

MEETING MINUTES

The Santa Rosa City Schools Board Meeting of August 26, 2026, starting at 7:00 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 del 26 de Agosto de 2026, a partir de las 7:00 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).

For questions or comments, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (707) 890-3800 ext. 80101 or 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

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

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

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

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda

B. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (4:00 - 7:00 PM)

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

- Conference with Labor Negotiator Vicki Zands (SRCS), Lead Negotiator; name of organization: Santa Rosa Teachers Association, CSEA 75, Teamsters Union 665

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

1. 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]

C. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (7:00 p.m.)

The meeting reconvened to the Open Session at 7:01 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Caston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgment

Phillip Gedeon, Director of Educational Services, led the Territorial Land Acknowledgment.

3. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

There was no Report of Action taken in the Closed Session.

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

There were no items considered in Closed Session for action in 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.1 Personnel Transactions
- Trustee Jenkins pulled Item F.3 Approval of Contracts

D. REPORTS

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

President Mary Lehman gave a CSEA 75 report.

2. Teamsters Local 665 Report

3. Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) Report

President Kathryn Howell gave an SRTA report.

4. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Thomas gave a report.

5. Board President Report

Board President Caston gave a report.

6. Board Member Reports

The following Board members gave a report:

- Trustee De La Torre
- Trustee Jenkins
- Trustee Medina
- Vice President Prak
- Trustee Du Fosee
- Trustee Kirby

7. Student Board Members Report

The following Student Board Members gave a report:

- Student Board Member Way
- Student Board Member Alvarado

E. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS

There was no public comment on non agenda and consent items.

F. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion Passed: Consent Items F.2, F.4 - F.6

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Student Board Member Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Donna Prak

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

1. Approval of Personnel Transactions

2. Approval of Vendor Warrants

3. Approval of Contracts

Item F.3, Approval of Contracts, was pulled for questions and further discussion.

The Board's questions and comments lasted 7 minutes.

Motion Passed: Approval of Contracts

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Student Board Member Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Donna Prak

Motion seconded by: Omar Medina

Voting results:

Yes: Sarah Jenkins

Yes: Omar Medina

Yes: Nick Caston

Yes: Jeremy De La Torre

No: Mark Kirby

Yes: Shaun DuFosee

Yes: Donna Prak

4. Approval of Contracts - Bond

5. Approval of Resolution 2026/27-19 for the use of 2025/26 Education Protection Account (EPA) funds

6. Approval of Mandated Block Grant Applications for 2026-27 for the Elementary School District, High School District, Santa Rosa French-American Charter, CCLA, Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts, and Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter

G. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of 2026/27 First Semester Resolutions

Motion Passed: Approval of 2026/27 First Semester Resolutions

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Student Board Member Alvarado preferential vote: No

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: Shaun Du Fosee

Yes: Donna Prak

- a. **Public Comment on the 2026/27 First Semester Resolutions**
- b. **(Action) Approval of Resolution In Recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Month**
- c. **(Action) Approval of Resolution to Recognize September Attendance Awareness Month**
- d. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Proclaiming October as LGBTQIA+ History Month**
- e. **(Action) Approval of Resolution to Recognize September 15 to October 15, 2026 as Latinx Heritage Month**
- f. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Proclaiming October 12, 2026, as Indigenous Peoples' Day**
- g. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Recognizing the Week of the School Administrator October 12-18, 2026**
- h. **(Action) Resolution Recognizing November 14 as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day**
- i. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Proclaiming October as Filipino American History Month**
- j. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Recognizing October as Coaches Appreciation Month**
- k. **(Action) Resolution Recognizing the Week of November 9-13, 2026 as the Week of the School Psychologists**
- l. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Recognizing Italian Heritage Month**
- m. **(Action) Approval of Resolution Recognizing September 14-25, 2026, As High School Voter Education Weeks**

2. Business Services Calendar

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

The following individual addressed the Board during public comment:

- Jason Andrews

b. (Discussion) Facility Use Fees AdHoc Committee Update

The following individuals presented the Facility Use Fees Ad Hoc Committee discussion update to the Board:

- Lisa August Hulme, Associate Superintendent
- Donna Prak, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On August 12, 2026

Motion Passed: Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held on August 12, 2026

Student Board Member Way preferential vote: Aye

Student Board Member Alvarado preferential vote: Aye

Motion made by: Jeremy De La Torre

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

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. 2026/27 Regular and Special Board Meeting Schedule**
- 5. Facilities Projects Update**
- 6. Safe Routes to Schools Program Update**

K. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to the Closed Session to discuss:

- Public Employee Performance Evaluation
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator

- 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors, Coordinators) [Gov. Code § 54957]**
- 2. Conference With Real Property Negotiator (Property Address: 2750 W. Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95403. SRCS Negotiator: Lisa August Hulme, Associate Superintendent) [Gov. Code § 54956.8]**

L. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

1. Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

No action was reported in the Closed Session meeting.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Clerk of Board

Date