



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, May 6, 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 2:04 p.m. by Board President Maggi Daane, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Student Performance

A special vocal performance was provided by Larry Gaitan, a sophomore at Lompoc High School, of the National Anthem, accompanied by 2016 Santa Barbara Bowl Performing Arts Teacher of the Year Sarah Barthel on piano.

3. Roll Call

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Judith Frost

Staff Members Present

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

Mari Baptista	Valerie Cantella	Bill Ridgeway
Ellen Barger	Kirsten Escobedo	Rene Wheeler
Bridget Baublits	Steve Keithley	

Others Present

Sarah Barthel, teacher, Lompoc High School
Elizabeth Blair, Thoreau Community School
Alisyn Blanton, teacher, Miguelito Elementary School
Tom Blanton, board member, Lompoc Unified School District
Marianne D’Emidio-Caston, Thoreau Community School
Larry Gaitan, student, Lompoc High School
Jon Hooten, executive director, Allan Hancock College Foundation
Suzanne Levy, board member, Allan Hancock College
Trevor McDonald, superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District
Greg Pensa, board member, Allan Hancock College
Becky Sausker, principal, Miguelito Elementary School
Steve Straight, board member, Lompoc Unified School District
Allison Turkish, Thoreau Community School
Bree Valla, assistant superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District
Kevin Walthers, superintendent/president, Allan Hancock College
Members of the public
Members of the media

4. Changes to the Agenda

None.

5. President and Board Comments

President Daane congratulated Craig Price, legal counsel, who was recognized at the 2021 Hope Awards put on by the Santa Barbara Education Foundation. She also shared that the July board meeting would potentially be held in person. Mrs. Daane explained the consent agenda since it was a new section on the agenda. Lastly, she shared that Allan Hancock College would celebrate its centennial via a virtual celebration on May 22.

Michelle de Werd shared that she and a few fellow board members were recent graduates of the Masters in Governance program. She thanked the superintendent and executive assistant for introducing her to the program.

Marybeth Carty congratulated Craig Price and the graduates of the Masters in Governance program.

Joe Howell congratulated Craig Price. He thanked the superintendent and executive assistant for their preparation for today's board meeting.

Bruce Porter requested the following agenda items for future board meetings:

- Information item on homelessness and students throughout the county, including SBCEO students.
- Information/discussion item, with potential action, about a board member potentially having a seat on the County of Santa Barbara's Elected Leaders Forum to Address Homelessness.

6. Public Comments

None.

RECOGNITIONS

7. Teacher of the Year Announcement

The superintendent announced the 2022 Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year, Alisyn Blanton, a 5th grade teacher at Miguelito Elementary School in the Lompoc Unified School District. Dr. Salcido presented Mrs. Blanton with a plaque and honorarium on behalf of the board.

8. Allan Hancock College Centennial Recognition and Resolution

The board adopted Resolution No. 2105 recognizing Allan Hancock College's centennial and congratulating the Allan Hancock College Board of Education.

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Abstain: 0
MOVED: Dr. MacDougall SECONDED: Mr. Howell VOTE: Passed 6-0-1-0

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Public Hearing on Thoreau Community School Charter School Appeal

The public hearing was opened at 2:56 p.m. regarding the appeal of the Thoreau Community School charter school petition. The board heard comments from representatives of the Thoreau Community School and members of the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:36 p.m.

At the request of President Daane, legal counsel briefly reviewed the components of the next board meeting, which would include a board decision on the appeal of the Thoreau Community School charter school petition.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. Minutes of Meeting Held April 1, 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2021 were approved.

11. 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 March 7, 2021 to April 6, 2021, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

12. Recommended Approval for Acceptance of Donations

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

- Teacher Programs and Support

13. Recommended Approval for Declaration of Surplus

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

- Child Development
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Information Technology Services
- Teacher Induction Program

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Dr. MacDougall SECONDED: Mrs. Carty VOTE: Passed 6-0

ACTION ITEMS

14. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Board Member Excused Absence

The board adopted Resolution No. 2106 excusing the absence of board member Judith Frost at today's board meeting due to illness, an acceptable hardship, and granting remuneration, per board policy 1004.

Ayes: 6 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 1** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd** VOTE: **Passed 6-0-1-0**

15. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Teacher Appreciation Week, National School Nurse Day, and Classified School Employee Week

The board adopted Resolution No. 2107 designating May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week, the 12th of May as National School Nurse Day, and the third full week of May as Classified School Employee Week in Santa Barbara County.

Ayes: 6 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 1** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 6-0-1-0**

16. Recommended Adoption of the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan

The board adopted the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant Plan.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

17. Board Policies, Second Reading and Adoption

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

- BP 6015 (Revised) Appeals from District Decisions Regarding Charter Schools

MOVED: **Dr. MacDougall** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. Personnel Report

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

19. The superintendent reported on the following topics:

- Vaccine update – Dr. Salcido reported that the Centers for Disease Control and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued guidance for fully vaccinated people around face coverings that was intended for the general public; however, schools must follow CDPH

guidance specifically for schools which required face coverings be worn. She reported that people age 16 and older were eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, with parental consent. The vaccine was not yet approved for children ages 12-15. The superintendent shared that SBCEO was collecting the number of students in that age range from local educational agencies (LEA) for the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department. Dr. Salcido shared that transportation to vaccine appointments was available via the website MyTurn.ca.gov.

- Distance learning for 2021-22 – The superintendent shared that the governor and the legislature were considering distance learning as an option for the 2021-22 school year. She stated that more information was expected with the governor’s May budget revision.
- COVID-19 relief one-time funding – Dr. Salcido stated that there were a number of one-time funds available to schools and districts for COVID-19 relief. She shared that the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) created a workgroup to support LEAs to understand the different funding sources, how to use them, the timelines, etc. Multiple county offices of education participated in the workgroup, including SBCEO’s Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger.
- Youth mental wellness – Santa Barbara County – The superintendent reminded the board that SBCEO had received a mental health grant in 2020. The goal of the grant was to hire personnel to support mental health in schools and to provide early intervention and crisis response activities, by providing direct services, making referrals to services, and coordinating mental health training, and education. Dr. Salcido reported that four “navigators”/health advocates and one clinician had been hired. She shared that program manager interviews would take place within the next month. She stated that the agreement between SBCEO and the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness was being reviewed by County Counsel.
- Celebrations and recognitions – Dr. Salcido shared that a number of SBCEO staff members were recognized with SELPA Star Awards for their work in special education, including Kirsten Escobedo, assistant superintendent of special education; Rachel Garcia Audet; Paloma Guerrero; Paul Hokedo; and Laura Ishikawa. She also announced the upcoming 2021 Education Celebration on May 27. She thanked Steve Keithley, director of Teacher Programs and Support, and Anne Flores, administrative assistant, for their work planning the event, under the leadership of Ellen Barger, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

ADJOURNMENT

- 20. Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held June 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Dr. MacDougall** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

Maggi Daane, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education