



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2024 – 3:15 p.m.

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 3:14 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

Felicita Torres, legal counsel
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Camie Barnwell	Isabel Guerrero	Steve Torres
Bridget Baublits	Don Lockwood	
Mari Gonzales	Delaney Patrick	

Others Present

Sally Kingston, Lompoc Unified School District
Viviana Marsano, interpreter (via Zoom)
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced a change in the order of business on the agenda: item 20, the presentation by Lompoc Unified School District, would be moved up on the agenda to after item 9, the closed session. Then after item 20 would be item 21, the public hearing, and then item 10 and the remaining items.

6. President and Board Comments

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

- Back to school.
- Board Member de Werd reminded the board about the California School Boards Association's upcoming annual conference for county board of education members.
- Board Member Carty congratulated the superintendent and Board Member Ehrman on their daughters' recent high school graduations.
- Board Member Alvarez Flores reported that she attended the new teachers opening day at the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. There were 100 new hires and more are still needed.
- Board Member Ehrman reported that she attended a coffee and community event in Berkeley Park in Goleta. The mayor and mayor pro tem of Goleta honored the Kellogg School Ocean Guardians Club.

7. Public Comments

None.

ACTION ITEM

8. Appointment of Real Property Negotiators

The board appointed Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent, as real property negotiators for closed session agenda item 9.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

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

CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSSION ITEM

9. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code § 54956.8) – Closed Session

The board held a closed session conference with real property negotiator. The closed session began at 3:24 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent; Austin Payne, legal counsel; Felicita Torres, legal counsel; and Anna Freedland, executive assistant. Properties: 1) leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA; 2) property in Santa Maria, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating parties: County of Santa Barbara and [confidential] for Santa Maria property. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

The closed session adjourned at 4:34 p.m. and the board took a brief recess. The board reconvened at 4:43 p.m. in open session.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

10. Superintendent’s Report

The superintendent’s report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido highlighted the following item in the written report:

- SBCEO and Santa Barbara County School Boards Association: Workforce Housing

The superintendent also commented on the following:

- Report to the Community – Dr. Salcido distributed draft copies of the inaugural report to the board members.
- Join the Journey campaign – The superintendent shared about the Join the Journey campaign to recruit people to work in the field of education. She showed a video made as part of the campaign.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

11. Minutes of Meeting Held June 14, 2024

12. Minutes of Meeting Held June 20, 2024

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

14. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Special Education

15. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Children’s Creative Project
- Communications
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Care and Education
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Services
- Partners in Education
- School Business Advisory Services
- Student and Community Services
- Teacher Induction Program
- Teacher Programs and Support
- Transitional Youth Services

16. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

Dos Puertas School

- Student CSIS # 5419968480 – May 1, 2024
- Student CSIS # 7641602166 – July 2, 2024
- Student CSIS # 1413978030 – July 8, 2024

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: Mr. Porter

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 indicating no complaints filed for the period of March 16, 2024 through June 15, 2024, for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, was presented to the board as an information item.

19. Correspondence

May 8, 2024 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming acceptance of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2023-24 Second Interim Report was presented as an information item.

PRESENTATION

20. Presentation on Lompoc Unified School District's Local Partnerships, including with the Dangermond Preserve and the Cliff Lambert Teen Center

Lompoc Unified School District's Director of Communications and Engagement, Dr. Sally Kingston, provided a presentation to the board about the district's local partnerships, including with the Dangermond Preserve and the Cliff Lambert Teen Center, among others.

PUBLIC HEARING

21. Public Hearing on Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The public hearing was opened at 5:09 p.m. regarding the Santa Barbara County Education Office's compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement. With no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

22. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Regarding Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

The board adopted Resolution No. 2501, the Santa Barbara County Education Office's compliance with regulations regarding the availability of textbooks and instructional materials as required by the Williams Case Settlement.

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

23. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the County Board Member Services Conference, September 2024

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the California School Boards Association's County Board Member Services Conference, September 13-15, 2024, in Monterey, if requested, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: Mrs. de Werd **SECONDED: Ms. Ehrman** **VOTE: Passed 6-1**
Porter voted no

INFORMATION ITEM

24. Report by the Board Organization Committee

Board Organization and Development Committee Chair Joe Howell provided a brief update on the committee's recent work to enhance the board webpage. Committee Member Alvarez Flores provided a brief update on the committee's work to create an onboarding handbook.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

25. Discussion About Board Meeting Start Time

The board discussed the start time of board meetings and considered different ways the public could participate.

26. Discussion About Conflict of Interest Related to SBCEO-Administered Non-Profit Organizations

Legal counsel provided their opinion on the topic of conflict of interest related to SBCEO-administered non-profit organizations and the board discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

27. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future board presentations that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) use in education
- Safety update

The following was mentioned as potential future agenda item:

- Short discussion about what causes school districts to lose tax money

ADJOURNMENT

28. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held September 12, 2024.

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