

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
San Bernardino City Unified School District  
Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

**(Board Approved July 15, 2025)**

**Members present**

Scott Wyatt, Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina (arrived at 5:36 pm), Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos; Mayra Ceballos absent.

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

**1. Opening**

1.1 Call to Order

Vice President Grande called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance was led by 5 year old Avery Grace Fennell, granddaughter of Board Member Felicia Alexander and former City Councilman Damon Alexander.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Approve as presented

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Abigail Rosales-Medina

**2. Public Comments**

2.1 Receive Public Comments

Speaker: Ben Pratt shared IBEW union apprenticeship outreach update. They are still running their pre-apprenticeship program and just had a cohort graduation at San Bernardino High School; they have attended career fairs - been to Pacific High School, SBVC, Arroyo Valley High, Cajon High School. Mr. Pratt introduced Mr. Jesse Lopez, who was their first graduate of the San Bernardino pre-apprenticeship program and will be starting IBEW's program in the fall. Mr. Lopez shared he took the SBHS' 15 week afterschool course which he just finished. He shared that both his father and grandfather had been electricians and he will follow in their steps. He's been on the job for two and half months and he's learned a variety of skill trades. He commented that this has been a great opportunity and he had no issues transitioning from high school to the apprenticeship and said it has been really great working with IBEW.

Mr. Tillman asked if he was in class now and Mr. Lopez said he starts at IBEW's school in the fall with a pre-math class, which is mandatory for new apprenticeships. He shared that there is a 5 year apprenticeship and after that he will pass his state certification to become a journeyman wireman for IBEW. Dr. Wyatt congratulated Mr. Lopez and said this was exactly what the District is looking for with our kids and he challenged Mr. Pratt to have more young men and women in the apprenticeship program.

Speaker: Ryan O'Neal, account manager, SoCalREN Kits for Kids program, a no-cost, hands-on, energy education initiative for third and fourth grade students. He invited SBCUSD to join other participating districts in bringing this impactful program to our classrooms. He shared how it works in the classroom: teachers deliver a short, engaging lesson on energy efficiency; SoCalREN provides a full lesson plan, PowerPoint slides, and activity sheets; but the program is really flexible and teachers can use their own materials if they prefer. After the lesson, the students complete a fun, on-line scavenger hunt that teaches about each item that is in the kit they will receive. It is a free kit with items, such as, LED lightbulbs, faucet aerators, and shower timers. Students could then take the kits home and have any of the items installed in their homes and then return the proof of installation card. If at least 65% of the students return these cards, each classroom that participates is then eligible for a \$1,000 grant each. Mr. O'Neal shared that this spring they awarded over \$100,000 in grants, with a capacity for at least 150 classrooms for the fall of 2025. As the account manager, he personally supports the district from start to finish and SoCalREN would like to partner with SBCUSD to empower students, support educators, and support sustainability across the community.

**3. Closed Session**

3.1 Closed Session Public Comments

None.

Vice President Grande adjourned to Closed Session at 5:47 pm

### 3.2 Closed Session Agenda

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

Public Employee Appointment/Employment (Gov. Code Section 54957)  
Title: Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Open Session resumed at 6:27 pm.

### **4. Action Reported from Closed Session**

#### 4.1 Other Closed Session Action

There was no items.

### **5. Administrative Reports/Presentations**

#### 5.1 Inland Career Education Center (ICEC) Presentation **(A)**

Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services and ICEC principal, Raul Pedraza Jr., presented information on ICEC's programs on Academics, including high school diploma and GED programs; Career Technical Education (CTE) programs: Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Vocational Nursing (VN), Barbering Apprentice, Meat Cutting Apprentice and Digital Literacy Training; and English as a Second Language (ESL), Citizenship, and Community-Based English Tutoring. For the 2024-25 year they shared that they had 71 graduates, 66 GED completers, 35 VN completers, 61 CNA completers, 28 Barbering completers, 112 ESL program graduates, and 74 new citizens.

#### 5.2 Child Development Programs Presentation **(B)**

Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, Nancy Carrillo, Preschool Central, and Latashia Kelly, Child Development Programs Director, presented information on the Child Development Programs: Full-Day Infant Toddler, Full-Day Preschool, and Part-Day Preschool.

### **6. Board Discussion**

#### 6.1 Student Board Member Compensation

Board questioned the election process for Student Board Members(SBM) and asked for information on the current process for selecting the SBMs. They also asked to revise the current SBM policy to address future selection of SBMs and compensation and/or credit. Mr. Tillman suggested \$200 per meeting attended. It was also requested to look at comparisons on compensation at other districts. There was no vote at this time.

### **7. Action Items**

#### 7.1 Personnel Report #1 Dated July 1, 2025 which contains Actions such as Hiring, Retirements, Resignations, Promotions and Terminations **(C)**

Approve as presented

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 7.2 Adoption of the Instructional Continuity Plan **(D)**

Adopt

Motion by Scott Wyatt, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 7.3 Approval of the Special Education Memorandum of Understanding Between the SBCUSD and the Public Safety Academy of San Bernardino **(E)**

Approve

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 7.4 Approval of the Special Education Memorandum of Understanding Between the SBCUSD and Woodward Leadership Academy **(F)**

Approve

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.5 Approval of the Special Education Memorandum of Understanding Between the SBCUSD and Entrepreneur High School San Bernardino **(G)**

Approve

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7.6 Consideration and Approval of Employment Agreement between the San Bernardino City Unified School District and Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mr. Juan M. Lopez **(H)**

Approve the employment contract for the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Scott Wyatt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **8. Consent Items**

8.1 Approval of Consent List

Resolution: Approve Consent List

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.2 Approval of the June 17, 2025 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Resolution: Approve as presented

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.3 Award of Bid No. NSB 2025-26-4, Produce - \$2,604,996.45 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Bid No. NSB 2025-26-4, Produce

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.4 Award of Bid No. NSB 2025-26-5, Delivery Trucks - \$444,163.02 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Award of Bid No. NSB 2025-26-5, Delivery Trucks

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.5 Commercial Warrant/EFT Register for the Period of May 1 - 31, 2025 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Commercial Warrant/EFT Register

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.6 Federal/State/Local Budget Revisions (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Budget Revisions

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.7 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

The acceptance of the attached donation list meets all requirements of Board Policy 3290, Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

SITE	DONOR	DONATION AND PURPOSE	AMOUNT
King Middle School	Amazing Shaved Ice, LLC Moreno Valley, CA	To support ASB with future event expenditures	\$152.00
Richardson PREP HI Middle School	California Credit Union Foundation Glendale, CA	Grant awarded to support science class projects	\$500.00
San Gorgonio High School	Fredrick & Brenda Garcia Patton, CA	To sponsor the Track & Field Program	\$2,000.00
San Gorgonio High School	Vance Garcia Long Beach, CA	To sponsor the Track & Field Program	\$2,000.00

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.8 Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of May 2025 (Business Services)

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.9 Signature and/or Delegation Revocation (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Signature and/or Delegation Revocation

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.10 Agreement with Altus Academy School NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.11 Agreement with Dynamic Hope School NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.12 Agreement with Haynes Family of Programs DBA Bliss Academy NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.13 Agreement with Haynes Family of Programs DBA Joan Macy NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.14 Agreement with IXL - Software Licenses and Training - \$343,750.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.15 Agreement with McKinley Children's Center/Canyon View School NPS - \$1,000,000.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### 8.16 Agreement with Oak Grove Institute NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.17 Agreement with Precious Heart NPS/Residential - \$1.6 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.18 Agreement with Sierra School of East Valley NPS - \$1 Million (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.19 Extended Field Trip, BLU Educational Foundation Sol Brothers/Soul Sisters Leadership Camp, ETSA - \$34,440.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Extended Field Trip

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.20 Extended Field Trip, Elite Spirit 2025 Cheer Camp, Arroyo Valley HS - \$1,700.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Extended Field Trip

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.21 Extended Field Trip and Agreement with Mammoth Hospital for the High Altitude Camp at Cerro Coso Community College, Cajon HS - \$11,760.90 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of Extended Field Trip and Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.22 Extended Field Trip and Agreement with Juarez Consulting Inc., Middle College HS - \$75,000.00 (Human Resources)

Resolution: Approval of the Extended Field Trip and Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.23 Signature Delegation Authority - Interim Assistant Superintendent (Human Resources)

Resolution: Approval of Signature Delegation Authority

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.24 Approval for the 2025-26 School Year Virtual Academy Courses (Student Services)

Resolution: Approval for Virtual Academy Courses

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.25 Ratification of the Agreement with Making Hope Happen Foundation, KITS Program - \$326,700.00 (Student Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Ratification of the Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.26 Ratification of the Agreement with Vicki Lee for Liaison Services for A.T.L.A.S. Students - \$79,980.00 (Student Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Ratification of the Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.27 Rescission of the Operating Agreement with St John's Community Health - No Cost (Student Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Rescission of the Operating Agreement

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **9. Reports/Comments by Union Organizations**

9.1 San Bernardino Teachers Association

No report.

9.2 California School Employees Association

No report.

9.3 Communications Workers of America

No report.

9.4 San Bernardino School Police Officers Association

No report.

## **10. Reports/Comments**

10.1 Board Members

No reports/comments from Mr. Santos, Dr. Wyatt, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Rosales-Medina, and Mrs. Grande.

Mrs. Alexander commented she would like the District to focus on robotics stating it should be infused in most everything the District is doing, even if it is highlighted from a point of exposure, because robotics is everywhere - in the medical industry, logistics, engineering, etc. and she doesn't believe she is hearing about it as much as it should be and she would like to know what our priority is for robotics and infusing it in the classroom.

## **10.2 Superintendent and Staff**

Mr. Arellano thanked the staff who worked in the summer school, which ended on June 30 with approximately 9000 students participating. He also gave a shoutout to all the custodians and M&O crew who are doing the deep-cleaning during the summer. He provided a response to Mrs. Alexander's comments regarding robotics, stating that one of the concentrations we have had for the last couple of years is starting at the elementary level. Dr. Clyde has been incorporating more of those STEM labs at the elementary level. He said that robotics is definitely on our radar. We are being very intentional because we do not want to throw robotics and just say "do it". Dr. Clyde has been very intentional about where we start, pilot different programs, so we will continue to move aggressively and get to the point where we can be at a maximum level. Mr. Arellano also highlighted the District's annual Summer Administrative Leadership Institute for the principals and thanked Mrs. Applegate, Michelle Cleveland and AET department. It is a week-long experience where principals get a mix of new learning and work collaboratively in their cluster groups to start finalizing their school plans for the upcoming school year. This year they had principal Baruti Kafele, an award-winning principal from New Jersey. He is known for working with schools that have the biggest obstacles and having them achieve at a high rate like affluent neighborhoods. The challenge he had the leaders think about was "Is my school a better school because I lead it?" That was the challenge he had for the principals. Mr. Arellano also reported he attended the San Bernardino City Council meeting on June 18 to share positive news about the District. He handed out the "We are San Bernardino" work so that the Council could see the poetry and writings from our students. He also handed out the Career Technical Education Course Guide and shared with them what the District is doing with San Bernardino County with trying to establish that pipeline. The Council said that as soon as the new city manager starts, sometime in August, that will be a priority for the city as well. One of the City Councilmembers asked if the District could decorate their chambers with the students' artwork and MaryRone Goodwin is working to get the artwork ready and work with the city manager. Mr. Arellano commended Dr. Funchess and the Terry Comnick Department for organizing a successful districtwide staff softball game, between Human Resources and Business Services which fostered a strong sense of community and teamwork. Mr. Arellano recommended making it an annual tradition and suggested involving Board members in future events. In collaboration with the County Workforce Development Board, Superintendent Arellano shared a video produced by Executive Director Brad Gates, showcasing career pathway initiatives and efforts to keep students employed locally after graduation. He credited Chelsea Ramirez for her leadership in strengthening these partnerships and acknowledged the Board of Supervisors for their support. Lastly, Dr. Arellano formally introduced Mr. Juan Lopez as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. Mr. Lopez brings extensive experience from his previous roles in Val Verde and Santa Ana Unified, and has served in multiple interim leadership positions. Dr. Arellano affirmed his confidence in Mr. Lopez's expertise and integrity. In addition, Mr. Arellano reported on the first-ever Human Resources versus Business Services' softball game and said this should become an annual event. It was held at Cajon High School and it was packed with family, staff, and friends. He said it brought so much camaraderie and positive spirit to the District in terms of working as a team and building that sense of family across the District. Business Services beat HR 10 - 6!

He thinks the board members and superintendent should be invited to next year's game to be designated hitters, umpires, or something. Next, he shared that Chelsea Ramirez has been working with Brad Gates, the executive director of Workforce Development Board trying to get their board of supervisors to support the idea of them hiring our students who earn CTE certifications into the job openings that the county has every month. They created a video to show the board of supervisors what the District has to offer. He shared that video with them. Last, Mr. Arellano formally introduced the interim assistant superintendent of Human Resources, Mr. Juan Lopez. He has known Mr. Lopez for 25 years; he is a retired superintendent from the Val Verde School District; prior to that he served as the assistant superintendent of Human Resources in both Val Verde and Santa Ana districts. Since his retirement he has served multiple interim positions and he is current and up-to-date with all the practices and laws.

## **11. Summary of Board Members' Requests**

### 11.1 Review of Requests

Mr. Tillman requested to explore how to make the option of monthly payments available to students who pay the \$5300 cost of the LVN program; requested to find out what can be done to expand the apprenticeship programs at ICEC. Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Alexander, and Ms. Rosales-Medina all asked to cost-out the expansion of the infant/toddler program at ICEC and reduce the waiting list. Mrs. Alexander asked to consider infusing robotics into the ICEC curriculum. Ms. Rosales-Medina suggested possibly remodeling the ICEC building using a bond. Board members discussed compensation to Student Board Members and requested information on the current process of selecting students and to revise the current policy to address compensation and/or credit, and processes for selecting future Student Board Members, and to look into other districts compensations.

## **12. Meeting Adjournment**

### 12.1 Adjournment

Approve Adjournment

Motion by Scott Wyatt, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Vice President Grande adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.