Superintendent
- Joel Dontos, Executive Director of Fiscal Services
- Brett Lee, Representative of Raymond James

Motion Passed: Approval of Bond Refunding Resolution and Documents

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Sarah Jenkins

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

3. Educational Services Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Educational Services Calendar

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment on the Educational Services calendar:

- Tesla Kovelant
- Ethan Store
- Kevin Kovelant
- Amanda Kovelant
- Nina Ohlstrom
- Symphony Rumrill
- Amy McCoy
- Karen Taylor
- Scott Deeg
- Nadivah Goodeau
- Alex Lundeen-Todd
- Vanessa Lundeen-Todd
- Crystal McDougall
- Katie Phillips
- Jessamyn Harris
- Elizabeth Evans
- Chris Olney-Burnett

- Chiara Sarter

b. (Discussion) Signature Program Supports Update

The following individuals presented the Signature Program Supports Update to the Board:

- Dr. Roderick Castro, Assistant Superintendent of Ed Services
- Dr. Sarah O'Connor, Director of Ed Services
- Debi Cardozo, Director of CTE
- Dr. Kimberly Clissold, Principal of Santa Rosa HS
- Brooke Delello, Coordinator of ArtQuest
- Casey Cunningham, Principal of Elsie Allen HS
- April Santos, Principal of Montgomery HS
- Jeremy Hahn, Coordinator of IB Program
- Andrea Corriea, Principal of Piner HS
- Kristine Erken, Coordinator of Grace Program

The presentation lasted 20 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 2 hours and 13 minutes.

c. (Discussion) Update on Secondary Redesign Work for Piner High School and Elsie Allen High School

The following individuals presented the Update on Secondary Redesign Work for Piner High School and Elsie Allen High School:

- Andrea Correia, Principal, Piner High School
- Casey Cunningham, Principal, Elsie Allen High School
- Dr. LuzElena Perez, Executive Director, Educational Services
- Dr. Sarah O'Connor, Director, Educational Services
- Kyle Woodruff, EAHS Teacher
- Cimberlee Case, PHS Teacher

The presentation lasted 19 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 27 minutes.

4. Special Education Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Special Education Calendar

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment on the Special Education Calendar:

- Elizabeth Engelken
- Renee Blair
- Kirstin Singmeuangthong

b. First Read of Local Plan for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Formation

Executive Director John Fischer presented the First Read of the Local Plan for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Formation to the Board.

The presentation, questions, and comments lasted 14 minutes. Mr. Fischer took the opportunity to gather the Board Members' questions and will bring the SELPA Local Plan to the Board meeting on April 8, 2026, for a second read.

5. Charter School Calendar

a. Public Comment on Charter School Calendar

b. (Discussion) Board Role for Dependent Charter Schools

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On February 25, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on February 25, 2026

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting / Study Session Held On March 5, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting / Study Session Held On March 5, 2026

Motion made by: Sarah Jenkins

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On March 11, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on March 11, 2026

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting:

Sarah Jenkins - Yes

Nick Caston - Yes

Jeremy De La Torre - Yes

Mark Kirby - Yes

Donna Prak - Yes

J. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Future Board Discussion Items**
- 2. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- 3. Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting Dates**
- 4. Special Board Meeting Dates**
- 5. Facilities Projects Update**

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 pm.

Clerk of Board

Date