



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
July 2, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2020, 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
Judith Frost
Richard Fulton
Roberta Heter
Joe Howell

Board Members Absent

Peter MacDougall

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, Superintendent
Craig Price, Legal Counsel
Anna Freedland, Executive Assistant
Lauren Aranguren Valerie Cantella
Ellen Barger Kirsten Escobedo
Mari Baptista Debra Hood
Bridget Baublits Amy Ramos
Debbie Breck Bill Ridgeway

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. President's Comments

Board President Daane thanked everyone for their well wishes. She thanked Board Vice President Frost for chairing the board meeting in June in her absence. She congratulated the 2021 Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year, Frank Koroshec.

5. Public Comments

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

Esko Kenny Lama
John Padfield

ACTION ITEMS

6. Minutes of Meeting Held June 4, 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on June 4, 2020 were approved.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mrs. Heter** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

7. 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 May 7, 2020 to June 6, 2020, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

MOVED: **Dr. Fulton** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

8. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the California Department of Education for Child Care and Development Services FY 2020-21

The board adopted Resolution No. 2101 authorizing the Santa Barbara County Education Office to enter into agreements with the California Department of Education and designating personnel authorized to sign contracts for the purpose of providing child care and development services for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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

9. Board Policies, Second Reading and Adoption

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

- BP 6010.1 *(Revised)* Grade Level Assignment

MOVED: **Mr. Howell** SECONDED: **Mrs. Heter** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Personnel Report

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

11. Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

12. The superintendent will give a brief report.

The superintendent thanked the board members for their incredible service. She reminded everyone that a new fiscal year had begun. She reported that there were four new school district superintendents in the county: Hilda Maldonado, Santa Barbara Unified School District; Lois Peterson, Vista del Mar Union School District; Holly Edds, Orcutt Union School District; Alfonso Gamino, Cuyama Joint Unified School District. Mr. Gamino had been an interim superintendent and was officially confirmed as superintendent.

Dr. Salcido reported that SBCEO continued to work with school districts on how to re-open campuses in the fall, including SBCEO campuses. She thanked the cabinet members for all of their work on the process. She asked the assistant superintendents to report on SBCEO's re-opening, districts' re-opening, and the budget.

Mari Baptista, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported that SBCEO re-opened the three main office campuses, and was following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD). She shared some of the preparations that took place prior to re-opening.

Bridget Baublits, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reported that four SBCEO school sites re-opened yesterday: two court schools and two child development centers. She reported that one student in a court school tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, in-person classes would be delayed from starting on July 6 to July 20, due to contact tracing. The child development centers re-opened successfully. Mrs. Baublits shared about some program moves happening at the SBCEO north county office.

Kirsten Escobedo, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, reported that the Special Education division had been working with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidance and SBCPHD guidance to finalize re-opening plans for all special education programs within the county. She shared that special education administrators throughout the county were meeting regularly, led by Dr. Ray Avila, Executive Director of Santa Barbara County SELPA, to develop coherence across districts, and to align with special education programs on each site where SBCEO special education programs were located.

Ellen Barger, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on school districts re-opening. She shared that plans varied greatly but had some commonalities. She stated that only a few districts could meet physical distancing guidelines with their current facilities and have everyone on campus at the same time. A majority of districts would have a hybrid model. Ms. Barger shared examples of plans/models at the high school, middle school, and elementary level. She reported on new legislation that was passed which increased accountability for schools. Ms. Barger stated that district plans could change depending on SBCPHD guidance, so districts were planning for tightening and loosening of plans.

Bill Ridgeway, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, reported on the state budget, which the governor signed on June 29. Among the items he shared were a new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, in place of a Local Control and Accountability Plan, and a new Budget Overview for Parents. He also shared that districts would need to project and plan for next year's funding and the year after that, since the pandemic was expected to be a multi-year problem, and in case next year's funding was worse than this year's funding.

The superintendent reported that SBCEO received truckloads of PPE from CalOES for school districts and that distribution might happen in the next week or so.

Dr. Salcido also shared that SBCEO would not resume meetings of large groups, such as board meetings. Board meetings would remain as virtual, Zoom meetings. She shared that no visitors were allowed on SBCEO campuses.

The superintendent reported that two board meetings would be needed in September in order to have a public hearing on the new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and an adoption of the plan on two separate days.

Dr. Salcido reported that two board meetings could also be needed in December in order to have a public hearing on the new Budget Overview for Parents and an adoption of the overview on two separate days. Clarification was pending on whether the public hearing and adoption had to be done on separate days or if they could be done on the same day.

Lastly, the superintendent shared that childcare for Cottage Hospital's essential workers had started on the Cathedral Oaks campus. She commented on how joyful it was to hear children playing outside.

ADJOURNMENT

13. Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held August 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held August 6, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

MOVED: Mrs. Frost SECONDED: Mrs. Carty VOTE: Passed 6-0

Maggi Daane, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education