



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 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 2:03 p.m. by Board President Judy Frost.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was announced.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member de Werd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Marybeth Carty
Michelle de Werd
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost
Joe Howell

Board Members Absent

Maggi Daane
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

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

Lauren Aranguren	Bridget Baublits	Delaney Patrick
Mari Baptista	Kirsten Escobedo	Sheryl Pognant
Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Steve Torres
Camie Barnwell	Mary-Beth Gallas	Rene Wheeler

Others Present

Holly Benton, chief, Santa Barbara County Probation Department
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision
Steve Watson, interpreter

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

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

- The president shared that Allan Hancock College was announcing their new baccalaureate degree programs today.
- Board Member de Werd shared that she attended the following events: Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee meeting; SBCEO professional learning session, “The Reading Brain in a Digital World,” featuring Dr. Maryanne Wolf; California County Boards of Education (CCBE) conference and board of directors meeting in Monterey. She mentioned a priority for the CCBE Legislative Action Committee is playground funding for special education and school sites. CCBE and the California County Superintendents group will make a joint presentation at the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC) in San Francisco on November 30. As a member of the CCBE Executive Committee, Mrs. de Werd has the opportunity to select a county office of education program for the Apple for Excellence Award. Lastly, Board Member de Werd reminded everyone about the events scheduled for Dyslexia Awareness Month (October).

7. Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEM

8. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Board Member Excused Absence

The board adopted Resolution No. 2403 excusing the absence of Board Member Maggi Daane at today's board meeting due to illness, an acceptable hardship per board policy 9250.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

MOVED: Mrs. Carty

SECONDED: Mr. Howell

VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0

PRESENTATION

9. Introduction of Santa Barbara County Probation Chief Holly Benton

The superintendent introduced Probation Chief Holly Benton, who began her role as chief in March 2023. Holly Benton provided a brief update on upcoming efforts from County Probation.

10. Presentation on Professional Learning in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) Program

Director of Equitable Learning Systems Lauren Aranguren and Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools Rene Wheeler provided a presentation on professional learning opportunities, with an emphasis on mathematics, in Juvenile Court and Community Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11. Superintendent's Report

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

- School Safety Symposium
- Future board presentations
- Naloxone Now SB – In addition to the Naloxone Now SB resources for the community, Dr. Salcido shared that naloxone would be distributed across SBCEO offices.
- Children's Creative Project – The superintendent showed a brief slideshow about the "Kids at the Bowl" event. There were 2,559 students from 28 schools in attendance at the Santa Barbara Bowl for the free performance by the music group LADAMA.

Dr. Salcido also reported that a few SBCEO staff members would be in attendance at today's announcement at Allan Hancock College about their new 4-year degree programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

12. Minutes of Meeting Held September 7, 2023

13. 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 August 7, 2023 to September 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

14. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

15. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Early Care and Education
- Educational Technology Services
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- Partners in Education

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

ACTION ITEMS

16. Letter of Support for Allan Hancock College's New Bachelor's Degree Programs

The board approved the submission of a letter of support for Allan Hancock College's two new baccalaureate degree programs: a Bachelor of Science in Applied Professional Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

17. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Red Ribbon Week

The board adopted Resolution No. 2404 proclaiming October 23-31, 2023, as Red Ribbon Week in Santa Barbara County.

Ayes: 5 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 2** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: Mrs. Carty SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0

18. Recommended Adoption of Gann Resolution

The board adopted Resolution No. 2405 for the Gann Appropriations Limit Calculation.

Ayes: 5 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 2** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: Mrs. de Werd SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

19. Proposals for Contract Negotiations between Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) and California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) and Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

The following four agenda items were presented as information items, as required per Government Code §3547(a). The items represented the initial proposals from CSEA and SBCEA to SBCEO, and the proposals from SBCEO to CSEA and SBCEA.

After negotiations, the major provisions of the agreements will be provided as an information item at a subsequent Santa Barbara County Board of Education public meeting.

20. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA)

Proposal for contract negotiations from the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) was presented as an information item.

21. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Office to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA)

Proposal for contract negotiations from the Santa Barbara County Education Office to the California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA) was presented as an information item.

22. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

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23. Proposal for Contract Negotiations from Santa Barbara County Education Office to the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

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24. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

25. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

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

26. Correspondence

Two letters of correspondence from the California Department of Education, dated September 15, 2023, confirming approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2021-22 through 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2023-24 school year; and the 2023-24 budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

27. Future agenda items

The following were mentioned as potential future agenda items:

- SBCEO facilities plan
- Report on Lompoc Unified School District's affiliation with The Nature Conservancy's Dangermond Preserve
- Report on the teen center in Lompoc

ADJOURNMENT

28. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held November 2, 2023.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education