

MEETING MINUTES

The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of August 12, 2026, starting at 6:30 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 12 de Agosto de 2026, a partir de las 6:30 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 (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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MISSION: SRCS ensures equitable access to a transformative educational experience grounded in the assets of our students, staff, and community. We nurture the whole student in an engaging, challenging, and safe environment. We recognize and value each student's individuality and our community's cultural wealth.

VISION: SRCS will send students into the world empowered to find purpose, think critically, embrace diversity, work together, and adapt to our changing planet, and live healthy and fulfilling lives.

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
Shaun DuFosee, Board of Education Trustee
Donna Prak, Board of Education Vice President

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 Closed Session:

- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Number of potential cases: 1)
- Student Readmissions (Case Nos: 2025/26-01, 2025/26-04, 2025/26-06, 2025/26-16)
- 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 Discipline/Dismissal/Release [Gov. Code § 54957]

2. **Conference With Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Number of potential cases: 1) [Gov. Code § 54956.9]**
3. **Student Readmissions (Case Nos: 2025/26-01, 2025/26-04, 2025/26-06, 2025/26-16) [Ed. Code § 48916]**
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. STUDY SESSION: (5:00 p.m.)

President Caston started the Study Session at 5:10 pm.

1. (Discussion) Current Graduation Requirement and Updates

The following individuals presented the Current Graduation Requirement and Updates to the Board during the Study Session:

- Dr. Monica Thomas, Superintendent
- Dr. Timothy McCarty, Assistant Superintendent - Student Services
- Philip Gedeon, Director -Secondary Education
- Dr. Emanuele Bardelli, Executive Director - Information and Evaluation

The following individuals made public comments during the Study Session:

- Pete Parkinson
- Brittany Affronti
- Will Lyon
- Brittney Geddes
- Kathryn Howell

The Current Graduation Requirements powerpoint slide deck will be added to the supporting documents.

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (6:30 p.m.)

The meeting reconvened to the Open Session meeting at 7:15 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

Dr. Monica Thomas led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

The following Report of Actions was taken during the Closed Session:

- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-01 was unanimously approved by the Board
- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-04 was unanimously approved by the Board
- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-06 was unanimously approved by the Board
- Expulsion Case No. 2025/26-16 was unanimously approved by the Board

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

No items considered in the Closed Session for Action were 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 G.5, Approval of Contracts for further discussion and questions

7. Student Board Members Loyalty Oath of Office

President Caston administered the Student Board Members Loyalty Oath of Office to Mallix Way and Zaira Alvarado.

Trustee Way and Trustee Alvarado took their seat the Dias after their oath was taken.

E. REPORTS

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

CSEA President Mary Lehman 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

Superintendent Dr. Thomas gave a report.

5. Board President Report

Board President Nick Caston gave a report.

6. Board Member Reports

The following Board members gave a report:

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

7. Student Board Members Report

Student Trustees Way and Alvarado gave a report.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

The following individuals gave public comment on the non-agenda and consent items:

- Jesse Lucia - MOU with Sonoma State University

G. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Consent Items G.1 - G.4, and G.6-G.12

Trustee Way preferential vote: Aye

Trustee Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Jeremy De La Torre

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

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

Trustee Jenkins pulled the Approval of Contracts I for further questions and discussion.

Trustee Jenkins had specific questions for staff about the Pearson contract.

Motion Passed: Approval of Contracts

Trustee Way preferential vote: Aye
Trustee Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Shaun DuFosee

Motion seconded by: Omar Medina

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

- 6. Approval of Contracts - Bond**
- 7. Approval of the CNS School Nutrition Program Micro-Purchase Self-Certification**
- 8. Approval of the Use of Piggyback Bids/Contracts (CMAS, NASPO, Co-Ops) for the 2026-27 School Year**
- 9. Notice and Approval of the Removal/Recycling of Unusable, Outdated, and/or Damaged Instructional Materials and Textbooks**
- 10. Approval of Resolution 2026/27-12 for the Declaration of Obsolete Items/Equipment and Authorization to Sell, Dispose, and/or Donate**
- 11. Approval of Correction to the Amendment of the Left Coast Scanning Proposal**
- 12. Approval of School District Nomination to the Sonoma County School Attendance Review Board (SARB)**

H. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Finance Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Finance Calendar

There were no public comments on the Finance Calendar.

b. (Action) Approval of 2026-27 45 Day Budget Update

The following individuals presented the Approval of the 2026-27 45 Day Budget Update to the Board:

- Lisa August Hulme, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, CBO
- Joel Dontos, Executive Director of Fiscal Services

The presentation lasted 23 minutes.
The Board's questions and comments lasted 32 minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of 2026-27 45 Day Budget Update

Trustee Way preferential vote: Aye

Trustee Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

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

2. Educational Services Calendar

At 9:45 pm, the Board unanimously approved extending the meeting to 11:30 pm.

a. Public Comment on the Student Services Calendar

There were no public comment on the Education Services Calendar.

b. (Discussion) Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans

Executive Director Stacy Desideri presented the Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans to the Board.

The presentation lasted 11 minutes and the Board's questions and comments lasted 21 minutes.

c. (Discussion) Career Technical Education (CTE) Update

The following individuals presented the Career Technical Education (CTE) Update:

- Dr. Tim McCarty, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
- Debi Cardozo, Director of College and Career Readiness, Student Services
- Erika Raffo, Coordinator of College and Career Readiness, Student Services
- Jessica Fruht, CTE Teacher on Special Assignment

The presentation lasted 16 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 31 minutes.

d. (Action) Approval of Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grants

Director Debi Cardozo presented the Approval of Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grants to the Board.

The presentation lasted 2 minutes.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 16 minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of Agricultural Career Technical Education Incentive Grants

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Vice President Prak left the meeting at 10:10 pm.

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Omar Medina

Voting results:

No: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

e. (Discussion / Action) Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report

The following individuals presented the Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report to the Board:

- Dr. Tim McCarty, Interim Assistant Superintendent Student Services
- Alisa Haley, Executive Director, Educational Services

The Board's questions lasted 10 minutes.

Motion Passed: Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Trustee Jenkins left the meeting at 10:51 pm.

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Shaun DuFosee

Voting results:

Not Present: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby
Yes: Shaun DuFosee
Not Present: Donna Prak

3. Charter School Calendar

Motion Passed: Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report for CCLA, Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School, Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts, and Santa Rosa French American Charter School
Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Shaun DuFosee

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

a. Public Comment on the Charter School Calendar

There were no public comments on the Charter School Calendar.

- b. (Discussion / Action) Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report - CCLA**
- c. (Discussion / Action) Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report - Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School**
- d. (Discussion / Action) Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report - Santa Rosa Charter for the Arts School**
- e. (Discussion / Action) Update on Current Prop 28 and Approval of the Annual Report - Santa Rosa French-American Charter School**

4. Human Resources Calendar

Motion Passed: Human Resources Calendar for the following items

- Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP) Angelica Montalvan
- Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP) Vanessa Ramirez Garcia
- Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP) Gabriella Alvarez
- Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP) Briana Seely-Clark
- Approval of Revised Job Description for Executive Director of SELPA and Special Services

- Approval of Revised Director of Human Resources Job Description

Student Board Member Way 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 DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

a. Public Comment on the Human Resources Calendar

There were no public comments on the Human Resources Calendar.

**b. (Action) Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP)
Angelica Montalvan**

**c. (Action) Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP)
Vanessa Ramirez Garcia**

**d. (Action) Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP)
Gabriella Alvarez**

**e. (Action) Approval of Provisional Internship Permit Application (PIP)
Briana Seely-Clark**

**f. (Action) Amendment to Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources Employment Contract**

Motion Passed: Amendment to Assistant Superintendent of Human
Resources Employment Contract

Student Board Member Way 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 DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

**g. (Action) Oral Recommendation and Amendment Regarding Associate
Superintendent Salary and Fringe Benefits**

Motion Passed: Oral Recommendation and Amendment Regarding
Associate Superintendent Salary and Fringe Benefits
Student Board Member Way 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 DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

h. (Action) Approval of Revised Job Description for Executive Director of SELPA and Special Services

i. (Action) Approval of Revised Director of Human Resources Job Description

5. Business Services Calendar

a. Public Comment on the Business Services Calendar

There were no public comments on the Business Services Calendar.

b. (Action) Approval of Santa Rosa Elementary School District Resolution 2026/27-15 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, 2022 Election, 2026 Series C, In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$15,000,000 And Approving Related Documents And Actions

Motion Passed: Approval of Santa Rosa Elementary School District Resolution 2026/27-15 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, 2022 Election, 2026 Series C, In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$15,000,000 And Approving Related Documents And Actions

Student Board Member Way's preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Jeremy De La Torre

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

c. (Action) Approval of City of Santa Rosa High School District Resolution No. 2026/27-16 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, 2022 Election, 2026 Series C, In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000,000 And Approving Related Documents And Actions

Motion Passed: Approval of City of Santa Rosa High School District Resolution No. 2026/27-16 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, 2022 Election, 2026 Series C, In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$50,000,000 And Approving Related Documents And Actions

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Jeremy De La Torre

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 June 24, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on June 24, 2026

Student Board Member preferential vote: Abstain

Motion made by: Omar Medina

Motion seconded by: Shaun DuFosee

Voting results:

Not Present: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Yes: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun DuFosee

Not Present: Donna Prak

2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting Held on July 22, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on
July 22, 2026

Student Board Member preferential vote: Abstain

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

Motion seconded by: Shaun DuFosee

Voting results:

Not Present: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

Abstain: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun DuFosee

Not Present: Donna Prak

J. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

K. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Future Board Discussion Items**
- 2. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations**
- 3. Board Subcommittee Meeting Dates**
- 4. 2026/27 Regular and Special Board Meeting Schedule**
- 5. Williams Settlement Quarterly Report**

L. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 pm.

Clerk of Board

Date