



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
June 1, 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

Michelle de Werd  
Nadra Ehrman  
Judith Frost  
Joe Howell  
Bruce Porter

Board Members Absent

Marybeth Carty  
Maggi Daane

Staff Members Present

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

Lauren Aranguren	Debbie Breck	Cristina Ortega	Rene Wheeler
Mari Baptista	Kirsten Escobedo	Christian Patterson	Janelle Willis
Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Amy Ramos	Shannon Yorke
Camie Barnwell	Mary-Beth Gallas	Cate Tolnai	
Bridget Baublits	Luis Medina	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Clara Finneran, superintendent, Lompoc Unified School District (via Zoom)  
Tobyn Jory, student, Cabrillo High School, and member of the County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
Regina Santos Moreno, interpreter  
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter  
Camille Stevens, mother of Emerson Stevens  
Emerson Stevens, student, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, and member of the County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
Ilan Torres, student, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, and member of the County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision  
Family members of the students

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**6. President and Board Comments**

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

- Attendance at recent events including scholarship events, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce State of Education, SBCEO Poetry Slam, and the Board Budget Committee meeting
- Upcoming graduation ceremonies
- Recent visits to a few Goleta Union School District schools
- Thanking SBCEO staff and educators throughout the county who were working to find space for TK classrooms and preschools

**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.

- Tobyn Jory, grade 10, Cabrillo High School
- Emerson Stevens, grade 10, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School
- Ilan Torres, grade 10, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School

### **9. Presentation on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Bridget Baublits provided a presentation to the board on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), including the Budget Overview for Parents.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **10. Public Hearing on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), including the Budget Overview for Parents**

A public hearing was held at 3:09 p.m. prior to the adoption of the 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:10 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **11. Presentation on 2023-24 County School Service Fund Budget**

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres provided a presentation to the board on the 2023-24 County School Service Fund Budget.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **12. Public Hearing on the 2023-24 County School Service Fund Budget**

A public hearing was held at 3:34 p.m. prior to the adoption of the new County School Service Fund Budget as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:35 p.m.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:35 p.m. Board reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **13. Superintendent's Report**

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

- Math, Science, Computer Science Statewide Professional Development Grant – Dr. Salcido asked Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger to share about the grant. Ms. Barger introduced Lauren Aranguren and Cate Tolnai, two leads of the grant and directors in the Curriculum and Instruction Division.
- Educational Services Division name change to Student and Community Services Division, effective July 1
- Children's Creative Project and the I Madonnari Festival – The superintendent thanked the board and her cabinet team for sponsoring a chalk art square at the I Madonnari Festival. The square was dedicated to all SBCEO employees. Dr. Salcido showed a brief slideshow of the festival.

The superintendent also briefly reported on the following items:

- Capitol Advisors Budget Perspective Workshop, May Revision 2023-24 – Copies of the slide presentation were provided to the board
- Dr. Salcido thanked Board Members de Werd and Porter for their help identifying potential spaces for a Special Education Division preschool facility in the Santa Ynez Valley. The superintendent also thanked the Buellton Union School District for contributing the space.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **14. Presentation on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Grant**

Early Care and Education Manager Christian Patterson and Director of Early Learning Support Cristina Ortega provided a brief presentation on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed Delivery Grant.

### **15. Presentation on School District of Choice**

Legal counsel provided a brief presentation on school districts of choice.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **16. Minutes of Meeting Held May 4, 2023**

This item was removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

The board approved the following consent agenda items:

**17. 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 April 7, 2023 to May 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

**18. Acceptance of Donations**

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Information Technology Services

**19. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Administrative Services
- Early Care and Education
- Special Education
- Superintendent's Office
- Teacher Programs and Support

Motion to approve the consent agenda:

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mr. Porter**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**20. Minutes of Meeting Held May 4, 2023**

This item was previously removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. The board approved the minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2023 with the following amendment: Item 6 – President and Board Comments – the last bullet about a letter of support regarding SB 691 and K-2 universal screening for risk or dyslexia, add text saying that Board Member de Werd signed on to the letter.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**21. Recommended Approval of the 2021-22 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment**

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres briefly reported on the 2021-22 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment and distributed a revised chart which reflected the addition of 4 pupils living in the United States Forest Reserve for the Cuyama Joint Unified School District, which therefore slightly redistributed the allocation of money for a few school districts but did not change the overall apportionment amount. The board approved the 2021-22 apportionment from the United States Forest Reserve Fund for school districts and the County Education Office adjacent to or lying within the United States Forest Reserve (Los Padres National Forest).

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**                      SECONDED: **Mr. Porter**                      VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**22. Recommended Approval of the Use of 2023-24 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues**

The board approved the 2023-24 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues to be used for existing Dos Puertas Juvenile Court School certificated salaries and benefits.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**                      SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd**                      VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**23. Recommended Approval to Enter into Lease Agreement**

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Education office to enter into a lease agreement for space for the Early Care and Education program.

MOVED: **Ms. Ehrman**                      SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**                      VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**24. Recommended Approval of Revisions to the Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Plan**

The board approved the revisions to the Santa Barbara County SELPA Local Plan.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**                      SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**                      VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**25. Personnel Report**

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

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **26. Future agenda items**

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Presentation on positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **27. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Friday, June 9, 2023.

**MOVED: Ms. Ehrman**

**SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd**

**VOTE: Passed 5-0**

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Judith Frost, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education