



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA.

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

The vice president 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	Isabel Guerrero	Rene Wheeler
Bridget Baublits	Don Lockwood	Amy Willis
Kirsten Escobedo	Elise Simmons	
Nicole Evenson	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Brian Jaramillo, Lompoc Unified School District
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)
Family members involved in the expulsion appeal hearing

5. Changes to the Agenda

None.

6. President and Board Comments

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

- Board Member de Werd reported that she attended the SBCEO Education Celebration and the State of Vandenberg Space Force Base luncheon. She reminded the board about the California School Boards Association's upcoming annual conference for county board of education members.
- Board Member Carty congratulated parents of graduates. She reported that she attended the Santa Barbara High School graduation and some awards ceremonies.

7. Public Comments

None.

CLOSED SESSION ACTION ITEM

8. Expulsion Appeal Hearing – Closed Session

The board heard an appeal regarding expelled student **E24-01** from the Lompoc Unified School District. The hearing was held in closed session beginning at 2:06 p.m. Present at the hearing were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Austin Payne, SBCEO legal counsel; Bridget Baublits,

associate superintendent, student and community services; Rene Wheeler, administrator, child welfare and attendance services; Anna Freedland, executive assistant; Brian Jaramillo, assistant superintendent, education services, Lompoc Unified School District; the appellant; and the appellant's father and aunt.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Mrs. Frost declared the hearing closed for closed board deliberations at 2:58 p.m.

At 3:25 p.m. the board adjourned closed deliberations and reconvened to closed session to announce the decision of the board to the appellant and respondent district.

At 3:38 p.m. the board adjourned the closed session expulsion appeal hearing.

Open Session

The board reconvened in open session at 3:41 p.m. and announced the decision of the board on expulsion appeal # E24-01.

Findings of Fact:

Mrs. Frost announced that the board adopted the following Findings of Fact:

1. The district governing board did not proceed without or in excess of its jurisdiction in expelling the pupil.
2. The pupil was afforded a fair hearing before the district governing board.
3. There was not a prejudicial abuse of discretion by the district governing board.
4. There is not relevant or material evidence which, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, could not have been produced or which was improperly excluded at the hearing before the governing board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Porter, seconded by Mr. Howell, the above Findings of Fact were adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Order of the Board:

Mrs. Frost announced that the board adopted the following Order of the Board:

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education affirms the decision of the Lompoc Unified School District Governing Board to expel Student E24-01.

Upon a motion by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mrs. Alvarez Flores, the above Order of the Board was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 3:42 p.m. Board reconvened at 3:54 p.m.

PRESENTATION

9. Presentation on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2024-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits presented to the board on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2024-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Public Hearing on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2024-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

A public hearing was held at 4:32 p.m. prior to the adoption of the 2024-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENTATION

11. Presentation on 2024-25 County School Service Fund Budget

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres presented to the board on the 2024-25 County School Service Fund Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Public Hearing on the 2024-25 County School Service Fund Budget

A public hearing was held at 4:54 p.m. prior to the adoption of the new County School Service Fund Budget as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 4:55 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

13. Superintendent's Report

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

- Negotiations between the Santa Barbara County Education Office and the two unions had concluded.
- Special education preschool program transfer back to Lompoc Unified School District – The superintendent asked Associate Superintendent of Special Education Kirsten Escobedo to share about this item. Mrs. Escobedo reported that the Lompoc Unified School District had requested to “take back” the special education preschool program that SBCEO had been providing. The district met the requirement to give SBCEO a year and a day’s notice. SBCEO recently received the notice. The transfer would affect between 40-50 SBCEO staff members, fully or in part.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

14. Minutes of Meeting Held May 9, 2024

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 April 7, 2024 to May 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

16. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Special Education
- Teacher Induction Program
- Transitional Youth Services

17. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 2919860278 – May 24, 2024
- Student CSIS # 4696997736 – May 8, 2024

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Mrs. Carty

SECONDED: Mr. Howell

VOTE: Passed 7-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. Tentative Agreement with California School Employees Association, Chapter 817 (CSEA)

A tentative agreement had been reached between the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools and the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 817 on a successor agreement for the 3-year period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. A summary of the provisions of the agreement was presented as required by AB 1200 and Government Code Section 3547.5. It was presented as an information item.

19. Tentative Agreement with Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA)

A tentative agreement had been reached between the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools and the Santa Barbara County Education Association (SBCEA) on a successor agreement for the 3-year period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. A summary of the provisions of the agreement was presented as required by AB 1200 and Government Code Section 3547.5. It was presented as an information item.

20. Salary and Fringe Benefit Adjustments for Non-Represented Classified Employees and Management Employees

The same annual salary adjustments and benefit package as SBCEA and CSEA were granted to the non-represented classified employees and management employees. This included an 8 percent salary adjustment for 2024-25, a 4 percent salary adjustment for 2025-26, and a 4 percent salary adjustment for 2026-27, effective July 1 of each year, and modification of current medical and fringe benefit provisions. The superintendent was excluded from the salary adjustments.

21. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

22. Report by the Board Legal Committee

Board Legal Committee Chair Howell reported on the recent committee meeting about SBCEO facilities. He stated that the following two action items on the board agenda, which were related to facilities, were preliminary in nature.

ACTION ITEMS

23. Recommended Approval to Submit Letter of Intent to Consider Purchasing Property

The board approved for the Santa Barbara County Education Office to submit a letter of intent (nonbinding) to consider purchasing property, to the property owner for a facility located on Broadway in Santa Maria for the Early Care and Education program and the Special Education division.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

24. Recommended Approval to Expand Lease

The board approved for the Santa Barbara County Education Office to expand the lease for the facility located on McClelland Avenue in Santa Maria for the Special Education division. The cost of the lease would be paid by the school districts that participate in the Special Education division's regional program. SBCEO will proceed with negotiation and preparation of lease agreement. The Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Joint Powers Agency (JPA) board must also approve the lease expansion. If approved by the the SELPA JPA board, the lease agreement will be brought to the County Board of Education for ratification.

MOVED: **Ms. Ehrman**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

25. Recommended Approval of 2023-24 School Plan for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

The board approved the 2023-24 School Plan for Student Achievement for Juvenile Court and Community Schools. This annual plan is developed and reviewed by the Parent and Student Advisory Committee (PSAC) and is strategic in consolidating all school-level planning efforts for programs funded through the Consolidated Application (ConApp), while maximizing resources and minimizing duplication with the goal to increase student achievement.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

26. Recommended Approval of Grant Application – Consolidated Programs

The board approved the submission of application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for 2024-25 funding for Consolidated Categorical Programs.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

27. Recommended Approval of the Santa Barbara County Plan for Expelled Youth 2024-27

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Plan for Expelled Youth, Triennial Update for 2024-27.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

28. Recommended Approval of Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education

The board approved the Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions (Form J-13A) to be submitted to the California Department of Education for the closure of classes at the following schools:

SBCEO Special Education Programs at:

- Manzanita Public Charter School February 5, 2024
- Cabrillo High School February 5, 2024
- Olga Reed School February 5, 2024
- Ralph Dunlap School February 5, 2024
- Arellanes Junior High School February 5, 2024
- Tommie Kunst Junior High School February 5, 2024
- Righetti High School February 5, 2024

SBCEO Juvenile Court and Community Schools:

- Peter B. FitzGerald Community School February 5, 2024
- Los Robles High School February 5, 2024
- Dos Puertas School February 5, 2024

MOVED: **Mr. Porter** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

29. Recommended Approval of the 2022-23 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment

The board approved the 2022-23 apportionment from the United States Forest Reserve Fund for school districts and the County Education Office adjacent to or lying within the United States Forest Reserve (Los Padres National Forest).

MOVED: **Mr. Porter** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

30. Recommended Approval of the Use of 2024-25 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues

The board approved the 2024-25 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues to be used for existing Dos Puertas Juvenile Court School certificated salaries and benefits.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter** SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

31. Recommended Adoption of Order of Election and Notice to Consolidate for November 2024 Trustee Elections

The board adopted Resolution No. 2410 ordering the governing board member election on November 5, 2024.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mrs. de Werd** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

32. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Covering Conditions Set Forth for Candidates' Statements

The board adopted Resolution No. 2411 covering the conditions set forth for candidates' statements.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
MOVED: **Ms. Ehrman** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

33. Recommended Adoption of Order of Election for San Luis Obispo County

The board adopted Resolution No. 2412 ordering the governing board member election for Trustee Area 4 in San Luis Obispo County.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
MOVED: **Mrs. Carty** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

34. Recommended Adoption of Order of Election for Ventura County

The board adopted Resolution No. 2413 ordering the governing board member election for Trustee Area 4 in Ventura County.

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0
MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

35. Board Meeting on July 11, 2024

The board approved cancelling the July 11, 2024 board meeting.

MOVED: **Mr. Porter** SECONDED: **Mr. Howell** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

36. Future agenda items

The following were listed as agenda items for the June 20, 2024 board meeting:

Information Items:

- Summary (presentation) of SBCEO's support for continuous improvement in districts
- LCAP Local Indicators report (presentation)
- LCAP Federal Addendum

Action Items:

- Adoption of 2024-25 LCAP
- Adoption of 2024-25 County School Service Fund Budget

The following were mentioned, again, as potential future agenda items:

- Discussion about board meeting start time.
- Discussion about conflict of interest related to SBCEO-administered non-profit organizations.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) use, management or protocol in education.

ADJOURNMENT

37. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, June 20, 2024 as a dual location meeting, in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, at 10:00 a.m.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education