

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of April 8, 2026, starting at 5:00 pm at Santa Rosa City Hall Council Chambers (100 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95404), 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 8 de abril del 2026, a partir de las 5:00 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 (100 Santa Rosa 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 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 minuteo** 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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### **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**

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### **Voting Members**

Sarah Jenkins, Board of Education Clerk

Omar Medina, Board of Education Trustee

Nick Caston, Board of Education President

Jeremy De La Torre, Board of Education Trustee  
Mark Kirby, Board of Education Trustee  
Donna Prak, Board of Education Vice President

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

President Caston called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**1. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda**

There were no public comments 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:

- Student Expulsions (Case Nos: 2025/26-12, 2025/26-16)
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- Conference With Labor Negotiator Name of designated rep attending: Dr. Vicki Zands (SRCS); name of organization: Santa Rosa Teachers Association, CSEA Santa Rosa 75, Teamsters Union 665)
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Coordinators)

The meeting recessed to the Closed Session at 4:01 pm.

- 1. Student Expulsions (Case Nos: 2025/26-12, 2025/26-16) [Ed. Code § 48918]**
- 2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release [Gov. Code § 54957]**
- 3. Conference With Labor Negotiator Name of designated rep attending: Dr. Vicki Zands (SRCS); name of organization: Santa Rosa Teachers Association, CSEA Santa Rosa 75, Teamsters Union 665) [Gov. Code § 54957.6]**
- 4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Coordinators) [Gov. Code § 54957]**

**C. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (5:00 p.m.)**

The meeting reconvened to the Open Session meeting at 5:32 pm.

Student Board Member Fitzsimmons was present.

Student Board Member Carrillo was absent.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment**

Kathryn Howell, President of SRTA, led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

### **3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session**

There was no report of action taken during the Closed Session meeting.

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

The following items were considered in the Closed Session meeting for action in the Open Session meeting:

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- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-12
- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-16

**Motion Passed: Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-12**

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**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

**Motion seconded by:** Sarah Jenkins

**Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**Motion Passed: Student Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-16**

**Motion made by:** Donna Prak

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Kirby

**Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

### **5. Statements of Abstention**

There were no statements of abstention.

### **6. Adjustments to Agenda**

The following adjustments to the agenda were made:

- Trustee Jenkins pulled Item F.6, Approval of Amendment 1 for the SRHS DeSoto Hall Modernization & Theater Roofing project.

#### **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 August Hulme gave a report.

##### **5. Board President Report**

President Caston gave a report.

##### **6. Board Member Reports**

The following Board members gave a report:

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

##### **7. Student Board Member Report**

Student Board Member Fitzsimmons did not give a report.

#### **E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS**

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment:

- Raymond Joseph Sotto, District Integrity

#### **F. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion Passed: Consent Items F. 1-F.5 and F.7

Student Board Member Fitzsimmons preferential vote: Aye

**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Kirby

**Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**1. Approval of Absent Board Members**

**2. Approval of Personnel Transactions**

**3. Approval of Vendor Warrants**

**4. Approval of Donations and Gifts**

**5. Approval of Contracts - Bond**

**6. Approval of Amendment 1 for the SRHS DeSoto Hall Modernization & Theater Roofing project**

Trustee Jenkins pulled Item F.6, Approval of Amendment 1 for the SRHS DeSoto Hall Modernization & Theater Roofing project, for questions. The following individuals were present to answer the Board's questions:

- Erik Oden, Executive Director of Facilities
- Cathy Gotfrid, Program Manager

Motion Passed: Approval of Amendment 1 for the SRHS DeSoto Hall Modernization & Theater Roofing project

Student Board Member Fitzsimmons' preferential vote: Aye

**Motion made by:** Sarah Jenkins

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Kirby

**Voting results:** Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**7. Approval of Updated Resolution 2025/26-47 Authorizing Personnel to Sign Orders on District Funds Accounts**

**G. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Charter School Calendar**

**a. Public Hearing: Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School Charter Renewal**

President Caston opened the Public Hearing at 6:26pm. The following individuals presented the Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School charter renewal to the Board:

- Dr. Castro, Assistant Superintendent
- Daryl Coryell, Principal
- Kim Walls, Lead Teacher
- Roxanne Boulais, Director of Band & Orchestra, RVMS & SRACS
- Bana Solomon, SRACS 5th Grade Parent
- Nancy Blair, Lead Teacher, Humanities, SRACS

The presentation lasted 12 minutes.

The Board's questions lasted 48 minutes.

The following individuals gave public comment:

- Sungye Kim
- Ida Soleil Taylor
- Isabella Vasquez
- Kilee Willson
- Laura Montenegro
- Kim Roper
- Dominic Piazza
- Ashley Bell
- Taylor Jay

Public comment lasted 9 minutes.

The approval of the SRACS Charter Renewal will come back to the Board for consideration within 30 days.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:53 pm.

## **2. Student Services Calendar**

### **a. Public Comment on Student Services Calendar**

There was no public comment on the Student Services Calendar.

### **b. (Discussion) Mobile Devices on Campus Update and Presentation**

The following individuals presented the Mobile Devices on Campus Update to the Board:

- Stacy Desideri, Executive Director of Student Services
- April Santos, Principal of Montgomery High School
- Dr. Kimberly Clissold, Principal of Santa Rosa High School
- Ashley Bell, Teacher at Santa Rosa High School

The presentation lasted 19 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 1 hour and 11 minutes.

**c. (Discussion/Possible Action) Second Read of Board Policy 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices**

Motion Passed: Second Read of Board Policy 5131.8: Mobile Communication Devices with the CSBA recommended language of Option 2 - Students shall not use smartphones and other mobile communication with the following amendments:

To add:

- Limit student access to smartphones and other mobile communication, digital, and entertainment devices on campus
- When the possession or use is required by the student's individualized education program or by the student's 504 plan

**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

**Motion seconded by:** Donna Prak

***Voting results:***

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

No: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**3. Special Education Calendar**

**a. Public Comment on Special Education Calendar**

There was no public comment on the Special Education Calendar.

**b. (Public Hearing) Second Read of Local Plan for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Formation**

President Caston opened the public hearing at 9:29 pm.

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

The presentation lasted 20 minutes and the Board's questions and comments lasted 25 minutes. Interim CBO, Luz Cázares was present to assist with the Board's questions.

President Caston closed the public hearing at 9:53 pm.

**c. (Action) Second Read of Local Plan for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Formation**

Motion Passed: Approval of the Second Read of Local Plan for Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Formation, Section B (Governance), with implementation for the 2027-2028 school year.

**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Kirby

**Voting results:**

No: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

No: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**d. (Action) Approval of Proposed Job Description for Executive Director of SELPA and Special Services**

Motion Passed: Approval of Proposed Job Description for Executive Director of SELPA and Special Services

**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

**Motion seconded by:** Mark Kirby

**Voting results:**

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

No: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**e. (Action) Second Read and Approval of Board Policy 0430: Comprehensive Local Plan For Special Education**

No action was taken on the Second Read and Approval of Board Policy 0430: Comprehensive Local Plan For Special Education.

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Motion Passed with Amendment: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On March 25, 2026

Change to Item F.1, Approval of Absent Board Members, did not have a second motion.

**Motion made by:** Donna Prak

**Motion seconded by:** Jeremy De La Torre

**Voting results:**

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Abstain: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

**I. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Future Board Discussion Items**
- 2. 2025 Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly**
- 3. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- 4. Board Finance Subcommittee Meeting Dates**
- 5. Special Board Meeting Dates**
- 6. Updated AR 1220**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 pm.

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Clerk of Board

Date