

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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The Santa Rosa City Schools Special Board Meeting of May 15, 2026, starting at 9:00 am at Santa Rosa City Schools District Office (110 Stony Point Road, Suite #210 Santa Rosa, Ca. 95401) will be held in person only. 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.

La Reunión Especial de la Junta Escolar de Santa Rosa City Schools del 15 de mayo de 2026, que comenzará a las 9:00 a.m. en la Oficina del Distrito de Santa Rosa City Schools (110 Stony Point Road, Suite #210 Santa Rosa, Ca. 95401) se llevará a cabo únicamente en persona. El público puede asistir y comentar en persona presentando una tarjeta azul al personal administrativo de Santa Rosa City Schools en el momento de la reunión.

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).

To view future board meeting dates, click [HERE](#).

To view agendas and minutes from July 2016 - August 12, 2020, click [HERE](#).

To view agendas and minutes prior to July 27, 2016, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (707) 890-3800 ext. 80101, [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  
Shaun DuFosee, Board of Education Trustee  
Donna Prak, Board of Education Vice President

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER (9:00 a.m.)**

President Caston called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

All Board Members were present.

Student Board Members Carrillo and Fitzsimmons were not present.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment**

President Caston led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

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

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Kara Myers
- Ian Myers
- Heather Benson
- Amanda Park
- Angela Ghigliazza
- Kris Akerman
- Kathryn Howell
- Dale Batt
- Margaret Buhn
- Donna Gibson
- Kwici Khamthee
- Mike Persinger
- Mel Debret

**C. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

President Caston stated the following item would be discussed during the Closed Session:

- Public Employee Appointment / Discussion (Position: Superintendent)

The meeting recessed to the Closed Session at 9:22 am.

**1. Public Employee Appointment / Discussion (Position: Superintendent) [Gov. Code § 54957]**

**D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened for the Open Session at 3:37 pm.

**1. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**

The following report was taken in Closed Session:

- At 2:59 pm, the Board voted unanimously to extend the meeting until 5:00 pm.

- In a 6-1 vote, the board will move forward with one finalist to negotiate a superintendent contract. Trustee Jenkins was the dissenting vote.

**E. ADJOURNMENT (3:00 p.m.)**

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

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Clerk of Board

Date