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MINUTES OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Date:	October 7, 2026
Meeting Location:	San Mateo County Office of Education 101 Twin Dolphin Dr. Redwood City, California 94065
Board Members Present:	Susan Alvaro, Edith Arias, Chelsea Bonini, Beverly Gerard, Patricia Love, Mike O'Neill, Hugo Torres
Staff Officials Present:	Marco A. Chávez, Superintendent; Jennifer Perna, Executive Assistant
Other Staff Present:	Kevin Bultema, Hector Camacho, Jr., Minette Manio, Tami Moore, Jae Takahashi, Mary Yung
Youth Commission Liaison Present:	Ryan Chou (remotely)

1. OPENING ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Board President Hugo Torres called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Alvaro, the October 7, 2026, agenda as presented was approved unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, Love, O'Neill, and Torres).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Chávez reported that three students submitted public comment electronically in advance of the meeting related to Joint Resolution No. 26-54 Recognizing October 7, 2026, as Clean Air Day.

The following speakers provided live public comment:

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- Christian Morales-Aponte, SMCOE employee and California School Employees Association (CSEA) 887 Communications Officer
- Misty Seago, SMCOE Teacher
- Aahaan Jain, member of the public
- Eric Rado, SMCOE Teacher

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW/RECENTLY PROMOTED STAFF

A. Introduction of Manuel Santamaria, Program Manager, Immigrant Student and Family Supports, Office of the Superintendent

Manuel Santamaria introduced himself in his new role as Program Manager, Immigrant Student and Family Supports, Office of the Superintendent.

4. CLOSED SESSION: INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL 26-19 (IAA-26-19)

A. Hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 26-19 (IAA-26-19) Filed on Behalf of a Student Currently Residing in the Oakland Unified School District, but Requesting to Attend School in the San Mateo Union High School District

At 7:22 p.m., Board President Torres announced the meeting would move into Closed Session to hear Interdistrict Attendance Appeal 26-19 (IAA-26-19), filed on behalf of a student currently residing in the Oakland Unified School District, but requesting to attend school in the San Mateo Union High School District.

5. OPEN SESSION: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

A. Report on Actions Taken in Closed Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:59 p.m.

Board President Torres reported that after a motion by Board Member Alvaro and a second by Board Member Love, IAA-26-19 was denied unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, O'Neill, Love, and Torres), by roll call vote.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 2, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)

After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Love, the Minutes of the September 2, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were approved unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, O'Neill, Love, and Torres).

B. September 16, 2026, Retreat

After a motion by Board Member Gerard and a second by Board Member Alvaro, the Minutes of the September 16, 2026, Retreat were approved unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, O'Neill, Love, and Torres).

7. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-53 Recognizing October 12-18, 2026, as Week of the School Administrator
D. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-54 Recognizing October 7, 2026, as Clean Air Day
E. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-55 Honoring Ellen Paulino on Her Retirement
F. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-56 Honoring Janice Pellizzari on Her Retirement
G. Adopt Joint Resolution No. 26-57 Honoring Keri Moore on Her Retirement
H. Adopt Resolution No. 26-58 Establishing the Actual 2025-2026 and the Estimated 2026-2027 Appropriations Limitation (Gann Limit)
I. Receive Quarterly Report on Complaints, as Required by the Williams Settlement

After a motion by Board Member Alvaro and a second by Board Member Gerard, the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, O'Neill, Love, and Torres).

8. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

A. Receive Report on the State of the Arts in San Mateo County

Allison Gamlen, Coordinator, Visual and Performing Arts, Educational Services Division, provided a report on the State of the Arts in San Mateo County.

Board Member Alvaro asked whether Proposition 28 funding is distributed at the district level and how decisions are made regarding its use. Coordinator Gamlen explained that Proposition 28 funds are allocated directly to individual school sites and state education code gives each principal the authority and responsibility to determine how those funds are spent. The amount each site receives is based on the previous year's Average Daily Attendance (ADA), with an additional 30% allocation for students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

Board Member Alvaro asked why Half Moon Bay High was not included in the list of schools highlighted for growth under Proposition 28. Coordinator Gamlen answered that the schools highlighted in the presentation were those that demonstrated the most significant growth. While Half Moon Bay High was not included in that list, the school used its Proposition 28 allocation to

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purchase media arts equipment, including computers, cameras, and tripods. She added that the school plans to expand its media arts program by bringing in media arts specialists this year.

Board Member Alvaro asked about the status of arts education programming and funding in the La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District. Coordinator Gamlen shared that the district is currently in a sustain-and-maintain phase rather than focusing on expansion. Because of its low ADA, they receive a relatively small amount of Proposition 28 funding. She noted that the district has a strong history of arts education and continues to provide instruction across multiple art forms.

Board Member Alvaro asked about opportunities to strengthen connections between school arts programs and the broader Pescadero community. Coordinator Gamlen informed that students in that community participate in a variety of arts activities. Board Member Alvaro suggested exploring folklórico dance opportunities that would reflect the area's Mexican American community and noted that local organizations may be interested in partnering with schools. Coordinator Gamlen welcomed the suggestion and expressed interest in exploring future collaborations.

Board Member Bonini noted she believed this was the first countywide presentation that included the Court and Community Schools, and she expressed appreciation for their inclusion.

Board Member Bonini asked how decisions are typically made at school sites regarding the use of Proposition 28 funds, given that funding is allocated directly to schools and principals. Coordinator Gamlen discussed how Proposition 28 implementation varies widely across the state. Some schools engage students, families, and staff through surveys and community input processes, while others make decisions more independently. She noted that recent legislation includes clarifying language intended to strengthen understanding of Proposition 28's requirements and support the expansion of arts education programs.

Board Member Bonini asked whether recent clarification around Proposition 28's supplement versus supplant requirements gives local educational agencies (LEAs) more flexibility to use funds to maintain existing arts programs rather than only create new ones. Coordinator Gamlen reiterated that recently passed legislation provides clearer language about the vision and intent of Proposition 28. The goal of the funding is to build and sustain arts education programs, with the 80/20 spending rule emphasizing investment in qualified arts educators, while also allowing for necessary equipment, supplies, field trips, and infrastructure. She summarized that the purpose of Proposition 28 is to expand and strengthen standards-based arts education through sustained staffing and high-quality instruction.

Board Member Love asked whether any districts had to return Proposition 28 funds to the state after receiving their allocations. Coordinator Gamlen indicated that she did not know because final expenditure reports for the first year of Proposition 28 funding had only recently been submitted.

Board Member Love asked whether any universities or organizations are studying the impact of Proposition 28 funding on student outcomes. Coordinator Gamlen informed that organizations such as Create California are collecting data related to Proposition 28 implementation and extensive

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research already demonstrates the positive impact of arts education on student learning, including benefits in areas such as math, literacy, and science.

Board Member Love asked whether long-term research will be conducted to demonstrate whether Proposition 28 funding is making a measurable difference for students. Coordinator Gamlen discussed the broader benefits of arts education and shared her hope that increased access to arts programs will encourage more students to pursue creative fields and help diversify future generations of artists, musicians, filmmakers, actors, and storytellers. She emphasized that expanding arts opportunities, particularly for historically underserved students, can increase representation, broaden perspectives, and ensure that a wider range of voices and experiences are reflected in the arts and media.

Board Member Arias asked whether sustaining and expanding arts programs will rely solely on Proposition 28 funding or whether schools can also partner with community-based organizations and nonprofits to support arts education. Coordinator Gamlen described that partnerships with foundations, parent organizations, boosters, and community groups can help supplement arts programs and support long-term sustainability. While Proposition 28 funding is ongoing, factors such as declining enrollment, rising costs, and staffing expenses create challenges for maintaining programs over time. As a result, education leaders are advocating for adjustments to the state's funding allocation formula to better support the long-term growth and sustainability of arts education programs. She cited examples of donor-funded artist residencies and noted that schools can use a portion of their Proposition 28 funds, as well as grants and community donations, to support these partnerships. She emphasized that successful arts education requires collaboration and countywide networking opportunities help strengthen connections and support student well-being.

Youth Commission Liaison Chou highlighted the positive impact of arts education on student engagement and attendance. He praised the integration of arts education into the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and suggested tracking how Proposition 28-funded arts programs help students connect to countywide arts opportunities, leadership programs, and creative career pathways beyond the classroom.

Board Member Gerard asked whether instrumental music is part of school arts programs and how much of the music programming is supported by Proposition 28 funding. Coordinator Gamlen explained that schools offer a wide range of instrumental and vocal music opportunities, including bands, orchestras, jazz ensembles, and mariachi programs, though offerings vary by school. Many music programs existed before Proposition 28, but the funding has allowed districts to expand existing programs and, in some cases, create new ones. She offered to share annual reports detailing how schools have used Proposition 28 funding to support arts education.

Board President Torres expressed appreciation for Coordinator Gamlen's leadership, passion, and dedication to expanding arts education opportunities across the county. He commended the presentation for providing a comprehensive view of countywide efforts, including recognition of the Court and Community schools, and noted that the work aligns strongly with the county's commitment to equity and excellence.

9. **BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION**

A. Discuss/Act on the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Year-End Closing Report

Kevin Bultema, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services Division; Minette Manio, Executive Director, Internal Business Services, Business Services Division; Marian Reyes, Manager, Fiscal Services, Business Services Division; and Erik Arteaga, Supervisor, Fiscal Services, Business Services Division, presented the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Year-End Closing Report.

Board Member O'Neill asked about the proposal to shift the cost-sharing model of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system from the current 70% SMCOE/30% district split to a 50/50 split, and expressed concern about the financial impact on districts facing budget challenges. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained that the idea is under discussion and has not gone through a formal approval process. He noted that the new financial system has lower overall costs, which could help offset any future changes. Board Member O'Neill reiterated concerns that increasing district costs could strain already tight budgets and potentially reduce funding available for priorities such as arts education.

Board Member Bonini asked whether the Unaudited Actuals resulted in any changes to the fund balances for Fund 40 and Fund 17. Deputy Superintendent Bultema responded that he did not have the fund balance information available but could provide the information at a later time.

Board Member Bonini asked about the literacy coach funding. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained that the literacy coach funds were received in the 2025-2026 fiscal year but were not spent. As a result, the funding is now part of ongoing discussions about how it will be utilized in 2026-2027 and beyond, and may help offset future costs associated with providing literacy coaching services.

Board Member Bonini asked for an update on The Big Lift, noting that she had not heard about the program for at least a year and was concerned there may be funding issues. Deputy Superintendent Bultema assured that an update could be provided regarding The Big Lift's status and funding.

Board Member Bonini pointed out how the Rollins Road property showed a small loss of approximately $3,500 and requested that the matter be discussed further during the Board's upcoming agenda item on the property.

Board President Torres noted that he and Board Member Gerard serve as the Board's representatives for The Big Lift and could provide updates soon.

Board Member Love asked how the approximately $3 million budget surplus would be used and whether it could help establish the regional education fund identified in the Strategic Plan. Deputy Superintendent Bultema explained that the plan is for the funds to remain in the General Fund reserves and, because they are unrestricted, there may be opportunities to use them for that purpose. While accounting guidance may not allow the creation of a traditional foundation through existing fund structures, he offered to conduct additional research on the options.

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Board President Torres wondered whether one of the subcommittees could help explore the development of a regional education fund. Board Member Love indicated that the Board/Superintendent Advocacy Subcommittee could support those efforts.

Board Member Arias asked about budget-to-actual variances, including differences in Court and Community Schools spending, Special Education expenditures, and employee benefits costs. Deputy Superintendent Bultema discussed how the Court and Community Schools variance may reflect the use of restricted funds or expenditures being charged differently than originally budgeted, and noted that a more detailed report is provided during interim budget reviews. For Special Education, he explained that actual service costs were lower than budgeted, resulting in lower billings to districts. Regarding employee benefits, he reported that the variance reflects estimates for retirement, taxes, and post-employment benefits and will be reviewed further as the new financial system is refined.

Board Member Arias asked about the sustainability of the Big Lift program if grant funding declines. Superintendent Chávez shared that current concerns are tied to potential funding shortfalls related to county revenues, but no decisions about cuts have been made, and the county is exploring options to maintain support for the program. Board Member Arias emphasized the importance of early childhood initiatives and expressed hope that such programs could continue even if grant funding changes.

After a motion by Board Member Bonini and a second by Board Member Arias, the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Year-End Closing Report was approved unanimously (Alvaro, Arias, Bonini, Gerard, O'Neill, Love, and Torres).

10. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Superintendent's Comments

Superintendent Chávez highlighted Joint Resolution No. 26-53 Recognizing October 12-18, 2026, as Week of the School Administrator and expressed appreciation for the leadership, dedication, and commitment of principals, vice principals, directors, coordinators, and all classified and certificated administrators who support students and schools throughout San Mateo County.

Superintendent Chávez recognized Joint Resolution No. 26-54 Recognizing October 7, 2026, as Clean Air Day and thanked the student advocates for their efforts in raising awareness of the effects of air pollution on students, educators, and communities. He underscored how the resolution reflects the County Office's commitment to environmental literacy and sustainability.

Superintendent Chávez informed that Senate Bill 1048 was recently signed into law, establishing the California State Seal of Climate Literacy. The new recognition will honor students who demonstrate understanding of climate issues and apply that knowledge to real-world challenges. He expressed appreciation to Senator Josh Becker and partner organizations for their leadership in advancing the legislation.

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Superintendent Chávez wished happy upcoming birthday wishes to Ian Bain, Executive Director, Strategy and Communications, Office of the Superintendent, on October 12.

11. BOARD MEMBERS

A. Receive United For Youth Report from Redwood City Together

Rafael Avendaño, Executive Director, Redwood City Together presented a report on United for Youth.

Board Member Alvaro asked whether Kaiser had been approached for support and suggested exploring both Kaiser's Foundation and its community health initiative funding opportunities. Executive Director Avendaño shared that Kaiser is represented on the Redwood City Together's Board through its institutional membership, which can make funding conversations more complex, but he agreed to connect with the board representative to explore potential Foundation funding avenues. Board Member Alvaro also recommended reaching out to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, noting its history of supporting community organizations. Executive Director Avendaño explained that the Redwood City Together's greatest need is discretionary funding opportunities and personal connections are often key to accessing those resources.

Board Member Love suggested exploring collaboration with the Youth Entrepreneurship, Employment, and Empowerment (YEEE!) program. She proposed examining whether resources could be redirected or shared with community-based organizations already doing similar work in local communities. Board President Torres agreed that both programs share the goal of serving more youth but are limited by funding, and collaboration between the programs could help them pursue resources together and expand their impact more effectively. Executive Director Avendaño noted that Redwood City Together created 36 youth jobs with just $40,000, suggesting it may be a more cost-effective model than other programs. He discussed analyzing which approaches produce the greatest impact and using that information to guide future funding decisions.

Board Member Arias expressed strong appreciation for Redwood City Together's work and praised it as a model that could be replicated throughout San Mateo County. She highlighted the organization's successes, noting that its partnerships with numerous community-based organizations strengthen outcomes for youth and families. She commended the organization's commitment to youth voice, emphasizing that programs are more effective when designed with direct input from young people and when they offer accessible supports.

Board Member Arias further praised Redwood City Together's youth employment initiatives and leadership development opportunities, noting that these experiences expose young people to career pathways they might not otherwise encounter. She encouraged expanding the model and its resources to other parts of the county so more youth can benefit from similar opportunities. She underscored that Redwood City Together is turning identified community needs into action and serves as an example for other communities to follow.

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Executive Director Avendaño explained that Redwood City Together's work is grounded in the principles of critical pedagogy. He recommended Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade's *The Art of Critical Pedagogy* and John Wooden's *What a Coach Can Teach a Teacher* as important resources for educators and community leaders.

Board President Torres thanked Redwood City Together for their deep commitment to the community and emphasized that the program provides much more than jobs for youth. He highlighted how participants gain valuable leadership, communication, and professional skills, and noted that these opportunities help underserved youth access experiences and spaces that are often not readily available to them, breaking down barriers and building confidence.

Board President Torres praised Redwood City Together for showcasing youth leadership and growth, emphasizing that the program strengthens not only academic and career development but also students' personal growth and identity, helping shape the kind of leaders and community members they will become. He thanked Redwood City Together for creating transformative opportunities for young people.

B. First Reading of Updated Board Policies: Board Policy 0420.4: Authorization of County Charter Schools, Board Policy 0420.41: Oversight of County Charter Schools, and Board Policy 6186: Juvenile Court Schools

Superintendent Chávez provided information on the first reading of the following updated board policies – Board Policy 0420.4: Authorization of County Charter Schools, Board Policy 0420.41: Oversight of County Charter Schools, and Board Policy 6186: Juvenile Court Schools.

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

C. Adopt Resolution No. 26-59 Implementing Board Policy 9250 to Compensate Susan Alvaro for Her Absence from the September 2, 2026, Board Meeting Due to Illness

After a motion by Board Member Love and a second by Board Member Arias, Resolution No. 26-59 Implementing Board Policy 9250 to Compensate Susan Alvaro for Her Absence from the September 2, 2026, Board Meeting Due to Illness was approved by a vote of six in favor (Arias, Bonini, Gerard, Love, O'Neill, and Torres) and one abstention (Alvaro).

D. Receive Reports from the Board Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representatives

Board Member Love reported that the Board Policy Subcommittee has been meeting regularly and is currently working on several policy matters, including charter school policies, a new artificial intelligence (AI) policy, interdistrict transfer appeal policies, high school graduation requirements, and updates to board bylaws.

Board Member Gerard informed that the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Subcommittee is making significant progress reviewing the Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Handbook. The work is detailed and time-consuming, but she expressed optimism that the Subcommittee will

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complete its review at their next scheduled meeting and then bring the handbook back to the full Board for consideration.

Board Member Bonini reported that she and Board Member Arias attended the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Governing Board Meeting on September 15. Discussions included concerns about delayed special education funding, as well as updates on various policies. She encouraged board members to reach out with questions or review the publicly posted meeting agendas for additional information.

E. Board Member Comments

Board Member Alvaro
Board Member Alvaro expressed excitement about California's adoption of the Seal of Climate Literacy, noting that California is only the third state in the nation to implement such a recognition. She emphasized the importance of helping young people develop climate literacy and praised the seal as a meaningful way to encourage and recognize student learning in this area.

Board Member Alvaro shared that she met with staff from Puente to discuss the County Office's role and educational issues affecting farmworker and Latino families in the Pescadero area. The discussion focused on the County Office's responsibilities, oversight of local districts, and educational needs within the community. She described the meeting as a valuable opportunity to build relationships and emphasized the importance of informal community outreach and dialogue.

Board Member Arias
Board Member Arias shared that she met with Executive Director Bain to better understand and communicate the role of the County Office. She noted that the meeting helped clarify the County Office's responsibilities and will support more effective community engagement and outreach.

Board Member Arias thanked Mary Yung, Associate Superintendent, SELPA, for meeting with her to discuss SELPA and provide a deeper understanding of its work and responsibilities. She expressed appreciation for the support provided and the important services SELPA delivers.

Board Member Arias reported attending the Employee Recognition Celebration on September 16, where she enjoyed seeing employees honored for their service. She reflected on comments regarding the retiree recognitions, noting that separate celebrations may better accommodate retirees and the colleagues and community members who have worked alongside them.

Board Member Arias said that she attended the recent San Mateo County School Boards Association (SMCSBA) meeting, where the presentation focused on what school board members need to know about special education. The meeting emphasized the importance of providing board members with knowledge and training in special education to support informed governance and decision-making.

Board Member Arias discussed the importance of raising awareness about domestic violence and teen dating violence. She emphasized the importance of open conversations, education, and

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prevention efforts, and highlighted the need to support students, families, and survivors; address unhealthy relationships; and work toward breaking cycles of abuse through awareness and intervention.

Board Member Arias wished Executive Director Bain a happy upcoming birthday on October 12.

Board Member Bonini
Board Member Bonini reported on the County School Boards Association (CSBA) County Board Conference, describing it as highly informative and exceeding her expectations. Key topics included special education, legislation, funding advocacy, literacy, career technical education (CTE), workforce development, housing, AI, and foster youth. She appreciated the conference's strong focus on special education and praised presentations on the science of reading, apprenticeship programs, and The Big Five.

Board Member Bonini reflected on the SMCSBA quarterly meeting, which focused on what school board members need to know about special education. The meeting featured a panel discussion, superintendents, and parent advisory representatives, with an emphasis on providing board members with practical, action-oriented strategies they can take back to their districts.

Board Member Bonini discussed attending the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) kick-off planning meeting for the Prevention and Action Conference. She shared that the conference will have a strong emphasis on youth voice, student leadership, and collaboration with districts and community partners, and noted ongoing efforts to involve County Office staff in the planning process.

Board Member Bonini shared that in her JJDPC role, she spent several hours at Canyon Oaks participating in an inspection visit. She valued the opportunity to engage with staff and learn more about the program and looks forward to reviewing and discussing the resulting report.

Board Member Love
Board Member Love expressed appreciation for the many activities and partnerships highlighted during the meeting and specifically thanked administrators for their work and support.

Board Member Love praised the student-led Joint Resolution No. 26-54 Recognizing October 7, 2026, as Clean Air Day, noting that it was wonderful to see students actively involved in developing a resolution. She encouraged more opportunities for student engagement in board work.

Board Member Love commended Redwood City Together for their leadership and advocacy on behalf of youth, describing the organization as the type of community partner that helps strengthen support systems for young people.

Board Member Love thanked Board Member Arias for sharing information related to Domestic Violence Awareness Month, emphasizing the importance of continuing conversations about domestic violence so that abuse is never normalized or accepted and communities remain informed and supportive of those affected.

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Board Member O'Neill
Board Member O'Neill suggested that the County Office and County Board develop a more formal orientation process for new board members, noting that he received little onboarding when he first joined the Board. He recommended creating a collaborative introduction that could include a building tour, orientation materials, and guidance on board operations to help incoming board members become familiar with their roles and the organization.

Board Member Gerard
Board Member Gerard shared that Employee Recognition Celebration was once again a special event and one of her favorite opportunities to celebrate staff accomplishments and connect with employees across the County Office.

Board Member Gerard described attending the SMCSBA meeting, describing it as highly informative. She encouraged her fellow board members to participate in future meetings because of the value and educational benefit.

Board Member Gerard expressed strong support for climate education and shared her excited about the growing focus on climate literacy initiatives, emphasizing the importance of helping students understand climate issues and their impact.

Board Member Gerard welcomed Program Manager Santamaria to the County Office team and shared her enthusiasm about his addition to the organization.

Board Member Gerard reported that she had the honor of presenting Joint Resolution No. 26-50 Honoring James Feldman for Founding the Latchkey Alternative Center to Jim Feldman at his retirement celebration. She reflected on Mr. Feldman's 40 years of service supporting youth through the Latchkey program, noting the profound impact he has had on generations of students. She described the recognition as well-deserved and meaningful, given her own long-standing connection to the program.

Board Member Gerard discussed how at a recent YEEE! event, students spoke about the skills, experiences, and career insights they gained through their summer work placements, demonstrating the value of exposing youth to a variety of career pathways.

Board President Torres
Board President Torres thanked the student advocates for their leadership in advancing Joint Resolution No. 26-54 Recognizing October 7, 2026, as Clean Air Day. He praised the students for being knowledgeable, confident, and actively engaged in advocacy, noting that it was inspiring to work alongside young people who are passionate about making a difference.

Board President Torres thanked the evening's presenters, describing them as uplifting, inspiring, and filled with optimism and joy. He expressed appreciation for the important work being shared with the Board.

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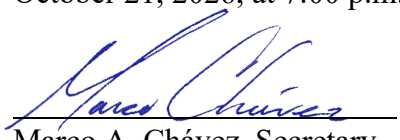
Board President Torres recognized Deputy Superintendent Bultema and his team for their ongoing efforts and contributions, offering gratitude for their leadership and support.

Board President Torres thanked Board Member Arias for sharing resources and information related to Domestic Violence Awareness Month, noting the value of those materials in raising awareness and supporting the community.

Board President Torres expressed appreciation to Board Member Bonini for sharing materials from the CSBA County Board Conference. He also thanked her for organizing the special education presentation at the SMCSBA meeting. He enjoyed the opportunity to learn from a variety of perspectives, including educators and superintendents, and found the discussion both informative and thought-provoking.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m. Board President Torres announced the next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.



Marco A. Chávez, Secretary
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