



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
October 10, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

*The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, October 10, 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 1:59 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 (arrived at 3:15 p.m.)

Marybeth Carty

Michelle de Werd

Nadra Ehrman

Judith Frost

Joe Howell

Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent  
Austin Payne, legal counsel (via Zoom)  
Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom)  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Camie Barnwell	Nicole Evenson	Victor McConnell	Rene Wheeler
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Elise Simmons	
Marc Cunningham	Isabel Guerrero	Dennis Thomas	
Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Olivia Esparza  
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Kimberly Sheehan, superintendent/principal, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District  
Student and family 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 acknowledged that ELPAC and CAASPP scores were published today. She stated that the board would receive a report on them in the future. She also commented on the education workforce housing panel hosted by SBCEO and the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) and shared that the California School Boards Association (CSBA) magazine, called “School News,” had an article in it on the CSBA panel on education workforce housing. Mrs. Frost reported that she and Board Member Alvarez Flores attended the Salman Khan presentation on artificial intelligence (AI) in education, and that she attended the Allan Hancock College “Hancock Honors” event. Lastly, she reported that school safety had been a topic of discussion at the SBCSBA Executive Committee meeting and at a forum for school board candidates hosted by the League of Women Voters.
- Board Member Ehrman reported that she attended the education workforce housing panel hosted by SBCEO and SBCSBA, the Salman Khan presentation on AI in education, and the school board candidate workshop hosted by SBCEO and SBCSBA.

- Board Member Howell shared that the Partners in Education program received a California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award.

**7. Public Comments**

None.

**ACTION ITEM**

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

The appeal hearing regarding the denial for interdistrict attendance by the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District was scheduled at the request of the parent of Student T25-02. Board President Frost presided. Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Dr. Elise Simmons provided introductory comments. Since the parent of Student T25-02 had previously requested a closed session hearing, the board adjourned to closed session and the hearing began at 2:12 p.m.

Present were: Board members, County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Salcido, Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits, County Education Office Counsel Austin Payne and Felicita Torres (via Zoom), Director of Child Welfare and Attendance Dr. Elise Simmons, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District Superintendent/Principal Dr. Kimberly Sheehan, the parents and immediate family members of Student T25-02, 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 2:42 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 T25-02 was made and passed:

MOTION: Uphold the decision of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District and deny the interdistrict attendance transfer for Student T25-02.

MOVED: **Mr. Howell**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Carty**

**Ayes: Carty / de Werd / Ehrman / Frost / Howell / Porter**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Alvarez Flores**

**Abstain: None**

**VOTE: Passed 6-0-1-0**

## PRESENTATION

### 9. Update on Projects of the School Safety Liaison

School Safety Liaison Dennis Thomas provided an update to the board on projects he was working on for SBCEO and school districts.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent items:

### 10. Minutes of Meeting Held September 12, 2024

### 11. 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 August 7, 2024 to September 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

### 12. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Special Education

### 13. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Child Care Planning Council (Early Care and Education)
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- School Business Advisory Services

### 14. Issuance of High School Graduation Diploma

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

*Dos Puertas School*

- Student CSIS # 6403206925 – September 5, 2024

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **15. Personnel Report**

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

### **16. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report**

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

### **17. Correspondence**

September 16, 2024 correspondence from the California Department of Education confirming approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2024-25 budget and the 2022-23 through 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2024-25 school year was presented as an information item.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **18. Superintendent's Report**

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

- New monthly officewide employee orientation program – Dr. Salcido distributed copies of an employee orientation booklet to the board members and shared about the first orientation, held on October 9.
- Upcoming board committee meetings – The superintendent reported that the Board Organization and Development Committee, the Board Salary Committee, and the Board Budget Committee would convene meetings in the coming weeks.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **19. Public Hearing on Recommended Appointment to the Personnel Commission**

A public hearing was opened at 3:24 p.m. regarding the appointment by the County Board of Education of Gary J. Pickavet to a renewed three-year term on the Personnel Commission. With no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 3:25 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**20. Recommended Appointment to the Personnel Commission**

The board appointed Gary J. Pickavet to a renewed three-year term on the Personnel Commission.

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

**21. Recommended Adoption of Resolution Proclaiming Red Ribbon Week**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2502 proclaiming October 23-31, 2024, as Red Ribbon Week in Santa Barbara County.

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

**22. Recommended Adoption of Gann Resolution**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2503 for the Gann Appropriations Limit Calculation.

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

**23. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the California Department of Education for Early Care and Education Services FY 2025-26**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2504 authorizing the Santa Barbara County Education Office to enter into agreements with the California Department of Education and designating personnel authorized to sign and renew contracts for the purpose of providing early care and education services for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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

**24. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Authorization to Enter into Agreements with the California Department of Social Services for Early Care and Education Services FY 2025-26**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2505 authorizing the Santa Barbara County Education Office to enter into agreements with the California Department of Social Services and designating personnel authorized to sign and renew

contracts for the purpose of providing early care and education services for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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

**25. Recommended Adoption of Resolution for Application for Waiver for Educational Interpreter Certification (Education Code § 33050)**

The board adopted Resolution No. 2506 for the application for a waiver for educational interpreter certification.

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

**26. Recommended Approval of the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Expenditure Plan**

The board approved the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant expenditure plan.

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

**27. 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 3:47 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent; Kirsten Escobedo, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom); and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Properties: 1) property in Santa Maria, CA; 2) leased property at 4400 Cathedral Oaks 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.

There was no action taken.

At 4:53 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **28. Future agenda items**

The following was listed on the agenda as a future agenda item:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) use in education – November board meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **29. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held November 14, 2024.

**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