



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
August 3, 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 2:02 p.m. by Board President Judy 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  
Michelle de Werd  
Nadra Ehrman  
Judith Frost  
Joe Howell  
Bruce Porter

Board Members Absent

Maggi Daane

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent  
Chelsea Olson Murphy, legal counsel  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Luis Medina	Rene Wheeler
Camie Barnwell	Mary-Beth Gallas	Sheryl Pognant	
Bridget Baublits	Debra Hood	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

ShaKenya Edison, assistant superintendent, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter  
John Schettler, executive director, Santa Barbara Unified School District  
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision  
Stephen Watson, interpreter  
Parents of Students T24-01, T24-02, T24-03, T24-04, and T24-05, and some family members

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

The president announced a change related to the board meeting and shared correspondence to the board from Board Member Maggi Daane. The letter explained reasons for Ms. Maggi Daane’s absence from the board meeting. The superintendent reported that SBCEO would arrange for north county participation when Ms. Daane could join future board meetings. The superintendent and the president wished Ms. Daane the very best as she continued to deal with her personal matters.

**6. President and Board Comments**

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

- The president invited the superintendent to introduce the legal counsel present at the board meeting. Dr. Salcido introduced Chelsea Olson Murphy from the law firm Lozano Smith, who would provide legal counsel for the board during the interdistrict attendance appeal hearings occurring at the board meeting.
- Board Member Carty commented on SBCEO’s Welcome Every Baby (WEB) program. The program was discontinued at SBCEO at the end of June due to the program delivery model and sustainable funding, however, Planned Parenthood of California Central Coast emerged as a viable candidate to take the program over in the future.
- Board Member de Werd shared that she attended the budget perspectives workshop about the 2023-24 state budget, and the Cuyama Valley High

School graduation; and shared about: the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Annual Conference in September in Monterey and California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference in November in San Francisco; legislative action committees for the CSBA and the CCBE working together this past year; and that the governor recently signed a bill about screening for reading difficulties in grades K-2.

## **7. Public Comments**

None.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **8. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearings**

Individual requests for interdistrict attendance appeal hearings were filed for students T24-01, T24-02, T24-03, T24-04, and T24-05. In each of these cases, the appeal resulted from the denial by the Santa Barbara Unified School District of a request for an interdistrict transfer to attend the Santa Barbara Unified School District. The appeal hearings were heard in open session except in those cases where a request was made for the appeal to take place in closed session. Appeal hearings may be heard in closed session to protect pupil confidentiality under state and federal law.

The hearings began at 2:12 p.m. Board President Frost presided. Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Services Rene Wheeler provided introductory comments.

Present at all hearings were: Board members, County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, board legal counsel Chelsea Olson Murphy, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Services Rene Wheeler, Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits, Executive Assistant Anna Freedland, Santa Barbara Unified School District Assistant Superintendent ShaKenya Edison, and Santa Barbara Unified School District Executive Director John Schettler.

#### Student T24-01

The parents of Student T24-01 were present. The hearing began at 2:12 p.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T24-01: Uphold the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd**

**Ayes: Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell**

**Noes: Porter      Absent: Daane      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 5-1-1-0**

The hearing concluded at 2:40 p.m.

Student T24-02

The parents of Student T24-02 were present. The hearing began at 2:41 p.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION # 1 on Student T24-02: Uphold the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **n/a**

VOTE: **n/a**

The above motion did not receive a second. The board then made the following motion:

MOTION # 2 on Student T24-02: Reverse the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and approve the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Mr. Porter**

**Ayes: Porter**

**Noes: Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell**

**Absent: Daane**

**Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Failed 1-5-1-0**

The board upheld the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and denied the interdistrict transfer for Student T24-02.

The hearing concluded at 3:27 p.m.

Student T24-03 (Closed Session)

The parents of Student T24-03 were present and had previously requested a closed session hearing. The board moved to closed session and the hearing began at 3:33 p.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T24-03: Uphold the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

**Ayes: Carty / de Werd / Frost / Howell / Porter**

**Noes: Ehrman      Absent: Daane      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 5-1-1-0**

The hearing concluded at 3:56 p.m.

Student T24-04 (Closed Session)

The parents of Student T24-04 were present and had previously requested a closed session hearing. The board remained in closed session and the hearing began at 4:04 p.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T24-04: Reverse the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and approve the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

**Ayes: Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell / Porter**

**Noes: None      Absent: Daane      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 6-0-1-0**

The hearing concluded at 4:28 p.m.

Student T24-05 (Closed Session)

The parent of Student T24-05 was present and had previously requested a closed session hearing. The board remained in closed session and the hearing began at 4:33 p.m.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

MOTION on Student T24-05: Uphold the decision of the Santa Barbara Unified School District and deny the interdistrict transfer.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

**Ayes: Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell**

**Noes: Porter      Absent: Daane      Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Motion Passed 5-1-1-0**

The hearing concluded at 4:53 p.m.

The board adjourned for a brief recess at 4:54 p.m. The board reconvened at 5:03 p.m. in open session and reported the board actions taken in closed session for Students T24-03, T24-04, and T24-05.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **9. Public Hearing on Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance**

The public hearing was opened at 5:05 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 5:06 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **10. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2401, 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: 6**

**Noes: 0**

**Absent: 1**

**Abstain: 0**

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0-1-0**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **11. Superintendent's Report**

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. The superintendent provided an update on one item in the report – the JCCS graduations. Dr. Salcido reported that the August 8 graduation at Dos Puertas

School was no longer happening because the courts dismissed the student (the student graduated).

The superintendent also briefly reported on the following items:

- Temporary closure of Los Robles High School at Los Prietos Boys Camp, for a week, starting on Sunday, due to a water line issue. The high school would temporarily relocate to the Juvenile Justice Center in Santa Maria.
- Dr. Salcido thanked the board for their work during the interdistrict attendance appeal hearings. She also thanked SBCEO staff.
- The superintendent mentioned the I Madonnari notecards at board member places.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent items:

### **12. Minutes of Meeting Held June 1, 2023**

### **13. Minutes of Meeting Held June 9, 2023**

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

### **15. Acceptance of Donations**

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

### **16. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Child Care Planning Council (Early Care and Education)
- Communications
- Early Care and Education
- Health Linkages
- Information Technology Services
- Internal Services

- North County Office
- School Business Advisory Services
- Special Education
- Superintendent's Office
- Teacher Programs and Support
- Transitional Youth Services

**17. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma**

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

*Dos Puertas School*

- Student CSIS # 8974817392 – May 26, 2023
- Student CSIS # 9390328470 – June 30, 2023

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

**ACTION ITEM**

**18. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Annual Conference, September 2023**

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Annual Conference, September 8-10, 2023, in accordance with board policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**19. Personnel Report**

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

**20. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

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



**21. Correspondence**

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**22. Future agenda items**

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Presentation by the Partners in Education program

**ADJOURNMENT**

**23. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held September 7, 2023.

**MOVED: Ms. Ehrman**

**SECONDED: Mr. Howell**

**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