



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
April 6, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### UNAPPROVED

#### GENERAL FUNCTIONS

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Board President Frost.

**2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación**

Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was announced.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Vice President Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Marybeth Carty  
Maggi Daane  
Michelle de Werd  
Nadra Ehrman  
Judith Frost  
Bruce Porter

Board Members Absent

Joe Howell

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent  
Austin Payne, legal counsel  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Mari Baptista	Bridget Baublits	Sal Martinez	Steve Torres
Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Luis Medina	
Camie Barnwell	Mary-Beth Gallas	Sheryl Pognant	
Justin Barthel	Debra Hood	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

Ada Degollado, student, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, and member of the County Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council  
Hannah Huang, student, Dos Pueblos High School, and member of the County Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council  
Dawson Kelly, student, San Marcos High School, and member of the County Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council  
Hilda Maldonado, superintendent, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter  
Ava Shabestari, student, Dos Pueblos High School, and member of the County Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council  
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision  
Steve Watson, interpreter  
Edwin Weaver, executive director, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley  
Ed Zuchelli, communications director, Santa Barbara Unified School District

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

The president announced a change to the agenda: For item 18 – Recommended Adoption of Resolution in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools, there was an addition of a letter to Santa Barbara County legislators, co-signed by the board president and superintendent, about the resolution should the board approve it.

**6. President and Board Comments**

The president and board members commented on various matters, including:

- Congratulating Board Member Howell on being selected Person of the Year by the Santa Barbara Foundation
- Congratulating Superintendent Salcido on receiving the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrator Excellence by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), a statewide award

- Recent Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee meeting
- Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year selection committee

## **7. Public Comments**

None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **8. Student Advisory Council Presentation**

The superintendent introduced members of her Student Advisory Council, listed below, and they shared a little about themselves, why they signed up for the Student Advisory Council, and some of their reflections about education.

- Ada Degollado, grade 12, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
- Hannah Huang, grade 11, Dos Pueblos High School
- Dawson Kelly, grade 12, San Marcos High School
- Ava Shabestari, grade 11, Dos Pueblos High School

### **9. Presentation on Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley**

Executive Director Edwin Weaver provided a presentation on Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) and the Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) grant, which FBSMV administered on behalf of SBCEO.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **10. Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. The superintendent highlighted the following items in the report:

- Administrative Services Division – Dr. Salcido invited Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres to share some information. Mr. Torres introduced Mary-Beth Gallas, the new director of facilities; he provided an update on the SBCEO Hope Center emergency repair; and he previewed an agenda item coming to the board next month about leases that SBCEO has for programs
- Student events – The superintendent thanked Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger and her team for their work on the recent student events

- I Madonnari Festival – Dr. Salcido mentioned that if any board members like to sponsor a square at the festival, as part of SBCEO, they could contact Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Bridget Baublits
- Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP) at Peter B. FitzGerald Community School – The superintendent noted a minor date error in the report: September 2019 should have been September 2022

The superintendent also briefly reported on the following items:

- Education Celebration – May 11, 2023, Santa Ynez Valley Marriott, invitations were distributed to board members
- May Revision Budget Perspectives Workshop – May 26, 2023, 9-11 a.m., SBCEO Auditorium, or virtual workshops on May 30 and 31, 2023
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools – Dr. Salcido reported that SBCEO staff had been working with the county probation team to ensure continuity of education and address some issues at Dos Puertas School at the Juvenile Justice Center in Santa Maria. She shared that she and other SBCEO staff members would meet with the new probation chief, Holly Benton, next week.
- The problem of Fentanyl poisoning in the county
- Recent mass shootings and acts of violence across the country and in schools – The superintendent shared that she was working on a concerted effort, with law enforcement, to focus on school safety. She stated she was working with the FBI, the Sheriff's team, and school district superintendents, and there would be more information to come.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent items:

### **11. Minutes of Meeting Held March 2, 2023**

### **12. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates**

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from February 7, 2023 to March 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

### **13. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following department:

- Teacher Induction Program

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Ms. Ehrman**

SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **14. Board Policy Committee Report**

Board Policy Committee Chair Porter reported on a discussion held at a recent committee meeting about Board Policy 5117.1 – Interdistrict Attendance Appeals. He stated that the wording in BP 5117.1 was not meant to be overly prescriptive but rather meant to allow flexibility.

Committee Member de Werd stated that she wanted reflected in the board minutes that the committee agreed that if a school district denied an interdistrict transfer request based on financial hardship or overcrowding, and the transfer request was appealed to the county board, then written proof of financial hardship or overcrowding would be requested of the district through an administrative process rather than through board policy. SBCEO staff would request the district submit information about the financial hardship or overcrowding in writing as part of the appeal hearing process.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **15. Board Policies, Reading and Adoption**

The following board policy (BP) was presented for reading and adoption. The board adopted the board policy.

- BP 9500 (New) County Superintendent’s Remuneration

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 5-1  
de Werd voted no**

### **16. Recommended Approval for Staff to Update a Position Title in Board Policies**

The board approved for SBCEO staff to update a SBCEO position title in board policies without the board policies going to the board for approval since the update did not change the content of the board policies. The position title “assistant superintendent” would be changed to “associate superintendent” in accordance with the recent title change within the SBCEO organization.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

**17. Recommended Adoption of Emergency Resolution – Award of Contract without Bidding and Advertising**

Between the months of December 2022 and March 2023, more than eleven atmospheric river events swept through California resulting in a state of emergency being declared by the Governor on March 1, 2023, and a subsequent March 9 Presidential Emergency Declaration to support communities impacted by the severe winter storms.

The rain and windstorms caused significant damage to the roof of Building D (modular) on the SBCEO Cathedral Oaks campus. The roof in Building D has been leaking during this storm season and getting progressively worse with each storm. An inspection of the ceiling and the roof on March 17, 2023, revealed visible mold on the interior plywood lining resulting from leaks in the roof. The sources of the leaks were identified throughout the roof and due to decomposition of material it was determined that the entire roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The roof has been patched numerous times in the past but there is now significant damage that can no longer be addressed with temporary solutions.

Building D houses the California Children’s Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) and currently the gym area of the building is closed. The office and one other room in the building have been deemed safe for use by staff and students for the time being. However, services to students have been significantly impacted without access to the gym and the unique equipment that resides in the space. A replacement of the roof is necessary for our students to be able to receive all of the therapy services that they require to be active and healthy.

Pursuant to Government Code section 53850, and the competitive bid requirements contained in Public Contract Code section 20111, in order for this repair work to be conducted in an expedited manner, the board is required to pass a resolution unanimously and with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools. SBCEO’s immediate need to replace the roof resulting from the storms is a qualifying event for this exemption.

The board adopted Resolution No. 2317, which recognized an emergency existed and authorized SBCEO to enter into a contract without bidding and advertising to repair Building D, the CCS Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) facility, immediately.

<b>Ayes: 6</b>	<b>Noes: 0</b>	<b>Absent: 1</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>
MOVED: Mr. Porter	SECONDED: Mrs. Daane		VOTE: Passed 6-0-1-0

**18. Recommended Adoption of Resolution in Support of Funding for County Office of Education Operated Juvenile Court and Community Schools**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2318 in support of funding for county office of education operated juvenile court and community schools and agreed for the board president and superintendent to send a cover letter, which was distributed during the board meeting for review, with the resolution to Santa Barbara County legislators.

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **19. Personnel Report**

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

### **20. Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

The Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, indicating no complaints filed for the period of December 16, 2022 through March 15, 2023, was presented to the board as an information item.

### **21. Correspondence**

February 22, 2023 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming acceptance of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2022-23 First Interim Report was presented as an information item.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **22. Future agenda items**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **23. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held May 4, 2023.

**MOVED: Ms. Ehrman**                      **SECONDED: Mrs. Daane**                      **VOTE: Passed 6-0**

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Judith Frost, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education