



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 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
Joe Howell
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

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

Ivan Alvarez	Bridget Baublits	Steve Keithley	Steve Torres
Mari Baptista	Nicole Evenson	Luis Medina	Rene Wheeler
Ellen Barger	Anne Flores	Delaney Patrick	
Camie Barnwell	Mary-Beth Gallas	Sheryl Pognant	
Justin Barthel	Debra Hood	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

Jared Banks, principal, Olga Reed School
 Diane Campo, Classified School Employee of the Year
 Maria Charco, Classified School Employee of the Year
 Joe Dana, assistant superintendent, Orcutt Union School District
 Matt Dittman, director of food services, Santa Barbara Unified School District
 Holly Edds, superintendent, Orcutt Union School District
 Megan Evans, principal, Los Berros Visual and Performing Arts Academy
 Norma Flores, Classified School Employee of the Year (via Zoom)
 Michael Niehoff, principal, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
 Michael Ostini, Personnel Commission member
 Cheri Rae, member of the public and director of The Dyslexia Project
 Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter
 Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter
 Andrew Schwab, superintendent, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District
 Kathleen Stevenson, Classified School Employee of the Year
 Steve Venz, chief operations officer, Santa Barbara Unified School District
 Greg Wolf, 2024 Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year
 Friends, family members, and colleagues of the honorees
 Members of the media

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced a change to the agenda: The interdistrict attendance appeal hearing, item 23, had been withdrawn.

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
- Upcoming events: Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce State of Education breakfast on May 9, California County Boards of Education (CCBE) annual conference in Monterey on September 8-10, Hancock Honors Night on September 9 at the Allan Hancock College Fine Arts Complex

- Attendance at recent events: Santa Barbara County School Boards Association annual dinner, CCBE board of directors' retreat, state budget subcommittee hearing on AB 906
- Board Member de Werd reported that AB 906, regarding funding for juvenile court and community schools, became a 2-year bill
- Acknowledging and thanking the students of Santa Ynez Valley Union High School who, each year, decorate the graves of over 1,000 veterans in a cemetery in the valley over the Memorial Day holiday
- Letter of support for county boards of education and school district boards to sign on to regarding SB 691 about K-2 universal screening for risk of dyslexia

7. Public Comments

The following member of the public addressed the County Board of Education regarding how literacy is taught in schools and the balanced literacy approach to reading versus the structured literacy approach:

- Cheri Rae

RECOGNITIONS

8. Santa Barbara County Classified School Employees of the Year Recognition

The superintendent provided background on the Classified School Employee of the Year program. Dr. Salcido and the members of the board announced the Santa Barbara County Classified School Employees of the Year and presented them with certificates of recognition:

- Kathleen Stevenson, Orcutt Union School District, clerical and administrative category
- Herk Hang, Lompoc Unified School District, custodial and maintenance services category
- Maria Charco, Santa Barbara Unified School District, food and nutrition services category
- Norma Flores, Lompoc Unified School District, health and student services category
- Diane Campo, Lompoc Unified School District, paraprofessional services category

9. Teacher of the Year Announcement

The superintendent announced the 2024 Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year, Greg Wolf, a social sciences teacher at the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. Board Member Ehrman commented, and Board President Frost presented Mr. Wolf with a plaque on behalf of the board.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:08 p.m. Board reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

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:

- Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce State of Education and the Chamber director, Glenn Morris. Dr. Salcido shared that Mr. Morris had been instrumental in finding internship hosts in the north county for the Partners in Education program, that he had been supportive of the CTE Department, and that he had helped with teacher industry tours. Dr. Salcido expressed her appreciation for his support. She shared that she and Mr. Morris served on the Workforce Development Board. She stated that at a future board meeting, she might invite the new executive director of the Workforce Development Board, Luis Servin, to provide a brief report.
- Santa Barbara County School Safety Coalition – The superintendent shared that the school safety liaison would be employed by the Sheriff's Department, but would work with schools, similar to when Susan Klein-Rothschild was SBCEO's public health liaison. Dr. Salcido shared that the two planned workshops would be in partnership with the FBI, law enforcement, county behavioral wellness and mental wellness supports, among others. One workshop would be about prevention and understanding and the other would be about school safety plans. Lastly, the superintendent shared that the SBCEO Educational Services Division would oversee the school safety work. The liaison would report to the Educational Services Division and would support public schools, private schools, and charter schools.
- AB 906 – Dr. Salcido shared that she was encouraged that juvenile court and community school funding was being talked and debated about at the state level, for the first time in decades. She said she had hope that there would be some movement in the future.

The superintendent also briefly reported on the following items:

- A recent meeting between SBCEO and the Probation Department administration at the Juvenile Justice Center
- A resource document that listed the school district superintendents, charter school directors, and SBCEO leaders, along with their photos, for the board's information.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

11. Minutes of Meeting Held April 6, 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 March 7, 2023 to April 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

13. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

14. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Early Care and Education
- Information Technology Services
- Internal Services
- Special Education

15. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

Issuance of a high school graduation diploma to the following students:

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 5198561662 – March 8, 2023
- Student CSIS # 4396086696 – March 8, 2023

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Daane**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

ACTION ITEMS

16. Recommended Approval of 2022-23 Single Plan for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

The board approved the 2022-23 Single Plan for Student Achievement for Juvenile Court and Community Schools. This annual plan is developed and reviewed by the Parent and Student Advisory Committee (PSAC) and is strategic in consolidating all school-level planning efforts for programs funded through the Consolidated Application (ConApp), while maximizing resources and minimizing duplication with the goal to increase student achievement.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

17. Recommended Approval of Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education

The board approved the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A) to be submitted to the California Department of Education for the closure of classes at the following schools:

SBCEO Special Education Programs at:

- Hollister School January 10 and March 14, 2023
- Manzanita Public Charter School January 10, 2023
- Cabrillo High School January 10, 2023
- Olga Reed School January 10, 2023
- Alice Shaw School January 10, 2023
- Ralph Dunlap School January 10, 2023
- Arellanes Junior High School January 10, 2023
- Tommie Kunst Junior High School January 10, 2023
- Righetti High School January 10, 2023

SBCEO Juvenile Court and Community Schools:

- Peter B. FitzGerald Community School January 10, 2023
- Los Robles High School January 10 and March 14, 2023
- Dos Puertas School January 10, 2023

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Daane**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

18. Recommended Approval of Lease Renewals for Program and Office Spaces

The board approved the lease renewals for SBCEO program and office spaces (ten sites). Director of Facilities Mary-Beth Gallas provided further detail about the lease renewals, which were for the Special Education and Educational Services divisions, and distributed a revised list of the lease renewals which contained an additional column of information and a minor correction.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Daane**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

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

The board adopted Resolution No. 2319 designating May 8-12, 2023 as Teacher Appreciation Week, the 10th of May as National School Nurse Day, the 18th of May as National Speech Pathologist Day, and the third full week of May as Classified School Employee Week in Santa Barbara County.

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

20. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce State of Education

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce State of Education breakfast, May 9, 2023, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: Mrs. Daane **SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd** **VOTE: Passed 6-0-0-1**
Mr. Porter abstained

21. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the SBCEO Education Celebration

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the SBCEO Education Celebration, May 11, 2023, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

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

22. Date Change for Second Board Meeting in June

The board considered dates to reschedule the second board meeting in June, which was scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., due to conflicts with promotions/graduations. The board approved changing the date of the second board meeting in June to Friday, June 9, 2023, at 10 a.m.

MOVED: Ms. Ehrman **SECONDED: Mr. Howell** **VOTE: Passed 7-0**

23. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing

The interdistrict attendance appeal hearing was withdrawn.

INFORMATION ITEM

24. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25. Future agenda items

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Presentation on “district of choice”

ADJOURNMENT

26. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held June 1, 2023.

MOVED: Mr. Howell

SECONDED: Mrs. Daane

VOTE: Passed 7-0

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education