

MEETING MINUTES

The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of May 13, 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 13 de mayo 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 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).

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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

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

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

President Caston called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 agenda items would be discussed during the Closed Session meeting:

- Student Readmissions (Case Nos: 2025/26-05)
- Student Expulsions (Case Nos: 2025/26-12 and 2025/26-14)
- Public Employee Appointment/Employment (Position to be filled: Assistant Superintendent and Leave of Absence Request)
- 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)
- Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 4:03 pm.

- 1. Student Readmissions (Case Nos: 2025/26-05) [Ed. Code § 48916]**
- 2. Student Expulsions (Case Nos: 2025/26-12 and 2025/26-14) [Ed. Code § 48918]**
- 3. Public Employee Appointment/Employment (Position to be filled: Assistant Superintendent and Leave of Absence Request) [Gov. Code § 54957]**
- 4. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release [Gov. Code § 54957]**
- 5. 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]**
- 6. Conference With Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Case Nos. 2025-09, 2025-069) [Gov. Code § 54956.9]**
- 7. Conference With Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Case name: OAH 2026040974,) [Gov. Code § 54956.9]**
- 8. 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.)

The meeting reconvened to the Open Session at 6:32 pm.

Student Board Member Fitzsimmons and Student Board Member Carrillo were present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Caston let the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

Trustee Medina led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

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

- During the closed session, the Board voted 4 - 3 (0 members absent) to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to notify the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources regarding the Board's decision to renew their employment contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
- During the closed session, the Board voted 7 - 0 (0 members absent) to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to notify **Employee ID #170** that their request for an unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year has been (approved/denied) in accordance with Article 10.2.9.3 of the CSEA Chapter 75 Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- During the closed session, the Board voted 6 - 1 (0 members absent) to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to adopt **the Resolution No. 2025/26-77** to notify **eight (8) certificated administrators, 8.0 FTE**, that they will be reassigned from their position for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to Education Code section 44951.
- During the closed session, the Board voted 5 - 2 (0 members absent) to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to adopt **the Resolution No. 2025/26-72** to notify **seven (7) certificated administrators, 7.0 FTE**, that they will be released and/or reassigned from their position for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to Education Code section 44951.
- During the closed session, the Board voted 6 - 1 (0 members absent) to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to adopt **the Resolution No. 2025/26-73** to notify **nine (9) certificated administrators, 9.0 FTE**, that they will be released from their position

for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to Education Code section 44951.

- During the closed session, the Board voted 6-1 (0 members absent) to settle OAH Case No. 2026040974.

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

Items considered in Closed Session for action in Open Session:

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

Motion made by: Sarah Jenkins

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

Motion Passed: Student Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-14

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: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

5. Statements of Abstention

There were no statements of abstention.

6. Adjustments to Agenda

The following item was pulled from the agenda:

- H2b. (Action) Approval of California School Employees Association, Chapter 75 25-26 #2 MOU Job Description Updates

7. Special Presentation for Outgoing Trustee McNally

The SRCS Board of Trustees made a special presentation to outgoing Trustee McNally.

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

Teamsters Local 665 did not give a report.

3. Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) Report

SRTA President Kathryn Howell 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 Kirby
- Trustee Jenkins
- Trustee Prak
- Trustee Du Fosee
- Trustee Medina

7. Student Board Members Report

The following Student Board Members gave a report:

- Amber Fitzsimmons
- Jonathan Carrillo

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

The following individuals addressed the Board during public comment:

- Sofia Farias, Expanded Programs
- Angel Diego, Concerns with SPED
- Brooklynn Zeidler, Zero Period at RVMS
- Yasmin Khairul, Zero Period at RVMS
- Ruby Harink, Zero Period at RVMS
- Liam Gardner, Zero Period at RVMS
- Maya Slater, Zero Period at RVMS
- Millie Perkins, Zero Period at RVMS
- Adina Flores, Transparency
- Keren Luvichis, Zero Period at RVMS
- Ola King-Claye, Overall State of Schools

- Eric Gardner, Zero Period at RVMS

F. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approval of Consent Items F.1 - F.11

Student Board Member Carrillo's preferential vote: Aye

Student Board Member Fitzsimmon's 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: Shaun Du Fosee

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**
- 6. Approval of Contracts - Bond**
- 7. Approval to File a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption for the Luther Burbank ES Temporary Portables Project**
- 8. Approval of Contract for the Summer Temporary Portables project at Luther Burbank ES**
- 9. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025/26-75 Supporting Award and Approval of Lease-Leaseback Agreement with CWS Construction Group Inc., for the Piner High School, Maria Carrillo High School, Luther Burbank Elementary School, and Elsie Allen High School Perimeter Fencing and Gates Project**
- 10. Adoption of Resolution No. 2025/26-74 Supporting Award and Approval of Lease-Leaseback Agreement with Wright Contracting, LLC, for Phase 3 of the Electronic Access Controls Project**
- 11. Approval on New Course Proposal: ArtQuest Honors Art Lab**

G. SECOND READ OF UPDATED BOARD POLICIES

- 1. Second Read and Approval of Updated Board Policies**

Motion Passed: Second Read and Approval of Updated Board Policies
Student Board Member Carrillo's preferential vote: Aye
Student Board Member Fitzsimmon's preferential vote: Absent

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

H. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Charter School Calendar

a. Public Comment on Charter School Calendar

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment:

- Brittany Affronti - Current Charter School Strategies Overview

b. (Discussion) Current Charter School Strategies Overview

The following individuals presented the Current Charter School Strategies Overview to the Board:

- Lisa August Hulme, Interim Superintendent
- Dr. Roderick Castro, Assistant Superintendent
- Sarah Imperato, Principal of SR Charter School for the Arts
- Ms. Holmstedt, SRCSA Teacher
- Evelyn Anderson, Principal of SR French American Charter School
- Daryl Coryell, Principal of SR Accelerated Charter School
- Gabriela Mendoza-Torres, Principal of CCLA
- Ms. Brown, CCLA Teacher
- Ms. Tevaseu, CCLA Teacher

The presentation lasted 18 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 27 minutes.

The presentations will be added to the meeting minutes supporting documents.

c. Public Hearing: CCLA Charter Renewal

President Caston opened the Public Hearing: CCLA Charter Renewal at 9:01 pm.

The following individuals addressed the Board during the Public Hearing:

- Rene Diaz
- Jaslyn Mendoza
- Mathis Murphy
- Leah Murphy
- Melina Vilorio
- Avery Price
- Eden Lapidés
- Angelina M.
- Kia Flores Tindall
- Emiliano
- Shiloh Oddy
- Lili Roman
- Jenna Johnson
- Sara Vaughn
- Maria Bernadette Peterson
- Veronica Jordan
- Kim Lapidez
- Emma Thompson
- Xavier Nazario
- Lisa Reid
- Pat Bailey
- Adilene Mojica
- Ry Basham-Mintz
- Angel Ortega
- Kyle Woodruff
- Shelby Vilonis

President Caston closed the Public Hearing: CCLA Charter Renewal at 9:38 pm.

d. Public Hearing: Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School Charter Renewal

President Caston opened the Public Hearing: Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School Charter Renewal at 9:49 pm.

The following individuals addressed the Board during the Public Hearing:

- Kim Walls
- Ryad Koya
- Mike Konzak
- Damaris Cordeno
- Priscilla Dendrinus

President Caston closed the Public Hearing: Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School Charter Renewal at 9:56 pm.

2. Human Resources Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Human Resources Calendar

There was no public comment on the Human Resources calendar.

b. (Action) Approval of California School Employees Association, Chapter 75 25-26 #2 MOU Job Description Updates

This item was pulled by Dr. Zands and will be brought back to the Board for approval at a later time.

c. (Action) Approval of Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) 25-26 #5 MOU Piner Junior High School (Hilliard Comstock) Instructional Minutes Schedule (Bell Schedule)

Motion Passed: Approval of Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) 25-26 #5 MOU Piner Junior High School (Hilliard Comstock) Instructional Minutes Schedule (Bell Schedule)

Motion made by: Donna Prak

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: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

d. (Action) Resolution No. 2025/26-70 Final Reduction in Classified Work Force Involving California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 75 for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion Passed: Resolution No. 2025/26-70 Final Reduction in Classified Work Force Involving California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 75 for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion made by: Donna Prak

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: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

e. (Action) Resolution No.2025/26-71 Final Recommendation for Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion Passed: Resolution No.2025/26-71 Final Recommendation for Reduction or Discontinuance of Certain Particular Kinds of Services for the 2026-27 School Year

Motion made by: Donna Prak

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: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

3. Student Services Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Student Services Calendar

There was no public comment on the Student Services calendar.

b. (Discussion) Update on Athletics

The following individuals presented the Update on Athletics to the Board:

- Ryan Thompson, District Athletic Director
- Erik Oden, Executive Director of M/O and Facilities
- Raphael Sanabria, Custodial Manager

The presentation, Board's questions and comments lasted 40 minutes.

4. Business Services Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Business Services Calendar

There was no public comment on the Business Services calendar.

b. (Discussion) Update on Child Nutrition Services (CNS)

This item was tabled and will be brought to the Board of Education Agenda on May 27, 2026.

c. (Approval) Resolution Regarding the Integrity of Proposition 98 in the Governor's 2026/27 Budget

Motion Passed: Resolution Regarding the Integrity of Proposition 98 in the Governor's 2026/27 Budget

Motion made by: Shaun DuFosee

Motion seconded by: Donna Prak

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On April 22, 2026

This item was tabled and will be considered for approval during the May 27, 2026, Board meeting.

J. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Recognition of Awards for 2025/2026

a. 2025/26 Students of the Year

b. 2025/26 Classified Employees of the Year

c. 2025/26 Certificated Employees of the Year

2. Information on Revised AR 6146.11: Alternative Credits Toward Graduation

3. Information on Revised AR 6146.1: High School Graduation Requirements

4. Information on Draft of Governance Calendar and 2026/27 Board Meeting Calendar

5. Future Board Discussion Items

6. Board Subcommittee Meeting Dates

7. Special Board Meeting Dates

8. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Clerk of Board

Date

