



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
November 2, 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 2:01 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

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

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| Ellen Barger     | Nicole Evenson | Dennis Thomas |
| Camie Barnwell   | Luis Medina    | Steve Torres  |
| Sarah Cameron    | Amy Ramos      |               |
| Kirsten Escobedo | Sheryl Pognant |               |

### Others Present

Ellis Gonzalez, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Luis Servin, executive director, Workforce Development Board  
Julie Smedley, program analyst, Workforce Development Board  
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision  
Steve Watson, interpreter

## **5. Changes to the Agenda**

The president announced a change related to item 25 about adjournment to the next meeting. The next board meeting, on Friday, December 8, will begin at 2:15 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

## **6. President and Board Comments**

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

- The president reminded everyone about the “A Salute to Teachers” event this Saturday.
- Board Member de Werd shared that she attended the California County Boards of Education and the California County Superintendents Executive Committee meeting at which a presentation for the upcoming California School Boards Association conference was fine-tuned. She also shared that today was the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual California Reading Summit, an online all-day summit and a literacy call to action. Almost 800 people attended.
- Board Member Ehrman shared that she attended Explore Ecology’s Sustainable Table event recently with the superintendent.

## **7. Public Comments**

None.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **8. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Board Member Excused Absence**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2408 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: Mr. Howell**

**SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd**

**VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0**

## **PRESENTATION**

### **9. Presentation on the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board**

Executive Director Luis Servin and Program Analyst Julie Smedley provided a presentation on the Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

- School Safety Symposium – It was a success. Dr. Salcido thanked the County of Santa Barbara, County Fire, and Sheriff's Department for contributing to the symposium, including their financial support that allowed people to attend at no cost.
- New school safety liaison position at SBCEO – The superintendent introduced Dennis Thomas who shared a little about himself.
- Student Advisory Council – Dr. Salcido reported that there were 21 members from high schools throughout Santa Barbara County.
- Departure of an SBCEO staff member, Debra Hood
- Bilingual authorization program – The superintendent stated that the program was the first one offered at a county office of education. She invited Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger to share about the program.
- Peter B. FitzGerald Community School fieldtrip to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Dr. Salcido also reminded the board that there would be a presentation at next month's board meeting about the Partners in Education program.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

**11. Minutes of Meeting Held October 5, 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 September 7, 2023 to October 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

**13. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Early Care and Education
- Transitional Youth Services

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

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

*Dos Puertas School*

- Student CSIS # 9338474417 – September 22, 2023

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

## ACTION ITEMS

**15. Recommended Appointment to the Personnel Commission**

The California School Employees Association Chapter 817 nominated Michael Ostini to a three-year term on the Personnel Commission and held an election of the membership on September 13 ratifying his nomination. Per Education Code 45245, the County Board of Education appointed the nominee to the Personnel Commission.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 5-0**

**16. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the California Department of Education for Early Care and Education Services FY 2024-25**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2406 authorizing the Santa Barbara County Education Office to enter into agreements with the California Department of Education and designating personnel authorized to sign and renew contracts for the purpose of providing early care and education services for the 2024-25 fiscal year. This is an annual item.

**Ayes: 5**                      **Noes: 0**                      **Absent: 2**                      **Abstain: 0**  
**MOVED: Mr. Porter**                      **SECONDED: Mr. Howell**                      **VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0**

**17. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the California Department of Social Services for Early Care and Education Services FY 2024-25**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2407 authorizing the Santa Barbara County Education Office to enter into agreements with the California Department of Social Services and designating personnel authorized to sign and renew contracts for the purpose of providing early care and education services for the 2024-25 fiscal year. This is an annual item.

**Ayes: 5**                      **Noes: 0**                      **Absent: 2**                      **Abstain: 0**  
**MOVED: Ms. Ehrman**                      **SECONDED: Mr. Howell**                      **VOTE: Passed 5-0-2-0**

**18. Reimburse Expenses for Board Member(s) to Attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC), December 2023**

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for a board member(s) to attend the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference, November 30, 2023 (pre-conference day), and December 1-2, 2023 (conference), in San Francisco, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

**MOVED: Mrs. de Werd**                      **SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman**                      **VOTE: Passed 4-1**  
**Mr. Porter voted no**

**19. California County Boards of Education (CCBE) General Membership Meeting Voting Member**

The board approved the selection of Board Member de Werd to serve as a voting representative at the CCBE General Membership meeting on December 1, 2023.

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

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **20. Personnel Report**

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

### **21. Williams Legislation School District Report**

The 2022-23 annual report on the condition and state of the identified schools in Santa Barbara County, as specified in California Education Code, section 1240, was submitted as an information item and was reviewed by the board.

### **22. Board Committees**

The annual board organizational meeting is set for December 8, 2023 (a regular County Board of Education meeting date), during which the 2024 County Board of Education meeting dates and 2024 board committees will be solidified. Board President Frost requested that board members let her know if they were interested in serving on a particular board committee and if they were interested in serving as board president or vice president.

### **23. Organization Chart**

The organization chart of the Santa Barbara County Education Office was provided as an information item.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **24. Future agenda items**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **25. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Friday, December 8, 2023 at 2:15 p.m.

**MOVED: Mr. Howell**

**SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman**

**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