

**SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
May 13, 2026

ADOPTED

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Cabral called the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Luz Maria Cabral, President

Ricky Lara, Vice President

John Hollinshead, Board Clerk

Ricardo Valencia, Board Member

Linda Cordero, Board Member

II. IDENTITY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation

Government Code § 54957

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: CSEA

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: SMEEA

D. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Government Code § 54956.8

Agency Negotiator: Matthew Beecher

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were reported for the Closed Session.

IV. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session:

For Item A: The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Ashley Brown as Elementary Assistant Principal at Tunnell Elementary School. The vote was unanimous. The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Jennifer Quaresma as Elementary Assistant Principal at Alvin Elementary School. The vote was unanimous. The Board of Education accepted the administrative appointment of Taren Bolin as Area Administrator at Liberty Elementary School. The vote was unanimous.

For Items B, C, and D: Information was shared.

B. Introduction of Interpreters:

Susana Pineda and Benito Flores-Ramírez

C. Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by students at Oakley Elementary School

D. Inspiration:

Presented by Principal Eusebio Martinez and students from Oakley Elementary School

E. Student Leader Advisory Team

F. Recognition:

Representatives in Recognition of:

National Speech Pathologist Day - Sohrah Movahedi

National School Nurse Day - Mark Palmerston

Classified School Employee Appreciation Week - Dr.McDuffie

Day of the Teacher - Kristen Lohr

Teacher Residency Program - Gina Danley

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda Items:

- Kristen Lohr, President of SMEEA, expressed appreciation for the school nurses throughout the district who were honored for their commitment to student health, wellness, and safety.
- Kelly Hargett, Director of all Junior High Musicals, was proud to introduce a group of SMBSD Junior High students who performed a little number from Seussical Junior.
- Carol Karamitsos, following up on last month's Measure K and how funds are being used.

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion passed.*

X. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Santa Maria-Bonita School District Staff Diversity Report:

Presented by Dr. Bland, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

The Staff Diversity Report highlighted workforce demographics, recruitment efforts, and strategies to support a diverse and inclusive staff reflective of the district's student population. The presentation included updates on hiring practices, retention efforts, and partnerships to increase diversity across all employee groups. Board members discussed the importance of equitable recruitment, bilingual staffing, and continued support for employee development and retention. The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the SMBSD Staffing Diversity Report, as presented.

XI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. Minutes of the Board Of Education

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification
- iii. Authorization to Declare Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment or Materials
- iv. Authorization to Purchase Music Instruments, Sheet Music, and Repair Services Utilizing a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Awarded by the Interlocal Purchasing System's Texas Region 8 Education Service Center Contract #240302 to Sweetwater Sound, LLC
- v. Authorization to Utilize a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Facility

Workplace Solutions Awarded by OMNIA Partners (Contract No. 00129) to Cintas Corporation No. 2

- vi. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 8
- vii. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 9
- viii. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 10
- ix. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 11
- x. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 12
- xi. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 13

C. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mr. Valencia to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion passed.*

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Enter Into a Sole Source Agreement with Speed's Oil Tool Service, Inc. for the Procurement and Delivery of Fill Dirt for the Blosser Ranch School Project

Presented by Javier Cavazos, Director of Maintenance, Operations, Facilities, and Transportation

It was moved by Mr. Lara, and seconded by Mr. Valencia, that the Board of Education approved **APPROVE A SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH SPEED'S OIL TOOL SERVICE INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF FILL DIRT FOR THE BLOSSER SCHOOL PROJECT**, as presented. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

B. Public Hearing- Fees on Development Projects Pursuant to Government Code Section 65995-Level 2

Public Hearing opened at 7:41 p.m. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:41 p.m.

C. Resolution 25-19: Fees on Development Projects Pursuant to Government Code Section 65995 - Level 2

Presented by Matthew E. Beecher, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of

Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-19: FEES ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995 - LEVEL 2**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Laral, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

D. Resolution 25-24: National Speech Pathologist Day

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-24: NATIONAL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST DAY**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

E. Resolution 25-25: National School Nurse Day

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-25: NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

F. Resolution 25-26: Classified School Employee Appreciation Week

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-26: CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

G. Resolution 25-27: Day of the Teacher

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-27: DAY OF THE TEACHER**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

H. Resolution 25-28: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-28: ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

I. WestEd PLC Support

Presented by Niccole Wiseman, Director, School Support

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education **APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR WESTED PLC SUPPORT**, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, and Ms. Cabral. Motion Passed.*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lara asked for an update on the Bonita School Water Line.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Board Member Report - Mrs. Cordero

Mrs. Cordero commented on the PLC issue approved by the board. Over the past few years, she has had the privilege of attending several training sessions at several sites. She believes this is a piece that supports every teacher and will serve every student. She also commented on the recognition of in-house students who will be graduating from the Cal Lutheran Program, as well as the Pathway to Teaching program, which is in its 3rd year of implementation, and she noted that the packet received was very meaningful. Big shout to everyone who has worked to support the program.

Mrs. Cordero attended the County School Association Annual Dinner, the SMBSD Battle of the Books, and the DLI group meeting. At Ontiveros, the choir teacher had her last choir performance, which was lots of fun. She visited Oakley and Jiménez and met with their leadership students. She sat in on the mural presentation that Mrs. Beaird made from Arellanes. She attended a couple of volleyball games, and Fesler had an AVID recognition night. She attended a board policy meeting, an LCAP meeting, and the Spring Cheer showcase, which was enthusiastic and a ton of fun. The PCPA-Come From Away was a fabulous presentation. She attended the police officers' memorial.

Board Member Report - Mr. Valencia

Mr. Valencia gave a few shout-outs to staff. He shared that he got to see some Cinco de Mayo celebrations at Sanchez. He saw some pictures of Fairlawn, where they held a low-rider show. He saw that we now have a partnership with some of our local high school students who used to be Bonita students and are now referees with our district athletic after-school programs. He thanked the folks who manage the multilingual newsletter. Props to the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Day. He was happy about the programming with Radio Ranchito. He commended the staff for working with the Pique program. He attended the Junior High School art show at the library.

Board Member Report - Mr. Hollinshead

Mr. Hollinshead attended the AVID awards ceremony at Fesler. He attended the Pique graduation ceremony at Bonita school. It was awesome.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. McDuffie

Radio Ranchito Interview: Dr. McDuffie shared that he had the privilege of being interviewed by Radio Ranchito, a partnership between multilingual services and the local Spanish-language radio station that serves as a vital bridge for the district. He gave a shout-out to the Family and Community Engagement team, specifically to Alejandra Meza and Cesar Ruiz.

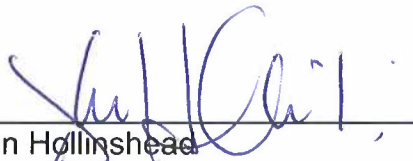
School site visits for Anniversary pin distribution: Dr. McDuffie recently visited school sites to present anniversary pins to teachers and classified staff. He also thanked district staff across all departments for their continued commitment to supporting student success and maintaining positive learning environments throughout the district.

May Marathon: Dr. McDuffie shared that May is a busy month, with preparations for promotions, awards, and ceremonies, which can be a bit overwhelming. He also shared that amid the stress of testing and end-of-year events, he asked everyone to pause and reflect on what has been accomplished. He commented that the finish line is paved with the students' success.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cabral reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Signed _____


John Hollinshead
Board Clerk

Signed _____


Linda Cordero
Board Member