

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
San Bernardino City Unified School District
Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

(Board Approved September 2, 2025)

Members present

Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos.
Student Board Members Aremy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado (SBMs left at 9:07 pm)

Cabinet Members present: Superintendent Mauricio Arellano; Associate Superintendent Terry Cornick; Interim Assistant Superintendent Juan Lopez; Assistant Superintendents Sandra Rodriguez and Ana Applegate; Director of Communications MaryRone Goodwin; Chief of Police Joseph Paulino, Executive Assistant Katrin Balintag. Also in attendance Administrative Assistant Nicole Post. Minutes recorded by Administrative Assistant Karen Cunningham.

*Student Board Members cast preferential votes.

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order

President Ceballos called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Student Board member Valeria Cervantes led the Pledge.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Approve as amended to change the effective date for Item 5.4 Approval of the Employment Contract, Assistant Superintendent, HR from August 25, 2025 to September 2, 2025.

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

*Yea: Aremy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

2. Special Presentations/Recognitions

2.1 Resolution in Recognition of Attendance Awareness Month

Approve resolution

Whereas good attendance is essential for student achievement, and developing the habit of regular attendance prepares students to succeed in school and career; and

WHEREAS chronic absenteeism most severely impacts low-income students and children with special needs, especially if they lack resources to make up for lost classroom time at home; and

WHEREAS the San Bernardino City Unified School District dedicates resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism and partners with families, parents and school leaders to make attendance a top priority; and

WHEREAS the SBCUSD 2025–2026 Attendance Awareness Campaign theme is “Missing School is Missing Out” which reminds students and families that every day that students miss school they are also missing out on learning, social interaction with their peers, and so much more.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District recognizes September 2025 as Attendance Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education recognizes that greater attention is needed to improve student attendance and hereby commits to reducing chronic absenteeism to give children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally, and socially.

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

*Yea: Aremy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

2.2 Resolution in Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month

Approve resolution

WHEREAS the period from September 15 through October 15 is officially known as National Hispanic Heritage Month and is a

time to honor the many historical and modern contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans; and

WHEREAS those dates coincide with important events in Latin-American history, including the September 15 anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; the September 16 anniversary of Mexico's independence; and the September 18 anniversary of Chile's independence; and

WHEREAS Hispanic and Latino Americans share ancestry and cultural ties with Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Cuba and Spain, and this diversity has brought invaluable perspectives, experiences, and values to the District; and

WHEREAS the District celebrates the vibrant Latin-American spirit that influences our nation and recognizes the practices of commitment to family and love of cultural heritage, which are virtues that transcend ethnicity, that are exemplified in Hispanic- and Latino-American communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education of the San Bernardino City Unified School District joins people across our state and nation in recognizing September 15 through October 15, 2025, as National Hispanic Heritage Month and directs that appropriate activities for celebrating Hispanic- and Latino-American heritage and culture take place in District schools.

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

*Yea: Aremy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

3. Public Comments

3.1 Receive Public Comments

Speaker: Paul Chaney, certified arborist, shared he sent the Board and Student Board members photographs of a Deodar cedar tree at the new building on the San Bernardino High School campus. He said it was the focal point of a courtyard there and the design was intended to preserve the tree and have it as a major heritage spotlight of the courtyard. Unfortunately, Mr. Chaney said, he documented the fact that there was not tree protection in place before construction began and stated that the things this tree required as a living organism were violated. They over-excavated in the root zone of this large Deodar tree, removing critical roots. Mr. Chaney shared that with a tree like this, you have to determine the critical root zone, which on a tree this size is usually at least one and a half or quarter, times the radius of trunk to the drip line of the tree. If it is any closer than that, you need to do mitigation in that root zone so the remaining roots that aren't damaged thrive and support the top of the tree and he said the photosynthetic of the tree has died back and about 3/4 of the living tissue of the top of the tree is dead. He recommended to remove this tree, and have the responsible party (the contractor), replace it. Mr. Chaney said the wood of the Deodar tree is beautiful. It can be milled into benches, tables or other things that woodshop students can create. He offered the Board to tour some campuses and he could point out how the last tree service company that did pruning on the trees which caused damage that will cost the District money in the future.

Mr. Cornick, associate superintendent, shared he could re-share an update to the Board regarding this matter.

3.2 District English Learner Advisory Committee Video

DELAC president Elizabeth Romero and parliamentarian Maricela Nunez presented a video highlighting DELACs 2024-25 school year.

4. Closed Session

4.1 Closed Session Public Comments

No comments.

President Ceballos adjourned the Board to Closed Session at 6:01 pm

4.2 Closed Session Agenda

As provided by law, the Board will adjourn to Closed Session for consideration of the following:

Public Employee Appointment

Title: Coordinator, Special Education, Academic Instruction
Coordinator, Special Education, Preschool
Elementary Vice Principal

Anticipated Litigation

Conference with legal counsel pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code 54956.9

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to §54956.9(e)

Number of Cases: One

Conference with Labor Negotiator

District Negotiator: Juan Lopez, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Employee Organization:

California School Employees Association

Communications Workers of America
San Bernardino School Police Officers Association
San Bernardino Teachers Association

Student Matters/Discipline:

Student Discipline Discussion: Student Discipline Matter (Ed. Code, Sections 35146, 48912)

Student ID: 507112; 440159; 7232009; 477677; 541296; 454760; 501001; 531852; 455161

Open Session resumed at 7:41 pm

5. Action Reported from Closed Session

5.1 Approval of Elementary School Vice Principal

Approval of Elementary School Vice Principal - Marina Hernandez

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

Not Present at Vote: Danny Tillman

5.2 Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Academic Instruction

Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Academic Instruction - Kayla Shrock

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

5.3 Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Preschool

Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Preschool - Brandy Barbee

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Abigail Rosales-Medina.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

5.4 Approval of the Employment Contract, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Approval of the Employment Contract, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources as amended

Employment contract, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, effective date ~~August 25, 2025~~ September 2, 2025, two hundred twenty-two (222) day work year, \$213,759.36-\$225,607.50 annual compensation with fringe benefits including health insurance, one day a month sick leave credited in advance for the current year's entitlement, \$750.00 doctoral yearly degree stipend, \$950.00 monthly housing allowance if Assistant Superintendent maintains his/her primary residence within the boundaries of the District, and 2.5% anniversary increments at 21 and 25 years.

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

Nay: Abigail Rosales-Medina

5.5 Lift/Readmit of Expulsion of Student(s)

Approve Student ID #s 507112; 440159; 7232009; 477677; 541296; 454760; 501001; 531852

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

5.6 Petition to Expunge, Rescind, Sealing of Record or Modify Youth Court or Expulsion

Approve Student ID #: 455161

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

5.7 Other Closed Session Action

There was none.

6. Student Board Members

6.1 Reports/Comments

Valeria Cervantes, a junior representing Arroyo Valley High School (AVHS), thanked the District custodians for keeping the

campuses and she has noticed how well-maintained AVHS is, showing a clean and welcoming environment that helps students feel safe and focused for the start of the school year. Ms. Cervantes also reported they had their back to school night on August 14, which allowed families to meet their students' teachers and learn about academic expectations; held their Club Rush on August 15 during school lunches, which encourages students to get involved in extracurricular activities and explore their interests. In addition, a new program is developing at AVHS called SLICK which would motivate students and promote leadership so they can succeed academically and personally. She reported AVHS' first football game will be September 5 and their first Coffee with the Principal will be on September 24, which provides parents an opportunity to connect with the teachers and discuss important updates. Ms. Cervantes reported that both San Geronio High School and Sierra High School also had their back to school nights. San Geronio's girls volleyball team achieved an incredible milestone by winning first place in their tournament; the girls flag football team is off to a strong start. She shared that Student Board member, Ivorion Jones, San Geronio High School's representative was formally introduced to the students and staff during their junior and senior assembly, where he highlighted the importance of student leadership.

Damian Delgado, a junior representing Pacific High School (PHS), stated that as his first official meeting as a student board member, it is his honor to be here. Mr. Delgado started first by giving thanks to PHS' security staff, commenting their connections with the students builds a sense of respect for both sides, not only do the students feel safe, but also valued. He reported that PHS hosted their freshman orientation, with tour guides showing incoming students around the campus and the classes in each of their buildings, such as their Biomed Project lead the Way class and their new "B" building. Pacific had their back to school night with many families attending and students looking into clubs and programs such as Big Brother, where students are assigned any elementary school and mentor the students there to help support them with their school work. Mr. Delgado reported that Pacific has implemented a new project, Science of Learning, where during advisories on Mondays, teachers present study methods on how to retain and develop the long-term memory within the brain. He said that by teaching students about different study methods or even sleeping habits, students can excel within their academics, such as the upcoming SAT for juniors. Mr. Delgado also reported that San Bernardino High School has started their girls volleyball and tennis season and the tennis team took a victory today. Reporting on behalf of San Andreas High School he shared the school has gained recognition as one of the healthiest schools in America in three different fields.

Aremy Martinez Sosa, a junior at Indian Springs High School (ISHS), thanked all the school counselors for their patience during these first few weeks of school and trying to set up schedules. Stating they deserve appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to students and staff. She reported that ISHS had an amazing back to "pack" night, or more known as back to school night, where they have food trucks, booths displaying their departments, popular clubs, and sports, as well as, a scavenger hunt that is open to the general public, just to let everyone get to know the school and staff. Ms. Martinez Sosa shared that Middle College High School had a four day senior trip to explore colleges in northern California with funding provided by EXL and Dr. Rodriguez. In addition, Cajon High School had their Club Rush and Back to School night last week and their senior class meeting, where they collaborate on senior activities and school events.

7. Administrative Reports/Presentations

7.1 Bond Presentation (A)

Mr. Terry Connick, Associate Superintendent, Business Services and Mr. Tom Pace, Facilities Director, will be presenting on the purpose and process of a school bond, including how it supports district facilities and student needs. They reviewed what a bond is; the bond repayment and capacity; fiscal responsibility and strategies; and needs assessment, such as financial position, outstanding debt, and alternative funding sources.

Ms. Rosales-Medina asked about remaining bond funds, Mr. Pace stated that the district has exhausted its authority from the last bond, Measure N. Capital remains available for specific, pre-approved projects, including renovations at Pacific High School, bleacher replacements at Arroyo Valley, San Bernardino, and Cajon High Schools, and athletic improvements at San Bernardino High. Additionally, the district plans to build new gyms at King and Golden Valley Middle Schools using a small surplus from Measure N. Mr. Pace also clarified that the district funded recent energy initiatives, such as replacing lights and air conditioning units, through a Certificate of Participation (COP). He also explained that many grants, like the one for a potential \$40 million modernization project at Arroyo Valley High School, require the district to provide matching funds. Mr. Pace confirmed that information comparing the district's financial position to surrounding districts could be provided. He also clarified that portable restrooms are permanent structures. Ms. Rosales-Medina said she would like to see the "high needs" or the other improvement needs and asked if there would still be funds from Measure N that could go towards those items and she was told that the money is allocated towards projects that have been identified by the Board, but there is a small excess amount of funds that will most likely go towards middle school gymnasiums. She asked what matching funds were and was told that through grant programs, state facility building program; most grants that give money for construction require a match from a district. As an example, he shared that the District is currently working with the county on several projects. They require 25% match for the projects. Mr. Pace provided an example: Arroyo Valley HS is coming up on 25 years old; that's the point where the state starts to chip in and help pay for modernizations. We are eligible for about \$40 million to put into AVHS - the state would contribute \$40 million and we would have to have our match in order to get the \$40 million. Ms. Rosales-Medina asked how we compare financially to surrounding districts and was told that information could be provided. She also commented on a recent proposition that passed regarding facilities funding and asked if we would receive any funding from that. Mr. Pace that we do have current applications turned into the state, awaiting to be funded; we have eligibility under Prop 2 which was the state school bond initiative for about \$350 million over the next ten years.

Mrs. Alexander asked about the \$100 million in cost savings from solar projects. Mr. Pace explained the district is achieving this through two methods: Power Purchase Agreement (PPA): The district buys electricity from a company that installed solar on district property for 9 cents per kilowatt-hour, a significant saving compared to the over 23 cents per kilowatt-hour they pay to Edison. The district is installing solar at nine sites by paying for it upfront, which will provide electricity at a very low cost. Mrs. Alexander asked how that correlates with a potential bond. Mr. Pace said it shows that when the District does invest in our

facilities we are trying to make them more efficient, and with the savings we get through effective use, that is a general fund reduction that can then be used in the classroom and other areas of need. Mrs. Alexander asked about the taxpayer savings by re-financed General Obligation Bonds three times, saving taxpayers over \$23 million and what that meant. Mr. Pace said that as the bond market changes, as interest rates become cheaper, if the interest rate has fallen below the interest rate the District originally bought bonds with, or sold bonds with, that we refinance those bonds so the taxpayers see a reduction in cost directly to their bill. Mr. Pace said we have done that three times, which has saved taxpayers over \$23 million, stating that we see an opportunity to give back to the taxpayers we try to do so and the last time we did this was January 2025.

Mrs. Ceballos commented that when Measure N was on the ballot in 2012 it mentioned many improvements, such as repair deteriorated classrooms, removal of hazardous materials, upgrade educational infrastructure, such as classroom technology, science labs, vocational education programs, acquire, construct, and repair school facilities. She asked if all of the things listed has been done and Mr. Pace said yes and gave an example of Pacific High School: in addition to their new buildings, prior to that they failing fire alarm systems, leaky roofs, and insufficient air conditioning; we were able to match the funds, so the state has paid over 50% of the cost of PHS.

8. Action Items

8.1 Personnel Report #4 Dated August 19, 2025 which contains Actions such as Hiring, Retirements, Resignations, Promotions and Terminations (B)
Approve as presented

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

8.2 Consideration and Approval of Fourth Amendment to the Employment Agreement Between the San Bernardino City Unified School District and Superintendent
Approve the Superintendent's Fourth Contract Amendment

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

9. Consent Items

9.1 Approve the Consent List

Resolution: Approve Consent List

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

*Yea: Aramy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.2 Approval of the August 5, 2025 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Resolution: Approve as presented

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

*Yea: Aramy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.3 Compensation for School Board Member - Danny Tillman

Approve compensation

Motion by Scott Wyatt, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

Abstain: Danny Tillman

*Yea: Aramy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.4 Compensation for School Board Member - Scott Wyatt

Approve compensation

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Abigail Rosales-Medina.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

Abstain: Scott Wyatt

*Yea: Aramy Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.5 Amendment No. 1 to the Lease-Leaseback Contract with Miller Construction for the San Bernardino High School Athletic

Renovation Project - \$9,473,887.89 (Business Services)
Resolution: Approval of Amendment No. 1

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.6 Award of Bid F25-04 Riley ES - New CMU Wall - \$464,329.90 (Business Services)
Resolution: Approval of Award of Bid No. F25-04

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.7 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (Business Services)
Resolution: Approval of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.8 Ratification of Agreement with Specialized Education of California - \$1.5 Million (Educational Services)
Resolution: Approval of the Ratification of the Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.9 Agreement with Juarez Consulting, Inc. - \$160,000.00 (Student Services)
Resolution: Approval of the Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.10 Extended Field Trip and Agreement, Guided Discoveries, Inc., Kimbark ES - \$15,070.00 (Student Services)
Resolution: Approval of the Extended Field Trip and Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.11 Rental Agreement with Intelligent Marking USA Inc. dba Turf Tank - \$102,800.00 (Student Services)
Resolution: Approval of Rental Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

9.12 Physical Education Exemptions (Student Services)
Resolution: Approval of Physical Education Exemptions

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos
*Yea: Army Martinez Sosa, Valeria Cervantes, Damian Delgado

10. Reports/Comments by Union Organizations

10.1 San Bernardino Teachers Association
No report.

10.2 California School Employees Association
No report.

10.3 Communications Workers of America
o report.

10.4 San Bernardino School Police Officers Association
No report.

11. Reports/Comments

11.1 Board Members

Mr. Santos had no comments.

Dr. Wyatt thanked Mr. Cornick and his team for a wonderful tour this past Saturday for some of the board members to go through the new Paxam Paxam Welcome Center, stating it is an amazing facility. He said this building is a testament to what the District is doing for our city and for our staff, students and families.

Mrs. Grande, in regards to Mr. Chaney's public comment, stated that UCR has a big program on arborists and agriculture, with land and crops. She thanked Harold Olivo, N. Verdmont Elementary's principal, for their recent open house, stating it was wonderful and she especially loved their moderate-to- severe special education classroom and their teacher, Ms. Alvarado and they are fortunate to have a Rising Start award winner in their school. Ms. Grande said her goal for this school year is to visit more of the District's special education classrooms and she invited her fellow Board members to accompany her. She shared an instance when she was a teacher at Anderson School, when Board member Rosales-Medina had visited her classroom and asked if she was getting everything she needed. Mrs. Grande said she was surprised, thinking Board members never even concerned themselves about such things and she never forgot. At that time, she had no idea that the teachers were, and are, the biggest investment when it comes to our scholars and she thanked the Board for continuing to teach, inspire, lead, and give wise counsel. Mrs. Grande also shared that Dan Jimenez, CEO and president of the National Orange Show board, recently passed away. She commented that he was instrumental in the Best Buddies prom, a stellar program. Lastly, she shared condolences for teacher Maria LaZor, who's husband recently passed away. Ms. LaZor, Mrs. Grande, commented, brought Best Buddies to King Middle School, the first middle school to have the program.

Mr. Tillman welcomed the new Student Board members, commenting they did a great job with their reports and looks forward to working with them.

Ms. Rosales-Medina reminded the Board that she had previously asked to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Frances Grice Cardinal Child Development Center, stating she had personally met Ms. Grice years ago through then San Bernardino Community College Board member and now a Board Trustee, Joseph Williams. She would like to invite community leadership that knew Ms. Grice and the work she did within San Bernardino, fighting for human rights, environmental issues and desegregation and she definitely wants to recognize her efforts. She would like to encourage the Naming Committee to also attend as they were instrumental in naming this facility.

Mrs. Alexander also welcomed the new Student Board members and agreed that they did a great job during their reports. She congratulated her bonusdaughter, Ariana Alexander Fenel, who is a graduate of our District - Belvedere Elementary, Richardson PREP, and graduated from Cajon - and who recently got her doctorate in social work from Cal Baptist. Mrs. Alexander said they are proud of Ariana and commented she is "homegrown" and working in San Bernardino. Mrs. Alexander spoke about scholarships, stating she is getting inquiries about our process from organizations. She wants to make sure every student receives these scholarship applications, so student know if they qualify and can apply well in advance and commented that college applications are going to be due sooner than later. The District needs to make sure that we are arming the organizations who are providing scholarships with the information so they can get them out to the students. Mrs. Alexander asked for details so that she could share the process; who the organizations should be speaking with to ensure students are receiving the scholarship applications. She said these scholarships are coming specifically from those organizations, it's not money from the District.

Dr. Rodriguez asked for clarity as to whether she was referring to the process for the donor to verify that the student is getting the scholarship, or are the students aware of the scholarship opportunities and are they given the applications - and what is the process of following through once they are given the applications to actually having the applications turned in? Mrs. Alexander said 1) what is the process to get the applications out to the schools, to the counselors; 2) how do we ensure they are being distributed to students and how they are receiving them. She commented that it could be an opportunity to have these organizations go into the schools to educate the students on how to fill them out, but we need to first start with understanding the process as this question comes up at the beginning of the year. Dr. Rodriguez said she had some additional questions and would meet with her later.

Mrs. Ceballos also welcomed the new Student Board members, stating they did a great job. She reminded the Board of the upcoming governance workshop on September 23 with Gary Rutherford and shared that he will be sending out a survey soon to them to provide some feedback prior to the workshop. Mrs. Ceballos also toured the new Welcome Center, and commented that is a really amazing building and she thanked Tom Pace and his team for accommodating them on a Saturday morning.

Ms. Rosales-Medina left the dais at 8:55 pm and returned at 9:04 pm

11.2 Superintendent and Staff

Superintendent Arellano highlighted the following: He and Mrs. Applegate were invited by the tribe to come see their brand new elementary school on their reservation. It is in a beautiful location built on one of the highest points on the mesa which oversees the entire city. They shared about their curriculum, the infusion of their culture and language into the curriculum. He congratulated them on their new beautiful school and said the District is looking forward to working in partnership with them to benefit the city of San Bernardino. Mr. Arellano also shared that he participated in some training with Dr. Derek Greenfield, which was in response to Terry Comnick's commitment to have leadership trainings for our classified managers, stating that we spend a lot of time on professional development related to the trade of their job and not with team-building leadership. Dr. Greenfield focused on building synergy within the team; how do you create inclusive excellence where everyone has a voice and feedback showed that 96% found the information relevant to their daily work and 91% found the training to have strong leadership value. Now, they will help coach the managers to implement some of the strategies they learned. Mr. Arellano congratulated Dr. Randy Clyde for being recognized as the Administrator of the Year; Kellie Johnson was honored for Teacher of the Year, and Caitlin Arakawa, was honored for Excellence in Service and they will be recognized in October at the 2025 UC David C-STEM Awards. He also shared information on the upcoming Inaugural SBCUSD Department Showdown, brought about by Scott Smith, PE Program Specialist, to continue to work towards being a healthy organization and an organization that likes to be with each other. There will be four different tournaments throughout the year: Cornhole; Pickleball; Kickball; and Dodgeball. The superintendent said he appreciated Mr. Smith trying to build on the culture of being a healthy organization.

Dr. Rodriguez shared information regarding the Back to School Extravaganza at San Bernardino Valley College. She thanked the many vendors and District personnel who made the event a great success, specifically, to our Maintenance & Operations team, stating they are unsung heroes. She shared a video on how staff all came together to serve the students in this community by providing them much needed supplies as well as information and resources to start the new school year in the best way possible.

12. Summary of Board Members' Requests

12.1 Review of Requests

Ms. Rosales-Medina and Mrs. Ceballos requested a copy of the assistant superintendent, HR contract be placed in the next Friday Update. Ms. Rosales-Medina asked for consensus for a second Bond presentation to provide the requested information from tonight's presentation; consensus was given. She also asked to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Frances Grice Child Development Center at SBHS and to invite the Naming Committee. Mrs. Alexander requested information on the process for scholarships, how they are distributed, and the feedback loop; Dr. Rodriguez will follow up with her to get more information.

13. Meeting Adjournment

13.1 Adjournment

Approve Adjournment

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos

President Ceballos adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.