



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
September 12, 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**

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      Elise Simmons  
Marc Cunningham   Steve Torres  
Don Lockwood

Others Present

Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Parties involved in interdistrict attendance transfer appeal

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**6. President and Board Comments**

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

- President Frost reported that she attended Allan Hancock College's Hancock Honors event.
- Board Member de Werd reported that she attended a Santa Ynez Pirate Foundation event.

**7. Public Comments**

None.

**ACTION ITEM**

**8. Interdistrict Attendance Appeal Hearing – Closed Session**

The appeal hearing regarding the denial for interdistrict attendance by the Hope School District was scheduled at the request of the parent of Student T25-01. Board President Frost presided. Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Dr. Elise Simmons provided introductory comments. Since the parent of Student T25-01 had previously requested a closed session hearing, the board adjourned to closed session and the hearing began at 2:13 p.m.

Present were: Board members, County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, County Education Office Counsel Austin Payne and Felicita Torres, Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Dr. Elise Simmons, Hope School District Superintendent Dr. Anne Hubbard, the parent of Student T25-01, a witness for the appellant, and Executive Assistant Anna Freedland.

After hearing statements by both the appellant and the respondent school district, Board President Frost declared the hearing closed for board deliberations.

At 3:15 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session and reported the board action.

### **Open Session**

The president reported the following motion on Student T25-01 was made and passed:

MOTION: Reverse the decision of the Hope School District and approve the interdistrict attendance transfer for Student T25-01.

MOVED: **Mrs. Alvarez Flores**    SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

**Ayes: Alvarez Flores / Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell / Porter**  
**Noes: None**                      **Absent: None**                      **Abstain: None**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent items:

**9. Minutes of Meeting Held August 8, 2024**

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

**11. Acceptance of Donations**

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

**12. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Career Technical Education
- Child Care Planning Council (Early Care and Education)
- Curriculum and Instruction

- Early Care and Education
- Educational Technology Services
- Health Linkages Program/Welcome Every Baby Program
- Human Resources
- Maintenance and Operations
- Transitional Youth Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mr. Porter**

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

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **13. Personnel Report**

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **14. Superintendent's Report, Including Introduction of Director of Facilities Marc Cunningham**

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

- Education Workforce Housing Zoom meeting on September 23, 2024.

The superintendent also introduced the director of facilities, Marc Cunningham, who shared about his background and experience.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **15. Recommended Approval of Award of Bid**

The board approved the award of bid # 01-24-25 for the Santa Barbara County Education Office Curriculum and Instruction Division project.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

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

### **16. Recommended Appointment of a Facilities Ad Hoc Committee**

The board appointed Board Members Frost, Alvarez Flores, and Ehrman to a Facilities Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of developing talking points and studying the facilities issues of the Santa Barbara County Education Office.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

**17. 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 3:19 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Austin Payne, legal counsel; Felicita Torres, legal counsel; and Anna Freedland, executive assistant. Properties: 1) property in Santa Maria, CA; 2) leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA; 3) owned property at 3970 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA. Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating parties: [confidential] for Santa Maria property and County of Santa Barbara. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

At 4:27 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session and reported the board action.

**Open Session**

The president reported the following motions were made and passed:

MOTION: Approve the purchase and sale agreement as proposed for the property in Santa Maria, CA.

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

MOTION: Approve the talking points related to leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks Road, Santa Barbara, CA.

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

MOTION: Approve a 5-year lease extension to the credit union tenant at owned property at 3970 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**18. 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

## ADJOURNMENT

### 19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held October 10, 2024 in Santa Maria.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

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Judith Frost, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education