

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
June 11, 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 5:18 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Linda Cordero, President

Luz Maria Cabral, Vice President

Ricky Lara, Board Clerk

John Hollinshead, Board Member (absent)

Ricardo Valencia, Board Member

II. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation

Government Code § 54957

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: CSEA

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: SMEEA

D. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing Litigation

Gov. Code 54956.9, subd. (d) (1)

Name of Case: OAH Case No. 2025030500

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were reported for the Closed Session.

IV. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to 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 6:04 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session

Item A: Dr. McDuffie announced that the Board approved the administrative appointment of the following individual:

Jeanet Herrera, Principal, Jimenez Elementary.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

Items B and C: President Cordero reported that information was shared.

Item D: President Cordero reported that the Board approved unanimously on the settlement agreement in the Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2025030500.

Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

B. Introduction of Interpreters

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Cordero.

D. AIMS Leaders of the Year - *the item was pulled.*

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda Comments:

None reported.

Agenda Comments:

None reported (see public hearing comments).

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Dr. McDuffie requested that Item VII.D - AIMS Leader of the Year Awards, be pulled. It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mr. Lara to approve the agenda, as amended. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.*

X. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. Minutes of the Board of Education

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification

iii. Resolution 24-36: Resolution of the Board of Education of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District Designating Certain Committed Funds as Unrestricted General Funds

C. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes
- ii. Second Reading and Approval of Job Description: Augmentative and Alternative Communication Specialist (AAC)

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT

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

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Amira as a Reading Difficulties Risk Screener

Presented by: Katie Salcido, Ed.D. , Director, Teaching and Learning Core

Moved by: Mr. Valencia

Seconded by: Ms. Cabral

That the Board of Education APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF AMIRA AS A READING DIFFICULTIES RISK SCREENER as presented.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

B. Approval of Contract for IXL - Supplemental Math Program

Presented by: Katie Salcido, Ed.D. , Director, Teaching and Learning Core

Moved by: Mr. Lara

Seconded by: Ms. Cabral

That the Board of Education APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR IXL, as presented.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

C. Approval of Contract for AVID

Presented by: Katie Salcido, Ed.D. , Director, Teaching and Learning Core

Moved by: Ms. Cabral

Seconded by: Mr. Valencia

That the Board of Education APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR AVID, as presented.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

D. Renewal Contract for ESGI - Progress Monitoring Tool

Presented by: Katie Salcido, Ed.D. , Director, Teaching and Learning Core

Moved by: Mr. Lara

Seconded by: Mr. Cabral

That the Board of Education APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR ESGI - PROGRESS MONITORING TOOL, as presented.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

E. Collective Bargaining Agreement with SMEEA

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

Moved by: Ms. Cabral

Seconded by: Mr. Valencia

That the Board of Education ADOPT THE 2023-2026 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SMEEA, as presented.

Ayes: 4 (L. Cordero, L. Cabral, R. Lara, R. Valencia). Absent: 1 (J. Hollinshead). Motion passed.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plan

President Cordero opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. The following public hearing comments were presented:

- **Yvonne Duran** thanked Sam Humphrey for listening to suggestions and accommodating parents schedules. She made the request to remove the “rsvp” that is required on the workshop flyer as it suggests you cannot attend if you do not rsvp. Doing so will remove barriers for participation. She encouraged members to participate in LCAP surveys, and provide more education on LCAP in general. She requested it also be part of required professional development in August, November, and January.
- **Lisa Lira** regarding LCAP Goal 3.5. There is mention of a new curriculum. There is no new curriculum for junior high level 3. She discussed her concern over the Newcomer Programs being shortened to only 1 year. She also expressed concern over the need for well trained bilingual instructional aids. Currently, her junior high has only one. This is inadequate to meet the needs of our students. She discussed teaching ELD and that the junior high ELD coaches class times to later in the afternoon. Students now have to take high-stake tests at the end of the school day when they are exhausted.
- **Rosemary Lopez** spoke regarding the need for more bilingual instructional aids.

President Cordero closed the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

B. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Local Indicators Update

Presented by: Sam Humphrey, Ed.D., Director of Plan Alignment and Implementation

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE DRAFT LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN, as presented.

C. Public Hearing: 2025-26 Budget

President Cordero opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. With no public hearing comments reported, the hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

D. 2025-26 Budget Study Session

Presented by: Brian King, Coordinator of Budget & Finance

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW OF THE BUDGET RESERVE REQUIREMENTS AND THE 2025-26 BUDGET STUDY SESSION AND DIRECTED ADMINISTRATION TO BRING THE 2025-26 BUDGET ITEM BACK FOR ACTION TO THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, as presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

No reports.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Valencia

Congratulations to those who were promoted from the 8th grade! It will be a privilege for him to teach some of these students in the fall at SMHS!

He discussed mispronunciation of some names at the ceremonies.

Mr. Valencia read a letter that is being sent to President Trump expressing concerns surrounding the recent current events that are taking place. He noted that he has already signed it individually, and he hopes that the Board will sign this letter as well.

He requested that the district send ongoing information to our families regarding current issues surrounding immigration and discuss how we can protect each other.

Mr. Lara

No report.

Ms. Cabral

She attended promotions yesterday. She sends her congratulations to all of the students who were promoted!

To our staff: please enjoy your summer, and see you all in August!

Mrs. Cordero

She attended the Scholarship Foundation Award presentations and watched many students receive both awards and scholarships worth over \$7 million.

Mrs. Cordero attended the Fairlawn redesignation ceremony for over 100 students.

She also attended the Student Leaders' presentations last week - they were all exceptionally well done. The students all spoke very well and could answer any question asked of them.

Mrs. Cordero reported her attendance at the Fesler Awards Day. There were a lot of happy students!

She also attended a few of the 6th grade recognitions at both Alvin and Ontiveros. The students were very excited and you could tell they were quite proud of their accomplishments.

On June 4th, Mrs. Cordero attended the reception for our district retirees. She reported that it was well attended and she had a great time. Those who felt comfortable speaking thanked the district and spoke of their appreciation for how important working at SMBSD has been for them.

She shared the end of year activities reported at the last County School Board Association meeting.

Mrs. Cordero attended the Fesler Career Day last Friday. It was extremely well organized and a great variety of opportunities were represented at the event.

Yesterday, she attended the 8th grade promotions for Fesler and Tommie Kunst, as well as the promotions at Jimenez the day before.

Lastly, before coming to the meeting tonight, she attended a special celebration of life for Mr. Jim Glinds, someone that is very well known in the community, particularly for his support in fundraising for causes that support the youth of our community.

She hopes that staff across the school sites and Souza have time to rest and recharge this summer. Take some time to spend with your families and know that the work you do on the part of everyone is greatly appreciated!

Dr. McDuffie

He reported on the celebrations held this week for 8th grade promotions. Congratulations to all of our students who are stepping up to high school!

He thanked staff for their feedback throughout the year, particularly on the baseline study for Orenda.

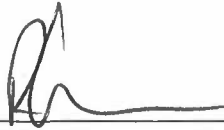
Dr. McDuffie is excited to share more upcoming information in regards to the Bright Futures Project.


He hopes that everyone enjoys time with their loved ones this summer, and he looks forward to seeing everyone next school year!

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Signed  _____
Ricky Lara
Board Clerk

Signed  _____
Luz Maria Cabral
Vice President