



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2022 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022, as a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Assembly Bill 361 allows local agencies flexibility in conducting public meetings virtually during a declared state of emergency.

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Board President Judy Frost, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Marybeth Carty
Maggi Daane
Michelle de Werd
Judith Frost
Joe Howell
Peter MacDougall
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Craig Price, legal counsel
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Mari Baptista	Debbie Breck	Tom Heiduk	Bill Ridgeway
Ellen Barger	Denice Cora	Debra Hood	Rachel Walsh
Camie Barnwell	Tracie Cordero	Rob Locke	
Bridget Baublits	Kirsten Escobedo	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

Linda Cordero, County Committee member
Michael Fine, executive officer, Fiscal Crisis and Management Team (FCMAT)
Margaret Ontiveros, County Committee member
Mike Ostini, Personnel Commissioner
Justin Rich, executive director, Cooperative Strategies
Simoné Rivadeneira, interpreter
Robin Sawaske, County Committee chairperson
Steve Straight, County Committee member

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various matters, including:

- Attendance at a recent Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee meeting
- The upcoming California School Boards Association County Board Governance Workshop
- Recently passed legislation, AB 824, regarding a student board representative

5. Public Comments

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6. The superintendent reported on the following topics:

- Introduced new director of communications, Camie Barnwell
- Schools opening after the winter holiday: dates & status
- New CDPH guidance and what applies to schools
- COVID-19 cases increasing significantly
- At-home test kits for COVID expected to be delivered to SBCEO any day for all TK-12 public schools
- Boosters for youth ages 12-15
- Extension of AB 361 for virtual meetings: Governor's January 5 Executive Order
- Reminder about Conflict of Interest/Form 700 coming soon from the County of Santa Barbara
- Update on SBCEO employee service awards at the February 3 virtual board meeting
- Reminder about Operation Recognition application deadline of January 14

PRESENTATIONS

7. Presentation on Declining Enrollment

Chief Executive Officer of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT), Michael Fine, provided a presentation to the board on declining enrollment.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:20 p.m. Board reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

8. Presentation on Staffing Shortages in Education in Santa Barbara County

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mari Baptista and Director of Human Resources Amy Ramos provided a presentation to the board on staffing shortages in education in Santa Barbara County.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

9. Minutes of Meeting Held December 10, 2021

10. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from November 7, 2021 to December 6, 2021, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

11. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations list for the following department:

- Special Education

12. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Technology Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

14. Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report indicating no complaints filed for the period of September 16, 2021 through December 15, 2021, for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Career Technical Education, and Special Education, was presented to the board as an information item and was reviewed by the board.

ACTION ITEMS

15. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Recognizing a State of Emergency and Reauthorizing Teleconferenced Meetings

In accordance with AB 361, the board adopted Resolution No. 2212 recognizing a state of emergency and reauthorizing teleconferenced meetings for a period of thirty (30) days.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: Mr. Howell **SECONDED: Mrs. Daane** **VOTE: Passed 7-0-0-0**

16. Review of the Draft Maps/Scenarios for the Redistricting of the Santa Barbara County Board of Education

Executive Director of Cooperative Strategies, Justin Rich, presented the draft maps/scenarios for the redistricting of the Santa Barbara County Board of Education, which were presented to the County Committee on School District Organization at its December 13th meeting. The board reviewed and discussed the draft maps/scenarios and agreed to have the superintendent relay a summary of their feedback to the County Committee for its meeting on January 10, 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. Future agenda items

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Board discussion on recording board meetings and posting the recordings on the board website

ADJOURNMENT

18. **Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held February 3, 2022.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held February 3, 2022, via Zoom.

MOVED: **Mrs. Daane**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education