

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of April 22, 2026, starting at 6:00 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 22 de abril del 2026, a partir de las 6:00 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 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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### **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.

All Board members were present.

**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 Appointment / Discussion, Position: Superintendent
- 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. Public Employee Appointment / Discussion, Position: Superintendent (Government Code § 54957)**
- 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 (6:00 p.m.)**

President Caston reconvened the Open Session meeting at 6:06 pm.

All Board members were present.

Student Board member Fitzsimmons was absent.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment**

The following individuals led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment:

- Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, Principal of CCLA
- Sarah Imperato, Principal of SRCSA

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

There were no reports of action taken during the Closed Session meeting.

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

There were no items considered in the Closes Session for action 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:

- Trustee Jenkins pulled item F.5, Approval of Contracts over \$15,000, for further discussion.
- The Public Hearing: CCLA Charter Renewal was moved on the agenda to take place after item G1.b, Trustee Area 2 Interviews.

**D. REPORTS**

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

Mary Lehman, President of CSEA Santa Rosa 75 gave a report.

**2. Teamsters Local 665 Report**

Michael Stanford, of Teamsters, provided a written report to the Board members.

**3. Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) Report**

SRTA President Howell gave a report.

**4. Superintendent Report**

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 Prak
- Trustee Medina
- Trustee Jenkins
- Trustee Kirby

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

Student Board Member Carrillo gave a report.

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

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Rosalba Rameriz, PTES Campus
- Margaret Buhn, School Finances
- Adina Flores, District Transparency
- Simone Harris, School Funding
- Kristin Reed, School Stability
- Mary Watts, PTES Campus
- Matthew Lee, Staffing at MCHS
- Alex Yoon, Staffing at MCHS
- Angel Diego, Special Education
- Quin Alexander, District Cuts
- Keira Taste, Mental Health Counselors
- Holly Cumbie, Class sizes
- Maureen Cecil, French Program
- Ciceley Tunde-Claye, School Support
- Ola King-Claye, Schools history
- Dale Batt, District Teachers and Students
- Micah Carlin-Goldberg, District Leadership

## **F. CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion Passed: Consent Items F.1 - F. 4 and F. 6 - F.26

**Motion made by:** Sarah Jenkins

**Motion seconded by:** Omar Medina

### ***Voting results:***

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 over \$15,000**

Trustee Jenkins made a motion to approve contract No. 2, CyberHigh/FCSS, but have contract No. 1, Walker Creek Ranch and contract No. 3, Shared Plate Strategies come back to the board for approval once the process for approval is complete.

Motion Passed: Approval of Contract No.2 over \$15,000  
Student Board Member Carrillo preferential vote: Aye

**Motion made by:** Sarah Jenkins

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

***Voting results:***

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Donna Prak

- 6. Approval of Contracts - Bond**
- 7. Approval of the Contract for the Hidden Valley Elementary School Exterior Paint Project**
- 8. Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Luther Burbank Elementary School Fencing Project.**
- 9. Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the James Monroe Elementary School Shade Structure, Fencing and Exterior Paint Project.**
- 10. Approval of the Contract for the James Monroe Elementary School Exterior Paint Project.**
- 11. Approval of the Contract for the Santa Rosa Middle School Exterior Paint Project.**
- 12. Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption of the Santa Rosa Middle School Exterior Paint Project.**
- 13. Approval of the Contract for the CCLA Exterior Paint Project**
- 14. Approval of the Contract for the Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts Exterior Paint Project**

15. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts Exterior Paint and Fencing Projects**
16. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the CCLA Exterior Paint and Fencing Projects**
17. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Hidden Valley Elementary School Exterior Paint Project**
18. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Fencing Project**
19. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Elsie Allen High School Fencing and Turf Replacement Projects**
20. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Montgomery High School Turf Field Replacement Project**
21. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Santa Rosa High School Turf Field Replacement Project**
22. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Maria Carrillo High School Fencing and Turf Field Replacement Projects**
23. **Approval of the CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Piner High School Fencing and Turf Field Replacement Projects**
24. **Approval of Consent Letter for T-Mobile Modifications to Telecommunication Facility at Elsie Allen High School**
25. **Approval of Job Description for Updated Data Compliance Manager Position**
26. **Approval of the Santa Rosa City Schools 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar**

**G. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Board of Education Calendar**

**a. Public Comment on Board of Education Calendar**

The following individuals addressed the Board during the public comment:

- Davin Cardenas
- Esperanza Núñez
- Cindy Chong

**b. (Action) Trustee Area 2 Candidate Interview to Select a Board Member Due to Vacancy**

After all three candidates were interviewed for the open seat in Trustee Area 2, Trustee Medina made a motion to appoint Teresa Medina to the open seat. There was not a second to the motion.

After further deliberations by the Board, Trustee Prak made a motion to appoint Shaun DuFosee to Trustee Area 2. Trustee Jenkins seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: Shaun DuFosee appointed to Trustee Area 2  
Student Board Member Carrillo's preferential vote: No

**Motion made by:** Donna Prak

**Motion seconded by:** Sarah Jenkins

**Voting results:**

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

No: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Not Present: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

After the roll call vote, President Caston administered the Oath of Office to Shaun Du Fosee. Mr. Du Fosee joined the Board at the Dias for the remainder of the meeting

## **2. Business Services Calendar**

### **a. Public Comment on the Business Services Calendar**

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment:

- Margaret Buhn

### **b. (Discussion) Sonoma County Office of Education 2nd Interim Approval Letter**

The following individuals presented the Sonoma County Office of Education's 2nd Interim Approval Letter discussion item to the Board:

- Nick Caston, Board President
- Lisa August Hulme, Interim Superintendent
- Luz Cázares, Interim Associate Superintendent, Business Services

The presentation lasted 14 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 20 minutes.

### **c. (Action) Approval of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update**

The following individuals presented the Approval of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update to the Board:

- Erik Oden, Executive Director of Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations
- Cathy Gotfrid, Project Manager
- Aaron Jobson, Principal/President/CEO, Quattrocchi Kwok Architects (QKA)
- Van Pelt Construction Services Team

The presentation lasted 10 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 16 minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Update

**Motion made by:** Mark Kirby

**Motion seconded by:** Donna Prak

**Voting results:**

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

No: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

No: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Abstain: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

**3. Charter School Calendar**

**a. Public Comment on Charter School Calendar**

**b. Public Hearing: CCLA Charter Renewal**

The following individuals presented the CCLA Charter Renewal to the Board:

- Dr. Roderick Castro, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, Interim Principal, CCLA
- Ms. Ackerman, Teacher
- Ms. Brown, Teacher
- Ms. Tevaseu, Teacher

The presentation lasted 9 minutes.

The Board's questions lasted 17 minutes

The Board's comments lasted 34 minutes

The following individuals addressed the Board during the Public Hearing:

- Genna Becker
- Aleena Diaz
- Brynna Poling

- Lili Roman
- Lisa Reid
- Alma Magallen
- Alyssa Keeney-Roe
- Brenda Davalos
- Ethan Chavez
- Dillon Poling
- Jenna Johnson
- Pat Bailey
- Veronica Jordan
- Andrea Rojas
- Kathryn Howell
- Maria Salgado
- Kathy Hayes
- Manny Morales

The CCLA Charter Renewal will have a second Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

**c. (Discussion) Current Charter School Strategies Overview**

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

**4. Student Services Calendar**

**a. (Discussion / Possible Action) School Site Capacity and Waitlist Study**

This item was tabled due to time constraints.

**5. (Action) Run-Off Election for the 2026 CSBA Delegate Assembly**

No action was taken for the Run-Off Election for the 2026 CSBA Delegate Assembly item.

**H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On April 8, 2026**

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on April 8, 2026

**Motion made by:** Omar Medina

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

**Voting results:**

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Abstain: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

**I. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**J. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Future Board Discussion Items**
- 2. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- 3. Board Subcommittee Meeting Dates**
- 4. Special Board Meeting Dates**
- 5. Non-Public School/Non-Public Agency Contract Update**
- 6. Williams Settlement Quarterly Report**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

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Clerk of Board

Date