

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
August 13, 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 (Absent)
John Hollinshead, Board Member
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

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 5:19 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:03 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session

Item A: Dr. McDuffie announced that the Board approved the appointments of the following:

Dr. Sarai Padilla, Tommie Kunst JHS Principal

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

April Scott, Assistant Principal, Tunnell Elementary

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

Dena Clark, Coordinator, Multilingual Services

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

Shandee Bayne, Program Specialist

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

Items B and C: President Cordero acknowledged discussion.

B. Introduction of Interpreters

C. Pledge of Allegiance

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda Comments:

Maria Fabula, Boys and Girls Club of the Central Coast: Thanked the district for their long-term partnership. Invited everyone to the Back a Youth Night being held on September 25th. They anticipate about 100 students to attend.

Agenda Comments:

None reported.

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Ms. Cabral to approve the agenda, as presented. *Roll call vote. Ayes: 4 (R. Valencia, J. Hollinshead, L. Cabral, and L. Cordero). Absent: 1 (R. Lara). Motion passed.*

X. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. Minutes of the Board of Education
- ii. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5131.8 - Mobile Communication Devices
- iii. First Reading of Board Policies

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Board Approval or Ratification
- iii. Authorization to Declare Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment or Materials
- iv. 45 Day Budget Revision
- v. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Floor It Inc. - BID #5377 - Installation of District Provided Flooring at Fairlawn Elementary School
- vi. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Quaglino Roofing - BID #5379 - Portable Roof Replacement at Oakley Elementary School
- vii. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Modular Solutions Inc. - BID #5380 - Portable Ramp Replacement at Ontiveros Elementary School
- viii. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Best Quality Tree Service - BID #5381 - Tree Maintenance at Adam, Bruce, Fairlawn, Ontiveros, Sanchez Elementary Schools, El Camino and Fesler Junior High Schools, Souza Center and M&O
- ix. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Turboscape, Inc. - BID #5382 - Furnish and Install Engineered Wood Fiber at Six (6) Elementary School Sites
- x. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Modular Solutions Inc. - BID #5392 - Portable Ramp Replacement at Alvin Elementary School
- xi. Authorization to File Notice of Completion - Venterra Environmental, Inc. - BID #5399 - Asbestos Abatement at Fairlawn Elementary School
- xii. Authorization to Purchase Computer Equipment, Peripherals and Related Services Utilizing a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Awarded By Minnesota NASPO ValuePoint Contract #23013 to Lenovo (United States) Inc.
- xiii. Ratification for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Produce Purchases Utilizing a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Awarded by Ventura Unified School District Contract #FNS4-24
- xiv. Floor It, Inc. Install District Provided Flooring at Fairlawn Elementary School AGREEMENT #5377 – Change Order Number 1
- xv. Pacific Contractors Group, Inc. Painting at Tunnell Elementary School Agreement #5378 – Change Order Number 1

C. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTENT

- i. Approve the 2025-2026 Schedule of Student Arrival, Departure, and Supervision Times

President Cordero requested that Consent Item X.B.iv be presented as an Action Item. Mr. Hollinshead requested that BP 6142.93 and BP 6142.94 be pulled from Item X.A.iii. It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. *Roll call vote. Ayes: 4 (R. Valencia, J. Hollinshead, L. Cabral, and L. Cordero). Absent: 1 (R. Lara).* Motion passed.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Contract with Aya Healthcare, Inc for certificated SPED staffing vacancy needs– 2025-26 School Year

Presented by: Armando Uribe, Director of Special Education

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AYA HEALTHCARE, Inc for the 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR, as presented.

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

B. Approval of Contract with Aeries Student Information System 2025

Presented by: Brian Rieke, Chief Technology Officer

It was moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR AERIES STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM 2025, as presented.

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

C. Approval of Contract with NWEA for District MAP Growth Assessments

Presented by: Laurie Graack: Director of Teaching and Learning Supplemental Services

Moved by Ms. Cabral and seconded by Mr. Valencia APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH NWEA FOR MAP GROWTH ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR, as presented.

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

D. Agreement with Paradigm Healthcare Services to provide a Medi-Cal Billing/Student Health Network Database for State Billing

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

Moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH PARADIGM HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH A MEDI-CAL BILLING/STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK DATABASE FOR STATE BILLING, as presented.

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

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Measure K Series 2025 Bond Sale Results and Disclosure of Actual Cost of Issuance-Education Code §15146

Presented by: Matthew E. Beecher, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE MEASURE K SERIES 2025 BOND SALE RESULTS AND DISCLOSURE OF ACTUAL COST OF ISSUANCE-EDUCATION CODE §15146, as presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Valencia would like to agendize an item highlighting the work that has been done in collaboration with our community partners in regards to immigration issues. He would like the opportunity to hear directly from parents, staff, and community members about additional creative strategies to help students feel safe and supported at school. He would like to see this happen in the next 2 months.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Mr. Valencia

-Took a moment to welcome everyone to the new school year.

-Reported his attendance at the District Kickoff Celebration at the fairgrounds. He had the privilege of seeing 2 of his former students at the event who are now teachers in our district.

-Mr. Valencia discussed that, over the summer, there was a community member that reached out to him regarding a letter circulating that is addressed to the sheriff's office (Sheriff Bill Brown)

pertaining to immigration issues and the hardship it is creating for families. He took a moment to read the letter and noted that he, too, had signed it.

-He noticed that in one of the recent weekly board updates, there was an article on Ms. Garcia, who took 30 of her students on a field trip to several culturally significant museums in Los Angeles. He stated that this is a great example of cultural learning for our young people. He encouraged all staff to engage in activities such as this for our students.

-He expressed his appreciation for the students at Arellanes JHS who created a heartfelt video featuring outgoing students sharing words of wisdom for those preparing to enter high school..

-He discussed that many students do not remember the names of their former teachers and talked about some of the teachers who were influential in his life.

-To all the teachers starting the new year, we are rooting for you! As a board member, please let us know how we can support you.

-Mr. Valencia gave a shout out to our classified staff.

-Added that no matter what position you are in, we all have an impact on our youth.

Mr. Hollinshead

-Echoed Mr. Valencia's thanks for the Kickoff Celebration. It was great to see friends and teachers in the district. The participation seemed to be well above last year's event. The food was great and he heard afterward that the event was very well received. Kudos to everyone who helped in planning the event. He is excited to see everyone back this school year!

Mr. Lara

Absent.

Ms. Cabral

-She welcomed everyone back to the new school year.

-Ms. Cabral attended the recent *Night in Oaxaca* event hosted by MICOP. She shared that it was a wonderful evening celebrating both culture and community. She also spoke about meeting several individuals at the event who are currently working on the front lines of immigration issues. It was inspiring to hear from them and to learn more about the important work they are doing.

-She wished everyone a good first day of school tomorrow!

Mrs. Cordero

-Mrs. Cordero welcomed everyone back to school.

-She noted that it has been a busy last few weeks for her, including her attendance at professional development for our administrative staff over a 2 day period, as well as the new teacher week at Libbon, that included over 100 new staff members. At the junior highs, there was WEB training going on. It was fun to stop in and see how the WEB leaders/8th graders were mentoring the incoming 7th graders.

-Last week, there were professional development opportunities with WestEd. They are working with the remainder of our schools that have not participated in the PC training and developments. She was able to see staff members and admin teams participating in how they can introduce these things to their staff, and how it will empower them in defining very clear academic standards for each grade level. This will have a significant impact on our students. It was an exceptional opportunity that was fun, informative, and challenging.

-She added that it is going to be an exciting, powerful year of learning for everyone in our community.


Dr. McDuffie

- Superintendent McDuffie began by stating that all people belong, have a voice, and can contribute.
- It has been an incredible week filled with energy and momentum. He discussed New Educator Week at Libbon, where we welcomed over 100 teachers and launched 150 professional development courses for new teachers. He added that we also kicked off our new leaders institute and pathway to residency. Additionally, he discussed our junior highs working with WEB and WestEd. He added that the staff here have been outstanding, and thanked Maijue and her Ed staff for the work they have done.
- Dr. McDuffie also acknowledged Congressman Salud Carbajal. He appreciates his commitment to securing funding and immigrant rights.
- He discussed the heavy construction activity that is still going on at Battles. Thanks to Niccole Wiseman for the temporary drop-off stalls, and the fact that additional staff and crossing guards will be available at the site as well.
- Thanked staff for their work at the District Kickoff yesterday. It was an amazing success. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance.
- Dr. McDuffie discussed the launch of the Bright Futures Project, and the inspiring words from the keynote speaker, Dr. Robin. We are focusing on real learning for every child in SMBSD.
- Added that wWe are incredibly excited for tomorrow, and encouraged students, parents, and staff to get a good night's sleep.
- He closed by asking everyone to check us out on social media, adding that our Public Information Officer, Samantha Scroggin, has been doing an incredible job getting us up on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Signed  _____
Ricky Lara
Board Clerk

Signed  _____
John Hollinshead
Board Member