



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2020 – 4:45 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, August 6, 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 4:45 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
Peter MacDougall

Staff Members Present

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

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

3. Changes to the Agenda

None.

4. President's Comments

None.

5. Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Minutes of Meeting Held July 2, 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on July 2, 2020 were approved.

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

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

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

8. Recommended Approval of Project Grant/Funding Application – Teacher Programs & Support

The board approved the submission of applications for 2020-21 funding for the Teacher Programs & Support department.

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

9. Recommended Approval of Grant Application – Consolidated Programs

The board approved the submission of application to the California Department of Education for 2020-21 funding for Consolidated Categorical Programs.

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

10. Recommended Approval for Acceptance of Donations

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

- Special Education

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

11. Recommended Approval for Declaration of Surplus

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

- Educational Services
- Information Technology Services

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

13. The superintendent will give a brief report.

The superintendent reported that the recent focus, for schools and districts, had been on the governor’s order that schools begin the school year in remote learning if they were in a county on the state’s monitoring list for COVID-19. She stated that another focus had been on the waiver process. She reported that the California Department of Public Health guidance on the waiver stated that if a county was over the threshold of 200 cases (of COVID-19) per 100,000 population, then waivers should not be considered. She reported that the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department stated they were not accepting waivers since the county was over that threshold.

Dr. Salcido asked the assistant superintendents to report on SBCEO’s re-opening, the state budget, and remote learning.

Mari Baptista, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, reported on the SBCEO campuses. She shared that SBCEO was focused on four leading principles: protecting the health and safety of staff and families, supporting the wellness of employees, maintaining excellent service and leadership, and being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

Kirsten Escobedo, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, reported that the division was fully staffed with certificated staff to start the school year. She reported that all students in TK-12th grade served by the Special Education division would start the school year remotely. She shared that Special Education's preschool programs, which were part of the childcare sector, had the opportunity to reopen, however, they were following the lead of the district and program hosts. As such, there was some variability within our preschool programs; some were operating in person, some remotely, and some as a hybrid. Mrs. Escobedo shared that Special Education's back-to-school events started that week and would continue into the next week. She shared that Special Education staff were receiving professional development regarding SB 98.

Bridget Baublits, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, reported that the Child Development program had been back-to-school that week. The two full-day centers were completely open with 29 children in two cohorts. SBCEO's eight state preschool sites would be opening the week of August 17 and would serve children in a hybrid model. Mrs. Baublits shared that Juvenile Court and Community Schools were opening in remote learning, and that all teachers had received professional development. She also shared that Cottage Hospital had asked to extend their agreement with SBCEO for childcare for their essential workers at the Cathedral Oaks site through the end of October. The extension was granted. Lastly, Mrs. Baublits shared about an event happening on August 29, put on by the Children and Family Resource Services department. The department would invite 50 Welcome Every Baby families and TK/K students from Hope School to receive oral health education materials, dental kits, and dental screenings with fluoride varnishing done in the car. Staff would wear appropriate personal protective equipment. Staff would also distribute diapers and baby wipes. The Promotores staff would also attend the event and provide boxes of fresh organic produce. This would be a drive-through event.

Bill Ridgeway, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, reported on the state of state (cash) revenues. He reported that personal and corporate tax collections from April to July were down about 13% or \$4 billion compared to last year; however, those same tax collections were up 5% or \$1.3 billion compared to budget projections. He shared factors that had an impact on the revenue collections.

Ellen Barger, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, reported on remote learning. She shared that SB 98 codified new legislated expectations for remote learning this fall. Some of the new expectations included the following:

- Minimum number of hours of daily instruction
- Synchronous and asynchronous learning
- Weekly monitoring for every student of their synchronous and asynchronous learning, assignments and missing assignments, and daily attendance
- Daily interaction with every student
- A new Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan that must be approved by the board, with a public hearing and adoption by September 30, for every local educational agency (LEA)

Ms. Barger shared that the Curriculum and Instruction division had been helping districts set-up the virtual classroom. That included things like learning management systems, platforms, and websites, as well as classroom management, organization, and routines. She shared that the division was also building customized professional development websites.

The superintendent reminded the board that her cabinet had been meeting at least once a week with all LEAs and Public Health and working closely on all elements related to opening schools.

PUBLIC HEARING

14. Public Hearing – Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The public hearing was opened at 5:20 p.m. regarding the Santa Barbara County Education Office’s compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement. With no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 5:20 p.m.

15. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for 2020-21

The board adopted Resolution No. 2102, the Santa Barbara County Education Office’s compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement.

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

16. Recommended Adoption of Amended Resolution Regarding Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance for 2019-20

The board adopted Resolution No. 2103 amending Resolution No. 2002, Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials, that was adopted in 2019.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
MOVED: Dr. Fulton SECONDED: Mrs. Carty VOTE: Passed 7-0-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

17. **Adjournment to the next regular meeting to be held September 25, 2020 at 2 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held September 25, 2020 at 2 p.m.

MOVED: **Dr. Fulton**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Maggi Daane, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education