



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
January 9, 2025 – 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 Marybeth Carty.

**2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación**

The president announced that Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was available online via Zoom.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

Vedamarie Alvarez Flores  
Katya Armistead  
Marybeth Carty  
Nadra Ehrman  
Judith Frost  
Sarah Anne Read

Board Members Absent

Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent  
Felicita Torres, legal counsel  
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Marc Cunningham	Mari Gonzales	Steve Torres
Camie Barnwell	Kirsten Escobedo	Don Lockwood	
Bridget Baublits	Nicole Evenson	Amy Ramos	

Others Present

Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter (via Zoom)  
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter (via Zoom)

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

None.

**6. President and Board Comments**

The president briefly commented on the Los Angeles fires and on a local program called Viva el Arte de Santa Barbara, including an invitation to a luncheon about it later in the month.

**7. Public Comments**

None.

**PRESENTATION**

**8. Santa Barbara County Education Office Overview**

The superintendent, associate superintendents, and director of communications, provided brief overviews of the office and the following divisions/departments:

- Administrative Services Division
- Communications Department
- Curriculum and Instruction Division
- Human Resources Division
- Special Education Division
- Student and Community Services Division

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **9. Superintendent's Report**

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

- January was School Board Recognition Month
- Upcoming January governor's budget perspective workshop
- Inclusion Network
- Second statewide mathematics convening
- Career Technical Education (CTE) K12 Strong Workforce Grant
- Partners in Education program received the Golden Bell Award

The superintendent also reported that tomorrow, we would hear about the governor's budget.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved all consent agenda items:

### **10. Minutes of Meeting Held December 13, 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 November 7, 2024 to December 6, 2024, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

### **12. Declaration of Surplus**

Declaration of surplus for the following department:

- Communications

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead**

SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **13. Recommended Approval of Change Order**

The board approved the change order (#2) for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Curriculum and Instruction Division construction project (# 01-24-25).

MOVED: **Mrs. Frost**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Read**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **14. Personnel Report**

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

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

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

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **16. 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 3:48 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Kirsten Escobedo, associate superintendent; Marc Cunningham, director of facilities; 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. 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 4:08 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **17. Recommended Adoption of Resolution – Ratification of Purchase of Real Property**

Due to additional, recent information, the superintendent rescinded her recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 2509 regarding the ratification of the purchase of real property located 528 South Broadway in Santa Maria on the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions, dated September 6, 2024, and amended by addendum on September 18, 2024 and November 5, 2024. The board made the following motion:

MOTION: To decline to adopt the resolution and decline to ratify the purchase of real property, due to the additional information.

**Ayes: 6                      Noes: 0                      Absent: 1                      Abstain: 0**  
**MOVED: Mrs. Frost                      SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores      VOTE: Passed 6-0-1-0**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **18. Future agenda items**

The following were mentioned as a potential future agenda items:

- Update on the Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) program
- Information on youth mental health services

## **PRESENTATION**

### **19. Tour of Santa Barbara County Education Office**

The board briefly toured the Santa Barbara County Education Office (headquarters), led by the superintendent, division associate superintendents, and director of facilities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held February 13, 2025.

**MOVED: Dr. Armistead                      SECONDED: Mrs. Alvarez Flores      VOTE: Passed 6-0**

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Marybeth Carty, President  
County Board of Education

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Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary  
County Board of Education