



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
January 4, 2024 – 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

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

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

Staff Members Present

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

Ellen Barger	Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood
Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Luis Medina
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Amy Ramos

Others Present

Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision
Lena Morán-Acereto, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

Board Member de Werd shared the topics from the morning's Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Executive Committee meeting: mental health, budget workshop, workforce housing, enrollment, absenteeism, parents' rights.

7. Public Comments

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. The superintendent highlighted the three invitations to the board in the report: 1) Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's State of Education event, 2) January governor's budget perspective workshop, and 3) SBCEO employee service awards. Dr. Salcido also mentioned the following items:

- The potential expulsion appeal is not moving forward.
- School Board Recognition Month – The superintendent thanked the board members for their service.
- SBCSBA Annual Dinner – The dinner will likely be held in April at the Brothers Restaurant at the Red Barn in Santa Ynez. Dr. Kevin Walthers,

president/superintendent of Allan Hancock College, and Dr. Erika Endrijonas, president/superintendent of Santa Barbara City College, will be invited to speak.

- The superintendent of Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, Andrew Schwab, announced he will be leaving the district this school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

9. Minutes of Meeting Held December 8, 2023

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

11. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Information Technology Services

12. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 6559908693 – December 1, 2023

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Mrs. de Werd

SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman

VOTE: Passed 5-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Personnel Report

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

14. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

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

ACTION ITEM

15. Provisional Appointment Process – Trustee Area No. 7

The board reviewed and considered its actions related to the provisional appointment process, reviewed the applications received to fill the vacancy for Trustee Area No. 7, and selected candidates to interview at a special meeting on January 11, 2024.

- a. Review applications received to fill board vacancy for Trustee Area No. 7 and select candidates for interviews:

MOTION: To interview Vedamarie Alvarez Flores

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

MOTION: To interview Sally E. Lopez

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

The board determined the process going forward including that the January 11 special board meeting in Santa Maria would begin at 10:00 a.m. with interviews beginning right away from approximately 10:00-10:30 a.m. and 10:40-11:10 a.m., then the board would deliberate and make a selection for a provisional appointee; and that all candidates would receive the interview questions ahead of time.

- b. Review the provisional appointment process, including the addition of language about community college employees on the board’s application:

The board reviewed and discussed the provisional appointment process, including the addition of language about community college employees on the application to fill the board vacancy. No action was taken.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

16. Future agenda items

The following were mentioned as potential future agenda items:

- Draft a mission statement for the county board of education and post it on the website and read it before each board and committee meeting.
- Select a representative to attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Executive Committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m. to the special meeting to be held January 11, 2024 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria.

MOVED: Mr. Howell

SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd

VOTE: Passed 5-0

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education