



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
December 8, 2023 – 2:15 p.m.

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:15 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

Staff Members Present

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

Ellen Barger	Kirsten Escobedo	Delaney Patrick
Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Sheryl Pognant
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Erika Terrazas
Chelsea Duffy	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres

Others Present

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 recent passing of Board Member Maggi Daane. Board members fondly remembered Ms. Daane and sent their condolences to her family.
- Board Member Carty shared that she attended a Foundation Roundtable meeting where she learned that Carrie Towbes started a “4R” fund to recruit and retain mental health professionals.
- Board Member de Werd shared that over 4,000 school board members attended last week’s California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Education Conference (AEC). At the conference, it was announced that the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) group would be dissolved, and that county board of education members would now be served directly by CSBA. Mrs. de Werd also shared that she attended the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee meeting.

7. Public Comments

None.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

8. Review of Board Committees and Board Representatives

The president announced that the board committee assignments for 2024 would remain the same as 2023 to provide continuity during this time of change on the board.

The president stated that a board representative was no longer needed for the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) since it was being dissolved. Mrs. Frost also stated that no board representative would be selected at this time for the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Executive Committee.

9. Election of Officers

Mr. Howell presented the Board Organization Committee’s nominations for board officers. The board approved the following officers for 2024:

- Mrs. Judith Frost, president
- Mr. Bruce Porter, vice president

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

10. Role of Superintendent for the County Board of Education

The role of the county superintendent of schools, who serves as ex officio secretary and executive officer of the board, was reviewed.

11. Proposed Schedule of Meetings

The board approved the schedule of meetings for 2024. Regular meetings of the board will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. with a few exceptions. Board meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) in Santa Barbara, with a few meetings held in the north county Board Room of SBCEO in Santa Maria: March 14, June 14, and October 10. Additionally, the second meeting in June, on June 20, will be a dual-location meeting in both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, connected via videoconference. The few exceptions to meeting on the second Thursday of the month are the following:

- January – meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month, January 4, 2024
- June – the first meeting in June will be held on the second Friday of the month, June 14, 2024, and the second meeting in June will be held on the third Thursday of the month, June 20, 2023, at approximately 10 a.m.
- December – meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month, December 13, 2024

MOVED: **Mr. Howell** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 5-1**

ACTION ITEM

12. Process to Fill Board Vacancy for Trustee Area No. 7

Maggi Daane, Trustee Area No. 7, passed away on November 25, 2023. The board discussed how to fill the vacancy. The board approved to fill the vacancy by provisional appointment.

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

The board also determined the process to be followed and the timeline for making the provisional appointment, including the following motions:

MOTION: To have the full board select which applicants to interview and to have the full board conduct the interviews.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell** SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

MOTION: To approve the proposed dates for the application window: opening on December 11 and closing on December 20, 2023.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

MOTION: To hold a special board meeting on January 11, 2024, and if needed, on January 12, 2024, in Santa Maria, to interview candidates and to potentially select a provisional appointee on the same day at the end of the interviews.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

MOTION: To use the same application as last time (2022) with the following additions: clarify language about the ineligibility of employees of a school district or community college, add a question about potential conflict of interest, and explain how long the provisional appointee would serve.

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

MOTION: To use the same interview questions as last time (2022).

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:55 p.m. Board reconvened at 4:02 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was included in the board book and was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido also commented on the following:

- Handouts at board member places

- State budget – The superintendent shared that staff was staying up to date on the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) budget predictions and the governor’s proposed budget. She shared that the Capitol Advisors group would host a budget workshop at SBCEO on January 19, 2024 at 9 a.m. and that board members were welcome to attend.
- SBCEO negotiations
- A Salute to Teachers event last month
- Cabrillo High School Aquarium open houses
- Appreciation event hosted by SBCEO Career Technical Education (CTE) Department
- Students experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

14. Minutes of Meeting Held November 2, 2023

15. 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 October 7, 2023 to November 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

16. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

17. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 8586424708 – November 9, 2023

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

ACTION ITEMS

18. Recommended Approval of the First Interim Report

The First Interim Report was presented by Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres. It was approved as part of the budget monitoring process.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

19. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Standard School Supply Purchasing Program

The board adopted Resolution No. 2409 regarding a standard school supply purchasing program for the purchase of school supplies and equipment by school districts, per Education Code section 38110.

Ayes: 6 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mr. Howell** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 6-0-0-0**

INFORMATION ITEM

20. Personnel Report

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

PRESENTATION

21. Presentation on the Partners in Education Program

Executive Director Chelsea Duffy provided a presentation on the Partners in Education program, a non-profit under the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

22. Future agenda items

ADJOURNMENT

23. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held January 4, 2024.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education