



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2025 – 2:45 p.m.

MINUTES

The Santa Barbara County Board of Education held this meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at the SBCEO North County Office, 402 Farnel Road, Santa Maria, CA.

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:44 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 (via Zoom)
Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom)
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

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| Ellen Barger | Kirsten Escobedo | Don Lockwood | Rene Wheeler |
| Camie Barnwell | Mari Gonzales | Elise Simmons | Amy Willis |
| Bridget Baublits | Isabel Guerrero | Steve Torres | |

Others Present

Chanel Crespin, member of the public
Victor McConnell, member of the public
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 Armistead expressed appreciation for the tour of the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) that occurred earlier that afternoon.
- Board Member Read congratulated all graduates in schools.
- Board Member Alvarez Flores shared that she recently attended the California Lutheran University graduation for 19 bilingual teacher resident candidates.
- President Carty also congratulated all graduates in schools and commented on the end of the school year. She shared that she attended the Carpinteria High School's class of 2025 awards ceremony where over \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded. Mrs. Carty also reported that the philanthropic community put together an education affinity group to address the news as it was received, such as changes coming from the federal government, and what the philanthropic community response could be to support schools.

7. Public Comments

The following member of the public addressed the County Board of Education:

Victor McConnell

PRESENTATION

8. Presentation on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Associate Superintendent of Student and Community Services Bridget Baublits, Director of Student and Community Services Elise Simmons, Director of Juvenile Court and Community Schools Rene Wheeler, and Director of Transitional Youth Services Amy Willis provided a presentation to the board on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Public Hearing on the Santa Barbara County Education Office 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

A public hearing was held at 3:29 p.m. prior to the adoption of the 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION

10. Presentation on 2025-26 County School Service Fund Budget

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Steve Torres provided a presentation to the board on the 2025-26 County School Service Fund Budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

11. Public Hearing on the 2025-26 County School Service Fund Budget

A public hearing was held at 3:51 p.m. prior to the adoption of the new County School Service Fund Budget as required by Education Code. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 3:52 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

12. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. Dr. Salcido highlighted the Reading and Literacy Added Authorization (RLAA) program ceremony and the Reading Difficulties Risk Screener items in the written report.

The superintendent also thanked the board for their participation in the day's various events. She congratulated all graduates in schools in the county. She shared that she attended a Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation event and

that the Foundation awarded \$7.7 million to approximately 2,100 high school seniors.

Dr. Salcido also shared the following additional information:

- A program “take back” – The superintendent reported that the Santa Maria-Bonita School District (SMBSD) notified SBCEO that they would be requesting to take back their special education preschool programs in a year and a day. Dr. Salcido and the associate superintendent of special education, Kirsten Escobedo, met with the SMBSD administration about their request/notification.
- Santa Ynez Chumash Museum and Cultural Center – Dr. Salcido shared that she and a couple of colleagues visited the new Chumash Museum in Santa Ynez. She shared that she was looking into potentially holding a board meeting there. She stated that the school district superintendents would meet there in the fall.
- Public comment – The superintendent commented briefly on the topics shared during recent public comment.

Board adjourned for a brief recess at 4:21 p.m. Board reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved all consent agenda items:

13. Minutes of Meeting Held May 8, 2025

14. 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 April 7, 2025 to May 6, 2025, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

15. Acceptance of Donations

Acceptance of donations for the following department:

- Teacher Programs and Support

16. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following departments:

- Communications
- Curriculum and Instruction

- Human Resources
- Internal Services – Maintenance and Operations
- Transitional Youth Services

Motion to approve all consent items:

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

ACTION ITEMS

17. Recommended Approval of 2024-25 School Plans for Student Achievement – Juvenile Court and Community Schools

The board approved the 2024-25 School Plans for Student Achievement for Juvenile Court and Community Schools. These annual plans are developed and reviewed by the School Site Council (SSC) and are strategic in consolidating all school-level planning efforts for programs funded through the Consolidated Application (ConApp), while maximizing resources and minimizing duplication with the goal to increase student achievement.

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

18. Recommended Approval of Grant Application – Consolidated Programs

The board approved the submission of application to the California Department of Education (CDE) for 2025-26 funding for Consolidated Categorical Programs.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Dr. Armistead** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

19. Recommended Approval of the 2023-24 Forest Reserve Fund Apportionment

The board approved the 2023-24 apportionment from the United States Forest Reserve Fund for school districts and the County Education Office adjacent to or lying within the United States Forest Reserve (Los Padres National Forest).

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

20. Recommended Approval of the Use of 2025-26 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues

The board approved the 2025-26 Proposition 30 Education Protection Account (EPA) Revenues to be used for existing Dos Puertas Juvenile Court School certificated salaries and benefits.

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

21. Recommended Approval of the 2024-25 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report

The board approved the 2024-25 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report. This annual report is required to be reviewed and approved by the governing board, pursuant to Education Code section 8820(g)(4). SBCEO confirmed that this report must be filed even if there are no expenditures.

MOVED: **Mr. Walker** SECONDED: **Dr. Armistead** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

22. Recommended Authorization to Utilize an OMNIA Partners Contract

OMNIA Partners (OMNIA) purchase contracts are established using products, services, and prices from existing, competitively assessed and cost-compared multiple award contracts. Public Contract Code Section 10298 allows county offices of education and TK-12 local educational agencies to utilize such contracts without going to bid. OMNIA Contract No. R240117, Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) with The HON Company LLC, is approved by the State of California Department of General Services (DGS) for the purchase, warranty, and installation of furniture and related services, as needed. The board approved the use of OMNIA Contract No. R240117 through December 31, 2027.

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

INFORMATION ITEM

23. Personnel Report

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

CLOSED SESSION

24. 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 4:29 p.m. and present were board members; Dr. Susan Salcido, county superintendent of schools; Bridget Baublits, associate superintendent; Steve Torres, associate superintendent; Kirsten Escobedo, associate superintendent; Felicita Torres, legal counsel (via Zoom); and Anna Freedland, executive assistant.

Properties: 1) two properties in Santa Maria, CA; 2) property in Goleta, CA.
Agency designated representatives: Dr. Susan Salcido, superintendent, and

Steve Torres, associate superintendent. Negotiating parties: [confidential] for Santa Maria properties and the Goleta property. Instructions to negotiators regarding price, terms, and conditions.

There was no action taken.

At 5:14 p.m. the board adjourned closed session and reconvened to open session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25. Future agenda items

The following were listed as future agenda items:

- 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
- Presentation on school cell phone policy considerations
- Tour of the newly opened Chumash Museum

ADJOURNMENT

26. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held Wednesday, June 18, 2025 as a dual location meeting, in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, at 10:00 a.m.

MOVED: Mr. Walker

SECONDED: Mrs. Read

VOTE: Passed 7-0

Marybeth Carty, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education