



**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 08, 2020**

5:30 p.m. - Closed Session

6:00 p.m. - Open Session

As authorized by the Governor's Emergency Executive Order issued on March 12, the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education will conduct Board of Education meetings by video conference until further notice. The meeting will be streamed via Facebook Live on our district's Facebook Page

**Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:**

Present:

Alegria De La Cruz  
Laurie Fong  
Jenni Klose  
Stephanie Manieri  
Jill McCormick  
Omar Medina  
Ed Sheffield

**A. CALL TO ORDER (5:30 p.m.)**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**A.1. Public Comment On Closed Session Agenda**

There were no public comments on the closed session agenda.

**B. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered closed session to discuss the items on the closed session agenda.

**B.1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Title of employee being reviewed: Superintendent, Deputy 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 at 6:00 p.m.

**C.1. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Fong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C.2. Report of Actions Taken In Closed Session**

There were none.

### **C.3. Items Considered In Closed Session for Action In Open Session**

There were none.

### **C.4. Statements of Abstention**

There were none.

### **C.5. Adjustments to Agenda**

There were none.

### **C.6. Special Presentations for Student of the Month and Certificated/Classified Employees of the Month (Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Luther Burbank Elementary School and Ridgway High School)**

Awards for Student of the Month and Certificated/Classified Employees of the Month were presented to:

#### Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

Student: Joshua Flores

Certificated Employee: Tina Boaz

Classified Employee: Patricia Cruz

#### Luther Burbank Elementary School

Student: Giovanni Arroyo

Certificated Employee: Marlene Nemoede

Classified Employee: Nerina Lily

#### Ridgway High School

Student: Javier Ortiz Calderon

Certificated Employee: Caitlin Cameron

Classified Employee: Dee Kelly

### **C.7. Public Comment On Non Agenda Items**

Comments for the following individuals were read to the Board: Aude Paret (regarding Marsie Lasman).

## **D. REPORTS**

### **D.1. CA School Employee Association (CSEA) Report**

No report was given.

### **D.2. Santa Rosa Teachers Association (SRTA) Report**

President, Will Lyon, started his report expressing gratitude to the teachers in our district. He thanked Superintendent Kitamura and Deputy Superintendent Edson for coming to rep council. He expressed concern about the mental health of the students. He encouraged teachers to reach out to the students they haven't yet made contact with and encouraged families to reach out to the principals if there is anything they need.

### **D.3. Labor Management Collaborative (LMC) Report**

No report was given.

### **D.4. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Kitamura stated she appreciated being invited to the rep council meeting with SRTA. She stated she is grateful for the way the MOUs with the unions came together and appreciates everyone's hard work to get that done. Dr. Kitamura will give more

information during the Distance Learning Update (item E.2) coming up on this agenda.

#### **D.5. Board President Report**

President Fong talked about distance learning, inequality and wants everyone to think about how do we stand for kids and how to we stand for equity and to keep doing it.

#### **D.6. Board Member Reports**

Director De La Cruz talked about her family's experiences and difficulties navigating through these times. She expressed her gratitude to all the teachers and district office staff who are out there handing out chrome books, practicing social distancing while getting their jobs done and for everyone coming together to help families understand this time in history.

Director Klose also thanked all the staff for all they are doing for families. She understands how uniquely difficult this is for teachers and their hard work really shows in times like this. She feels for the students who rely on the structure of a school environment to thrive but don't have that right now. She thanked Dr. Kitamura for her letter to seniors.

Director McCormick expressed her gratitude for the resiliency of staff. She talked about her experience handing out chrome books to families. She feels SRCS is using this experience to grow and be stronger and encourages everyone to not waste this crisis and keep going.

Director Medina thanked staff for all their hard work. He wanted to highlight the issue of inequity and our undocumented community. There are many economic challenges and mental health issues ahead and he encourages our leaders to not forget about those that aren't getting help and to put pressure on our government to help.

Director Sheffield expressed his appreciation and respect for the teachers that are doing the hard work of connecting with students. He reminded parents to think of the memories that their children will have of this time and to make a point to have a little more patience and to make a point to create positive memories.

Director Manieri expressed her sadness for all of our seniors and wanted to acknowledge the resiliency of all of our young people and is concerned about the repercussions this will have on our families. She also shared her experience of handing out chrome books to families. She reminded everyone to remember to practice compassion with one another and encouraged everyone to look for resources for yourself and others.

#### **D.7. CSBA Report**

President Fong announced that she did not win the delegate assembly election, but was appointed to finish out the term of another member. That term will be up on March of 2021.

### **E. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

#### **E.1. School Site Reports**

The Board heard school site reports from principals Jeanine Wilson (Abraham Lincoln Elementary School), Debi Cardozo (Luther Burbank Elementary School), and Valerie Jordan (Ridgway High School).

**E.2. Santa Rosa City Schools Update on the Continuity of Operations and Distance Learning during the Shelter In Place Orders and COVID-19**

Superintendent Diann Kitamura, Deputy Superintendent Rick Edson, and Assistant Superintendents Steve Mizera, Stacy Spector and Anna Guzman presented this update to the Board.

Director Medina requested information on accessibility to COVID-19 testing for our construction workers. He also requested that staff bring back information regarding property taxes and also what our role would be if one of our families is infected with the virus.

**E.3. SRCS Arts Framework Planning Grant Update**

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Guzman, presented this update to the Board.

**E.4. (Action) First Reading, Potential Waiver of Second Reading of Updated Board Policy 6120 - Multi Tiered System of Support**

Assistant Superintendent, Steve Mizera, presented this item to the Board for approval. After discussion, the Board took action to approve the revised policy.

**Motion Passed:** Approve updated Board Policy 6120 (Multi-Tiered System of Support) as presented and waive the second reading. Passed with a motion by Alegria De La Cruz and a second by Omar Medina.

Yes Alegria De La Cruz  
Yes Laurie Fong  
Yes Jenni Klose  
Yes Stephanie Manieri  
Yes Jill McCormick  
Yes Omar Medina  
Yes Ed Sheffield

**F. CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Approve items F.2 through F.7. Passed with a motion by Alegria De La Cruz and a second by Omar Medina.

Yes Alegria De La Cruz  
Yes Laurie Fong  
Yes Jenni Klose  
Yes Stephanie Manieri  
Yes Jill McCormick  
Yes Omar Medina  
Yes Ed Sheffield

**F.1. Approval of Absent Board Members**

There were no absences to approve.

**F.2. Approval of Personnel Transactions**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**F.3. Approval of Vendor Warrants**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**F.4. Approval of Donations and Gifts**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**F.5. Approval of Contracts**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**F.6. Approval of MTSS Intervention Counselor Job Description**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**F.7. Approval of ClassLink, A Single Sign-on Solution For Streamlined Access to Technology-Based Solutions**

Approved by vote on consent agenda.

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**G.1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Held On March 25, 2020**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 25, 2020. Passed with a motion by Omar Medina and a second by Alegria De La Cruz.

- Yes        Alegria De La Cruz
- Yes        Laurie Fong
- Yes        Jenni Klose
- Yes        Stephanie Manieri
- Yes        Jill McCormick
- Yes        Omar Medina
- Yes        Ed Sheffield

**H. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no requests.

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- I.1. Future Board Discussion Items**
- I.2. Board Conduct and Code of Ethics**
- I.3. Educational Acronyms and Abbreviations**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Alegria De La Cruz, Clerk of the Board