

**SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

SMBSD Board Room  
708 S. Miller Street  
Santa Maria, CA  
**November 13, 2024**

**ADOPTED**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

**A. Call to Order**

President Valencia called the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to order at 5:16 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

Ricardo Valencia, President  
Linda Cordero, Vice President  
Luz Maria Cabral, Clerk - Absent  
Ricky Lara, Board Member

**Board Member Absent:**

John Hollinshead, Board Member

**II. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Government Code § 54957.6  
Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D  
Represented Employees: CSEA

**B. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Government Code § 54957.6  
Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.  
Represented Employees: SMEEA

**C. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation**

Government Code § 54957  
Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - CLOSED SESSION**

No public comments were reported for the Closed Session.

**IV. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board moved into closed session at 5:17 p.m.

**V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

**VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

## VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:01 p.m.

### A. Report from Closed Session

President Valencia reported that information was shared for items A, B, and C.

### B. Introduction of Interpreters

### C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Liberty Elementary School.

### D. Inspiration

Liberty Elementary School

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

### Non-Agenda

**Rebecca Rich, Liberty parent**, regarding inclusion classes. She reports that her son is doing so much better both academically and socially in this program.

**Brian Gong, Kindergarten teacher at Liberty & Director at Large for SMEEA**, regarding equity and inclusion practices at Liberty Elementary School.

**Karen Quezada, Resource Ed Specialist at Liberty**, regarding inclusion.

**Gayle Vyeniolo, Administrator at Liberty Elementary School**, regarding the success of inclusion.

**Gizelle Mendoza, parent of a 6th grade student at Tunnell Elementary School**, regarding her dissatisfaction with the way a recent incident involving her child was handled.

**Lucy Martin resource teacher at Liberty**, (via recorded message), who is thankful and supportive of the inclusion work being done at Liberty.

### Agenda

There were no agendaed public comments.

## IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Dr. McDuffie requested that the Discussion Item for Community Schools be pulled. It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Ms. Cabral to approve the agenda as amended. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

## X. CONSENT ITEMS

### A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. First Reading - Board Policies
- ii. Minutes of the Board of Education

### B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants**
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification**
- iii. Authorization to Declare Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment or Property**
- iv. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Arellanes and at Battles Elementary Schools and at Fesler Junior High School Bid #5301 – Change Order Number 1**
- v. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Arellanes and at Battles Elementary Schools and at Fesler Junior High School Bid #5301 – Change Order Number 2**
- vi. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Arellanes and at Battles Elementary Schools and at Fesler Junior High School Bid #5301 – Change Order Number 3**
- vii. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Arellanes and at Battles Elementary Schools and at Fesler Junior High School Bid #5301 – Change Order Number 4**
- viii. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 – Change Order Number 1**
- ix. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 – Change Order Number 2**
- x. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 – Change Order Number 3**
- xi. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 Change Order Number 4**
- xii. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 – Change Order Number 5**
- xiii. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 - Change Order Number 6**
- xiv. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. - Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Adam, Oakley, Rice and at Tunnell Elementary Schools Bid #5302 – Change Order Number 7**
- xv. Brazos Urethane, Inc. - Roof Restoration at Arellanes Junior High School Bid #5305 - Change Order Number 1**
- xvi. Brazos Urethane, Inc. - Roof Restoration at Arellanes Junior High School Bid #5305 - Change Order Number 2**
- xvii. Award of Bid #5362 - Installation of District Provided Playground Equipment and Shade Shelter at Tunnell Elementary School**

xviii. Award of Bid #5363 - Installation of District Provided Playground Equipment and Shade Shelter at Ontiveros Elementary School-Rebid

xix. Award of Bid #5364 - Installation of District Provided Playground Equipment and Shade Shelters at Alvin and Fairlawn Elementary Schools-Rebid

#### C. FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT

#### D. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes
- ii. First Reading of the Job Description: Warehouse Supervisor
- iii. First Reading of the Revised Job Description: Public Information Officer
- iv. First Reading of the Job Description: Migrant Services Supervisor
- v. Approval of Job Description: Coordinator of Community Schools and Programs
- vi. Approval of Job Description: English Learner Development (ELD) Intervention Teacher (Site English Language Development (ELD) Coach)
- vii. Approval of Job Description: Coordinator for Family and Community Engagement
- viii. Approval of Job Description: Director of Migrant Education Program
- ix. First Reading of the Revised Job Description: Director of Student Services

#### E. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mrs. Cordero to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 ( L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

#### XI. ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Select Date for the Annual Governing Board Organizational Meeting

Presented by: Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Lara that the Board of Education SELECT A DAY AND TIME FOR ITS ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 ( L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

##### B. Resolution 24-08: Approving the Absences of Board Members from Meetings of the Board of Education

Presented by: Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-08: APPROVING THE ABSENCES OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 ( L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

##### C. Public Hearing on the Santa Maria-Bonita School District Sunshine Proposal for the Successor to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certificated Bargaining Unit Members Expiring on June 30, 2026

President Valencia opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. With no public comments reported, the public hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

**D. Discuss and Approve the Santa Maria-Bonita School District Sunshine Proposal for the Successor to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Certificated Bargaining Unit Members Expiring on June 30, 2026**

Presented by Pete Bland, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education APPROVE THE SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT SUNSHINE PROPOSAL FOR THE SUCCESSOR TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR CERTIFICATED BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 ( L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

## **XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Community Schools Update**

Presented by Maijue Lochungvu, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services

Item was pulled.

### **B. VAPA Plan Update**

Presented by Maijue Lochungvu, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE TEACHING AND LEARNING, VAPA PLAN UPDATE, as presented.

## **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mr. Valencia**

- Would like to receive an update on how schools are celebrating Native American Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Month.
- **Mrs. Cordero**  
Requested the Teaching and Learning Bulletin be included in the Weekly Board Update.

## **XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

### **Mr. Hollinshead**

- No report (absent).

### **Mr. Lara**

-Congratulated Board Members Cordero, Valencia, and Hollinshead on their re-elections to the Board.

-Congratulated Mr. Beecher on Measure K being passed.

### **Ms. Cabral**

-Congratulated Board Members who were re-elected, as well as Measure K being passed.

### **Mrs. Cordero**

-Gave a huge shout-out to Mr. Beecher and Mr. Rieke who did a lot of work with our community in regards to the bond election.

- She spent about an hour encouraging students at the Jog-a-thon at El Camino as well as pouring them water/gatorade. It was a warm day and a very successful event.

- On the evening of 10/26, she, along with quite a few SMBSD staff members attended the Fighting Back Santa Maria fundraiser. They provide a lot of support for our schools and it was very nice to have the opportunity to support their efforts.
- Mrs. Cordero helped at the Student Rewards Day at Arellanes.
- On Election Day, she also went to Alvin for a MICOP presentation. There were four panelists talking to parents regarding opportunities for their students to receive an education. She wished that someone would have approached either her or another attendee and offered translations for non-Spanish speaking participants.
- She discussed the County School Board Association meeting she attended on 11/7. The big discussion at that meeting was regarding cell phones.
- She appreciated the opportunity to attend the Celebrate Philanthropy Luncheon held on 11/7.
- The evening of 11/7, she also attended volleyball games at El Camino JHS.
- Mrs. Cordero also discussed a seminar she attended from CA Reads this morning. It was very interesting and well done.

**Mr. Valencia**

-Thanked the voters of Santa Maria for both supporting and voting for Measure K. He also thanked staff and families as well. He is really excited about the improvements we will be making in our schools.

**Dr. McDuffie**

- Sent his thanks to Matt Beecher, Brian Rieke, Maggie White, Sam Humphrey, and the folks at Clifford Moss for their commitment to the bond.
- Our new logo is out in front of the Souza Center - and it looks great!
- Dr. McDuffie sent a personal thanks to his office staff and assistant superintendents for keeping everything running smoothly while he was out last week attending his father's celebration of life. It meant a lot to him knowing everything remained in good hands while he was away.

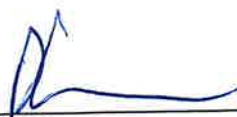
**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

President Valencia reported that the next regular board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, followed by the Organizational Meeting on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 4 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Ms. Cabral to adjourn the meeting. *Ayes: 4 (J. Hollinshead, L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Signed   
Luz Maria Cabral  
Board Clerk

Signed   
Ricky Lara  
Board Member