



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

4400 Cathedral Oaks Road
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REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 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 2:02 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
Guy Walker

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Austin Payne, legal counsel

Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Amy Ramos
Bridget Baublits	Mari Gonzales	Dennis Thomas
Marc Cunningham	Don Lockwood	Steve Torres
Kirsten Escobedo	Delaney Patrick	Janelle Willis

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 and board members commented on various topics, including:

- Board Member Read reported on Lompoc Unified School District’s assistance with the “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” event and she thanked Lompoc High School and the LUSD school board for hosting the event.
- President Carty reported that Aliso School in Carpinteria was recently named a California Distinguished School.
- Board Member Armistead shared that she recently attended the Fighting Back Leadership Coalition meeting where the superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Santa Barbara Unified School District presented on student mental health supports and wellness centers.

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Presentation on the State of the Education Workforce in Santa Barbara County

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Mari Gonzales and Director of Human Resources Amy Ramos provided an update on the state of the education workforce in Santa Barbara County, primarily focused on SBCEO.

9. Presentation on the Alternative Payment Program in the Early Care and Education Program

Administrator of Early Care and Education Janelle Willis provided a presentation on the Alternative Payment Program (APP) in the Early Care and Education (ECE) program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10. Superintendent's Report

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

- Young Artists and Authors Showcase Reception happening this afternoon in the SBCEO Auditorium
- The Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce's State of Education event, rescheduled for April 30 at the Santa Maria Fairpark
- SBCEO's upcoming Education Celebration

The superintendent also stated that she was looking forward to convening her Student Advisory Council for its final meeting this Saturday. She stated that Chuck Madson, executive director of FUTURE for Lompoc Youth, would be a guest speaker. She also briefly commented on the uncertainties and unknowns in today's education environment.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

11. Minutes of Meeting Held March 13, 2025

12. 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 February 7, 2025 to March 6, 2025, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

13. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Information Technology Services
- Juvenile Court and Community Schools
- Student and Community Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead**

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

ACTION ITEMS

14. Recommended Approval of the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan

The board approved the Santa Barbara County Education Office Comprehensive School Safety Plan for county-operated programs and schools.

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

15. Recommended Approval to Expand Lease

The board approved expanding the lease for the facility located on South C Street in Lompoc for the Early Care and Education (ECE) program. The additional space will be used for storage and the cost of the lease will be paid by the ECE program. Upon approval of the full board, SBCEO will proceed with negotiation and preparation of the lease agreement.

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

16. Recommended Approval of Change Order

The board approved the change order (#5) for the Santa Barbara County Education Office's Curriculum and Instruction division construction project (# 01-24-25).

MOVED: **Dr. Armistead** SECONDED: **Mrs. Frost** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

17. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner, April 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m., at the Brothers Restaurant at the Red Barn in Santa Ynez, cost: \$75/person, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mrs. Read** SECONDED: **Mr. Walker** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

INFORMATION ITEMS

18. Personnel Report

The classified personnel report was presented as an information item.

19. Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report

The Williams Uniform Complaints Quarterly Report for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education, indicating no complaints filed for the period of December 16, 2024 through March 15, 2025, was presented to the board as an information item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

20. Future agenda items

The president mentioned the future agenda items that were listed on the agenda as an information item:

- Information about the Career Technical Education (CTE) program
- Updated report on transitional kindergarten (TK) and universal pre-kindergarten (UPK)
- How human trafficking is being addressed.

The following were also mentioned as potential future agenda items:

- Periodic updates on what is happening with the U.S. Department of Education and federal funding.
- Update on any potential partnership with or transfer of services of the Head Start program to SBCEO’s Early Care and Education program if the federal government eliminates the Head Start program.

ADJOURNMENT

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held May 8, 2025.

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

Marybeth Carty, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education