



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021, as a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 allows local or state legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically.

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 2:00 p.m. by Board President Maggi Daane, 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

Ellen Barger	Debbie Breck	Amy Ramos
Mari Baptista	Valeria Cantella	MaryEllen Rehse
Bridget Baublits	Traile Easland	Bill Ridgeway
Florene Bednersh	Debra Hood	Rene Wheeler

Others Present

Antonio Garcia, Superintendent, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
Shanda Herrera, Principal, Pioneer Valley High School
Kevin Ilac, Teacher, Pioneer Valley High School
June Lee
Lisa Mamammone
Michael Ostini, Personnel Commission
Evelyn Robles, Student, Pioneer Valley High School
Anna Song

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. President's Comments

President Daane wished everyone a happy new year. She asked the board members to share what they were looking forward to at the end of the COVID-19 pandemic or in 2021.

5. Public Comments

The following member of the public addressed the County Board of Education regarding his recent appointment to the Personnel Commission:

Michael Ostini

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. Special Recognition

The board and the superintendent recognized Pioneer Valley High School senior Evelyn Robles for her K-12th grade accomplishments and full scholarship to Yale University. Ms. Robles was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

7. Presentation on the Children and Family Resource Services Department

Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Bridget Baublits introduced Administrator Dr. Florene Bednersh, who provided a presentation to the board on Children and Family Resource Services.

The superintendent presented Dr. Bednersh with a Certificate of Appreciation, on behalf of herself and the board, for her 40 years of service in education and in recognition of her upcoming retirement.

8. Presentation on the California School Dashboard

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger provided a presentation to the board on the California School Dashboard.

ACTION ITEMS

9. Minutes of Meeting Held December 11, 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2020 were approved.

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

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

The board approved the registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from November 12, 2020 to December 8, 2020, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

11. Recommended Approval for Acceptance of Donations

The board approved the acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

12. Recommended Approval for Declaration of Surplus

The board approved the declaration of surplus for the following department:

- Information Technology Services

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

13. Board Policies, Second Reading and Adoption

The following board policy was presented for second reading and adoption. First reading was held at the December board meeting. The board approved the board policy.

- BP 6145.7 (Revised) Sexual Harassment

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Dr. MacDougall** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. Board Policies, First Reading

The following board policy was presented for first reading. All language included came from the Professional Governance Standards for County Boards adopted by the California School Boards Association and the California County Boards of Education. The board reviewed and discussed the board policy. Second reading and adoption will be recommended at the February board meeting.

- BP 1016 (New) Governance Standards

15. Santa Barbara County Board of Education Governance Calendar

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education governance calendar, an evolving document intended to show board action items and information items, was presented as an information item and was reviewed and discussed by the board.

16. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

17. Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report indicating no complaints filed for the period of September 16, 2020 through December 15, 2020 for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, College and Career Readiness, and Special Education, was presented as an information item and was reviewed by the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

18. The superintendent reported on the following topics:

- The governor's new "Safe Schools for All" plan – The superintendent reported that the plan was a proposal with further details to come.

She shared about the four components of the plan:

- Funding to support safe reopening
- Safety and mitigation measures for classrooms
- Hands-on oversight and assistance for schools
- Transparency and accountability for families and school staff
- Vaccine Advisory Committee – Dr. Salcido reported that the statewide Vaccine Advisory Committee met yesterday to discuss and support the prioritization of school and district employees in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. She shared that the plan was for school and district employees to be vaccinated in phase 1B tier 1, which is anticipated to take place from early February through mid-March.
- Federal stimulus funds for schools and the governor’s proposed budget – The superintendent asked Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Bill Ridgeway to report on this topic. Mr. Ridgeway reported that the federal stimulus plan included the following:
 - A second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds
 - Funding for broadband
 - Funding for child care and Head Start
 - Funding for the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund

Mr. Ridgeway also briefly mentioned the governor’s January budget proposal.

- Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) – Dr. Salcido asked Director of JCCS Rene Wheeler to provide a status update. Mrs. Wheeler reported the following information:
 - There were 48 students enrolled in the three schools: 21 at Dos Puertas School at Santa Maria Juvenile Hall, 7 at Los Robles High School at Los Prietos Boys Camp, 20 at FitzGerald Community School in Santa Maria.
 - The court schools were 100% open as of November 9, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

- 19. Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Maggi Daane, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education