



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING

February 4, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, February 4, 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 2:01 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 (arrived at 2:11 p.m.)
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, Superintendent
Craig Price, Legal Counsel
Anna Freedland, Executive Assistant

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| Mari Baptista | Debbie Breck | Debra Hood |
| Ellen Barger | Valerie Cantella | Amy Ramos |
| Bridget Baublits | Kirsten Escobedo | Bill Ridgeway |

Others Present

Arturo Cabrera, student, Santa Barbara Charter School
Francisco Cabrera, student, Santa Barbara Charter School
Rhett Carter, principal, Orcutt Academy High School
Laura Donner, director of education, Santa Barbara Charter School
Holly Edds, superintendent, Orcutt Union School District
Michael Ostini, member, Personnel Commission
Gary Pickavet, chair, Personnel Commission
Sonia Wasserman, student, Orcutt Academy High School
Employees being recognized and their family members, friends & colleagues
Members of the public

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. President and Board Comments

President Daane congratulated Vice President Frost's husband, Erik Frost, for his service on the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, as highlighted in a recent news article. She mentioned another news article about Sonia Wasserman, student at Orcutt Academy High School, who was being recognized at the board meeting. Mrs. Daane shared that legal counsel would provide a brief overview of the Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 required of board members, at next month's board meeting. Lastly, President Daane shared three items of correspondence that were sent to the board and to the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO):

- Thank you letter from Antonio Garcia, superintendent of Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, for recognizing high school student Evelyn Letona Robles at last month's board meeting
- Thank you email from Evelyn Letona Robles
- Letter from Christina Hildebrand, president of A Voice for Choice Advocacy, Inc., regarding the COVID-19 vaccine

Joe Howell commented briefly on the Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700.

Marybeth Carty shared information about an upcoming event hosted by Hospice of Santa Barbara.

Judy Frost commented briefly on COVID-19 vaccinations in the north county.

Michelle de Werd congratulated Mrs. Frost's husband, Erik Frost, for his service on the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. She shared briefly about the Board Budget Committee meeting yesterday, which was a budget orientation, and about a dyslexia webinar she recently attended.

Bruce Porter thanked the superintendent for advocating for school nurses being accelerated in priority for the COVID-19 vaccine.

5. Public Comments

The following member of the public addressed the County Board of Education regarding reopening schools:

- Caroline Harrah

The following members of the public addressed the County Board of Education via email regarding reopening schools:

- Sarah Gorman
- Katy Craig

The emailed public comments were read aloud during the board meeting by President Daane.

RECOGNITION

6. Special Recognition

The board and the superintendent recognized Orcutt Academy High School senior Sonia Wasserman for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Scouts BSA, making her one of the first female Scouts in the United States to achieve that rank. Ms. Wasserman was presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Minutes of Meeting Held January 7, 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2021 were approved.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

8. 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

December 9, 2020 to January 6, 2021, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

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

9. Recommended Approval of Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Special Education, and Child Development.

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

10. Recommended Approval for Declaration of Surplus

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

- Career Technical Education
- Children and Family Resource Services / Health Linkages
- Communications
- Information Technology Services

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

11. Board Policies, Second Reading and Adoption

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

- BP 1016 (New) Governance Standards

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

RECOGNITION

12. Employee Service Awards

Employment anniversaries of long-term SBCEO employees were observed. Pins were presented to all employees and Certificates of Recognition were presented to employees with 10 years or more at SBCEO.

A special performance was provided by brothers Arturo (4th grade) and Francisco (2nd grade) Cabrera of the *Sing!* program. The Cabreras sang a song called, "I Have a Dream (We Shall Overcome)" and were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13. The superintendent reported on the following topics:

- COVID-19 vaccine distribution – The superintendent is finalizing a letter to the governor and local legislators to prioritize vaccines for education and child care employees and advocate for equitable reopening of schools. The letter was drafted in partnership with all 20 school districts and five site-based charter schools.
On behalf of the board, and in partnership with the superintendent, President Daane will send a letter to the Governor and local legislators, advocating on behalf of students and schools throughout Santa Barbara County.
The state is piloting an online registration platform called “MyTurn” for vaccine appointments.
- California Department of Public Health consolidated schools guidance, dated January 14, 2021 includes significant updates, including:
 - Testing cadence for staff and students
 - Eliminated waiver process – no path forward for communities with case rates above 25 per 100,000 people
 - Accountability/Transparency
 - COVID-19 Safety Plan published on district websites
 - Bi-weekly reporting to state of primary instruction method
 - Coming soon: Interactive map of schools and districts by method of primary instruction for the majority of studentsNew guidance is located on the state’s Safe Schools For All Hub website.
- Safe Schools For All plan proposal – This is the governor’s incentive grant proposal, which is in flux and will likely change significantly in the coming weeks.
- Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) – Recently, Cuyama, Carpinteria and Goleta were notified of PSPSs. SBCEO serves as a liaison between school districts, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, and the utility companies, Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric. The superintendent shared considerations for PSPS with in-person instruction and distance learning scenarios:
 - Short notice from utilities
 - Unknown duration
 - Food storage issues at schools
 - Lack of ability to provide instruction (either remotely or in person)
 - Notifications for staff and parents/students
 - Absentee policy for those that cannot logon
- High school sports – CDPH recently released information related to sports allowed in each colored tier of the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy.
- Youth mental wellness – The SB County Mental Wellness Commission is seeking a youth mental wellness commissioner, aged 16-25.

INFORMATION ITEMS

14. **Personnel Report**

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

15. **Proposals for Contract Negotiations between Santa Barbara County Education Office and California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) and Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)**

The following four agenda items were presented as information items, as required per Government Code §3547(a). The items represent the initial proposals from CSEA and SBCEA to SBCEO, and the proposals from SBCEO to CSEA and SBCEA.

After negotiations, the major provisions of the agreements will be provided as an information item at a subsequent Santa Barbara County Board of Education public meeting.

16. **Proposal for Contract Negotiations from California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA)**

Proposal for contract negotiations from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) was presented as an information item.

17. **Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Office to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA)**

Proposal for contract negotiations from the Santa Barbara County Education Office to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) was presented as an information item.

18. **Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)**

Proposal for contract negotiations from the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA) was presented as an information item.

19. **Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Office to the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)**

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held March 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Maggi Daane, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education