



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 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 2:00 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

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores
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	Luis Medina	Steve Torres
Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Amy Ramos	Rene Wheeler
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Elise Simmons	
Josh Becerra	Don Lockwood	Dennis Thomas	

Others Present

Ellis Gonzalez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
John Torres, A/V technician consultant, CompuVision

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

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

- The president thanked the board members and staff who were able to attend former Board Member Maggi Daane’s memorial service. Mrs. Frost welcomed Vedamarie Alvarez Flores to the board. She also shared about the recent State of Education event in Santa Maria at which the superintendent presented.
- Board Member de Werd shared that she attended the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Executive Committee meeting. She reminded the board about a California School Boards Association (CSBA) workshop on March 8-9 in Sacramento. Mrs. de Werd shared that she was recognized, at a Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District Board meeting, for her 7 years of service on the Citizens Oversight Committee.
- The president commented about Board Member de Werd’s previous request, at last month’s board meeting, that the board select a representative to attend the SBCSBA Executive Committee meetings. Mrs. Frost proposed that she be the representative, and, in her absence, Mrs. de Werd would be the representative. Mrs. de Werd agreed.
- Board Member Alvarez Flores thanked the board for welcoming her onto the board.

7. Public Comments

None.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEM

8. Administration of Oath of Office

The superintendent administered the oath of office to Vedamarie Alvarez Flores as the provisional appointee to the board for Trustee Area No. 7. Mrs. Alvarez Flores was provisionally appointed to the board on January 11, 2024.

PRESENTATIONS

9. Presentation on the State of the Education Workforce in Santa Barbara County

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Mari Gonzales and Director of Human Resources Amy Ramos provided an update on the state of the education workforce in Santa Barbara County, as well as trends in labor negotiations for SBCEO and local school districts.

10. Presentation on Projects of the School Safety Liaison

School Safety Liaison Dennis Thomas provided a presentation on projects he was working on for SBCEO and school districts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11. Superintendent's Report

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

- SBCEO Facilities – The superintendent shared that the Early Care and Education (ECE) program needed to expand in services and facilities. The program needed space for 5-6 state preschools. Additionally, the Special Education division's preschool program needed facilities, and the SBCEO North County Office lease would be up in 2026 and there was a continued need for space there. Therefore, SBCEO was looking at property to lease or purchase. The ECE program had one-time funds that could be used for facility costs. Dr. Salcido stated that she would like to convene the Board Legal Committee to help review any legal aspects related to a potential property purchase.
- Data from Project Opioid – Dr. Salcido highlighted slide number 14 which showed fentanyl overdose deaths by age range and noted that for the "under age 18" range, there was 1 total death in 2023.
- Data from the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan – The superintendent highlighted slide number 15 which showed the age a youth

was at the time of their offense and how long they were expected to remain in the Juvenile Justice Center.

- Request to board members to update their emergency contact information

The superintendent also commented on the following:

- Handouts at board member places
- The recent rainstorm and SBCEO's coordination with the Emergency Operations Center, Sheriff Brown, and schools
- Upcoming SBCSBA Annual Dinner on April 24
- SBCEO Communications Department was recognized with an award of excellence by the California School Public Relations Association

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

12. Minutes of Meeting Held January 4, 2024

13. Minutes of Special Meeting Held January 11, 2024

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 December 7, 2023 to January 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

15. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following departments:

- Internal Services
- Special Education

16. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Information Technology Services
- School Business Advisory Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Mrs. de Werd

SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman

VOTE: Passed 7-0

ACTION ITEM

17. Board Policies, Reading and Adoption

The following board policies were presented for reading and adoption:

New board policies:

- BP 6146.4 – Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities
- BP 6159 – Individualized Education Program
- BP 6159.1 – Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education
- BP 6159.3 – Appointment of Surrogate Parent for Special Education Students
- BP 6164.4 – Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education
- BP 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504

Revised board policies:

- BP 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction
- BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements
- BP 6162.6 – Use of Copyrighted Materials
- BP 6173 – Education for Homeless Children
- BP 6173.1 – Education for Foster Youth

Board Policy Committee Chair Porter reported about the policies, including specifically about revised BP 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction, and revised BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements.

A motion was made to approve all of the new and revised board policies.

MOVED: Mrs. Carty SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman VOTE: Passed 6-1

Prior to the vote on the above motion, the board had a discussion and Mr. Porter made the following amended motion: To remove BP 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements and send it back to the committee for further consideration.

MOVED: Mr. Porter SECONDED: Mrs. de Werd VOTE: Failed 1-6

The board adopted all of the board policies.

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. Update on the Juvenile Court and Community Schools Program

The superintendent provided a brief update on the Juvenile Court and Community Schools program, specifically about the upcoming closure of the Los Prietos Boys Camps and Los Robles High School located at the camp.

19. 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan Mid-Year Monitoring Report

The 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Monitoring Report was presented to the board as an information item. Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits provided a presentation on the report.

20. Summary of Governor’s 2024-25 January Budget Proposal

A summary of the governor’s 2024-25 January budget proposal was presented as an information item.

21. Report on the Classroom Expenses Actuals Waiver Process

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres provided a brief report on the current expense of education actuals (CEA) waiver process in general, as an information item.

22. Personnel Report

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

23. Future agenda items

The following were mentioned as potential future agenda items:

- Establish board priorities and goals
- A board retreat – Regarding this item, the president suggested that the Board Organization and Development Committee meet to discuss the idea of a board retreat and bring their recommendation to the full board.

ADJOURNMENT

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held March 14, 2024 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria.

MOVED: Mr. Howell

SECONDED: Mrs. Carty

VOTE: Passed 7-0

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education