

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
January 15, 2025

ADOPTED

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Cordero called the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to order at 5:17 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Linda Cordero, President
Luz Maria Cabral, Vice President at 5:23 p.m.
Ricky Lara, Board Clerk
John Hollinshead, Board Member
Ricardo Valencia, Board Member at 5:18 p.m.

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 5:18 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:07 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session

- Dr. McDuffie reported that the Board approved, by unanimous vote, the appointment of Samantha Scroggin, Public Information Officer.
- President Cordero reported that information was shared for items B, and C.

B. Introduction of Interpreters

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Alvin Elementary.

D. SMBSD Bike Program

Presented by Laurie Graack and Sgt. Diaz from SMPD.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

No public comments were reported.

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Ms. Cabral to approve the agenda as amended.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

X. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. Minutes of the Board of Education

B. FACILITIES PLANNING CONSENT

C. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification
- iii. 2025 Reimbursable Mileage Rate and Per Diem Rates

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTENT

- i. Quarterly Report on Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints
- ii. After School Programs Closure for Professional Learning

E. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes
- ii. Approval of Job Description: JR. High WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Coordinator
- iii. Approval of Job Description: Program Specialist of Library and Curriculum
- iv. Approval of Job Description: Coordinator of Educator Development

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Ms. Cabral to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Agreement with Effective School Solutions to provide School Based Therapists

Presented by: Mark Palmerston, Ed.D., Director of Student Services

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Valencia to approve the agreement with Effective School Solutions to provide school based therapists, as presented. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). *Motion passed.*

B. Resolution 24-12: Resolution of the Board of Education of The Santa Maria-Bonita School District Declaring Results and Certifying Proceedings of School Bond Election Held on November 5, 2024 and Establishing a Citizens' Oversight Committee for all District Bond Measures

Presented by Matthew Beecher, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services:

Mr. Beecher shared copies with the Board of the election results for Bond Measure K. The Bond passed with the following results: 14,521 (62.33%) in favor, and 8,777 (37.67%) opposed. It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 24-12, thereby (a) entering the election results in the Board's minutes, (b) certifying the election proceedings had in the premises to the Board of Supervisors of the county of Santa Barbara, and (c) approving the bylaws for the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). *Motion passed.*

C. Resolution 24-13: Approving the Absences of Board Members from Meetings of the Board of Education

Presented by Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent:

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mr. Lara that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 24-13: Approving the Absences of Board Members from Meetings of the Board of Education, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). *Motion passed.*

D. Resolution 24-14: 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 Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 24-14: Approving the Absences of Board Members from Meetings of the Board of Education, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). *Motion passed.*

E. Resolution 24-15: Black History Month

Presented by Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 24-15: Black History Month, as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). *Motion passed.*

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ensuring Student Safety and Privacy for All Families

Presented by Mark Palmerston, Ed.D., Director of Student Services

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the update on ensuring student safety and privacy for all families, as presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

-Mr. Hollinshead requested information on what health offerings we are providing to students in regards to habits and education around food and nutrition. What are we doing and to what extent are we offering information? He added that the education aspect is just as important as what we are putting on our student's plates.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Lara

No report.

Ms. Cabral

No report.

Mrs. Cordero

- Discussed the grants given out to 39 teachers by Altrusa.
- Santa Barbara School Boards Association had its first Zoom last week.
- Discussed current immigration issues.
- Her thoughts are with everyone affected by the recent wildfires.

Mr. Valencia

- Noted that in reviewing the board packet, he came across some of the swimming lessons we are doing right now, and added that swimming is an essential life skill. He is happy to see this taking place and would like to see all students have the basics in swimming before leaving our district. He also noted that he was appreciative of seeing the horse therapy opportunities that are being offered to some of our students.
- Mr. Valencia would like to encourage sensitivity and empathy with respect to current immigration issues that can result in ongoing learning for all.

Mr. Hollinshead

- Thanked Dr. Edds for her input on the swimming as well. He added that Orcutt has ideas on pathways to get swimming more integrated into our campuses. He is looking forward to this happening.

Dr. McDuffie

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Discussed the district's partnership with Orenda in regards to school programs and practices that are near completion. A full report will be available in the coming weeks. The data will provide available insights as we guide our efforts to strive for excellence across all areas.

-Dr. McDuffie took a moment to extend thoughts and prayers to everyone in Southern California affected by the recent wildfires.

-He recently met with a small group of employees to discuss the idea of unity within SMBSD. We had some honest conversations on how we can work together to build trust. We all have a common goal and mission to meet the needs of all of our students. He thanked Brian Rieke for facilitating this discussion, as well as the staff members who participated.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Valencia to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, R. Lara, R. Valencia, L. Cabral, J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Signed  _____
Ricky Lara
Board Clerk

Signed  _____
Ricardo Valencia
Board Member