



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
April 11, 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 unavailable due to illness.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The president led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Marybeth Carty  
Nadra Ehrman  
Judith Frost  
Joe Howell

Board Members Absent

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores  
Michelle de Werd  
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

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

Ellen Barger	Kirsten Escobedo	Luis Medina	Amy Ramos
Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Vera Owens	Elise Simmons
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Maria Pacheco	Steve Torres
Sarah Cameron	Don Lockwood	Christine Petrone	Rene Wheeler

Others Present

Cheri Rae

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**6. President and Board Comments**

The president stated that the four board members present constituted a quorum. She commented on the recent partial solar eclipse. She also mentioned the upcoming Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner: 2024 Teacher of the Year Greg Wolf will be recognized as will long-time school board member Jack Garvin, of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, who is stepping down from that board. Mrs. Frost stated that she would sign certificates for Mr. Wolf and Dr. Garvin on behalf of the County Board of Education to be given at the dinner.

**7. Public Comments**

The president acknowledged that the board had received a few dozen emails with letters attached from SBCEO staff members regarding some concerns related to negotiations. She stated that the majority of the items mentioned in the letters were not items that the County Board of Education had jurisdiction over. The County Board of Education is not the employer of SBCEO staff; the county superintendent of schools is. Mrs. Frost relayed that the county superintendent of schools had responded to the staff emails and will meet with staff to discuss their concerns and work with staff in negotiations. The president shared that one item of concern mentioned in the staff letters had to do with the board meeting start time. She said she'd like the board to have another discussion about the meeting start time at a future board meeting, sometime after the May board meeting.

The following member of the public addressed the County Board of Education in support of proposed Assembly Bill 2222:

Cheri Rae

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **8. Presentation on Proposed Assembly Bill 2222 and State Literacy Initiatives**

Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Ellen Barger introduced reading science, described current state literacy initiatives that support reading and literacy, and provided an overview of the major components of AB 2222 in its current form.

### **9. Presentation on the Career Technical Education (CTE) Program**

Director of Career Technical Education Sarah Cameron provided a presentation on the Career Technical Education (CTE) program.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

- California county superintendents of schools convening in Santa Barbara on April 15 & 16, 2024.
- SBCSBA Annual Dinner
- I Madonnari Festival – Dr. Salcido invited the board members to attend the festival and join in the sponsorship of a chalk art square at the festival to recognize SBCEO employees. She stated that Associate Superintendent Bridget Baublits would email the board with details.
- May Revise Budget Perspectives Workshop – May 29, 2024, 9-11 a.m., SBCEO Auditorium.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent items:

### **11. Minutes of Meeting Held March 14, 2024**

### **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 February 7, 2024 to March 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

**13. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Care and Education

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

**ACTION ITEM**

**14. Recommended Approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan**

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Special Education, and Early Care and Education.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 4-0**

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**15. 2022-23 School Accountability Report Cards – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education**

The 2022-23 School Accountability Report Cards for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education were presented to the board for review/information.

**16. Report by the Board Legal Committee**

Board Legal Committee Chair Howell reported on the recent committee meeting about SBCEO facilities: the committee talked about the needs that SBCEO has in terms of facilities, the funding sources, and the real estate market; the immediate needs are for 5-7 classrooms for the Early Care and Education program and the Special Education division; longer term needs are related to the leases expiring in a few years for the north county office on Farnel Road and the headquarters on Cathedral Oaks Road; the director of facilities position is open and posted online; the committee will develop a proposal or plan related to facilities and bring it to the full board to discuss, vet, and make determinations on at the full board level.

**17. Personnel Report**

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

**18. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, indicating no complaints filed for the period of December 16, 2023 through March 15, 2024, was presented to the board as an information item.

**19. Correspondence**

February 21, 2024 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming a positive certification of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2023-24 First Interim Report was presented as an information item.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**20. Discussion about Expulsion Appeals and Interdistrict Transfer Appeals**

Legal counsel provided information about expulsion appeal and interdistrict transfer appeal processes, and the board discussed.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**21. Future agenda items**

The following was mentioned as a potential future agenda item:

- Discussion about start time of board meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

**22. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held May 9, 2024.

**MOVED: Mrs. Carty**

**SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman**

**VOTE: Passed 4-0**

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Judith Frost, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education