

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
San Bernardino City Unified School District
Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

(Board Approved August 19, 2025)

Members present

Danny Tillman, Abigail Rosales-Medina, Mayra Ceballos, Mary Ellen Grande, Felicia Alexander, Michael Santos. Absent: Scott Wyatt (out ill). Student Board Members Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, and Ivorion Jones

Cabinet Members present: Superintendent Mauricio Arellano; Associate Superintendent Terry Comnick; 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 5:30 pm.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Aidan Hurtado, incoming Student Board Member, led the Pledge.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Approve as presented

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

2. Special Presentations/Recognitions

2.1 San Bernardino Community College District Report

Carlos Aguilar, a San Bernardino Community College District trustee, thanked the Board and District for their longtime partnership, and stated their district represents Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College College. He shared the report tonight would cover what their district does, share updates, how they are working to expand opportunities for students and families, and a video highlighting who they are and what they have done. He introduced SBCCD Chancellor, Dr. Diana Rodriguez. She shared that the two colleges serve over 30,000 students, 22 cities and communities, 7 k-12 feeder districts. She highlighted the affordability of their two colleges, at about \$1250 per year. They offer more than just local training, like the workforce training building at SBVC and the public safety training center at Crafton Hills, with solar power lighting for classrooms, energy efficient buildings, and electric vehicle charging stations, as well as more than half of the people building these projects are from our communities, with \$8 million in wages staying local and \$163 million supporting the local businesses. Through Measure CC, they have made smart investments in the infrastructure and quality of education at Crafton Hills and San Bernardino Valley colleges. In addition, they have saved \$64 million in property taxes over ten years. Chancellor Rodriguez shared that over 4,000 students are participating in their dual enrollment program with over 1600 are SBCUSD high school students and shared that their aspiration was to have every 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students enroll in at least one dual-enrollment class each semester. She spoke about KVCR, a public media organization that operates as a service of the San Bernardino Community College District, which recently won two Emmy awards for their programming, with over 4 million viewers and listeners across the area. They also host FNX, First Nations Experience program, the only one in the nation that is strictly for indigenous people and their programming. Dr. Rodriguez invited them to be on the air to promote or talk about, they would love to have them at KVCR for an interview.

Mr. Tillman commented that he helped two students enroll at SBVC and he appreciated all the help that they received. He also stated the financial cost should not be a problem as they can register and start school even if they do not have the money that day, as long as they have done their FAFSA, and Chancellor Rodriguez said that in certain circumstances SBVC can work out payment options, such as financial aid, first and pay a little later. He also stated that he knows the value of their institution because he attending SBVC. He thanked the superintendent for holding the Back to School Extravaganza at SBVC and it was amazing. He said it was wonderful the district partnered with them because it gave and introduction to students and parents because they were able to see what the college looks like and he hoped the district would continue partnering with SBVC for events such as this. He also commented that one of our student board members, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, told him she will be getting three AA degrees when she graduates.

Mrs. Grande asked how the child care on both the campuses were doing and Dr. Rodriguez said they were both thriving and flourishing. She said it was a much needed program and one we truly value, both for their general community and the moms and dads that are in their classrooms and it is one of their signature programs. Mrs. Grande asked how the student vice

presidents and presidents at the colleges were doing and was told they were doing fantastic, with more and more student clubs and more students wanting to come with us as we advocate for more resources in both Sacramento and Washington DC, which tells her that the students are more engaged.

President Ceballos asked student board member Ms. Brisa Hernandez Garcia if she wanted to comment and Brisa said she was one of the dual-enrollment students at MCHS and she is very familiar with the SBVC campus, particularly with their library and one of their new buildings where she and her friends go to study because it is quiet. She also said there are counselors on the college-side that help them and the entire campus is very supportive. They are allowed to use their facilities, such as their therapy. Overall, Ms. Hernandez Garcia said it was a very supportive environment, and it is a wonderful community.

Ms. Ceballos commented that she too attended SBVC graduating in 2014, transferring to UCR and commented she was the first in her family to graduate college. She mentioned the pharmacy tech program with Mr. Omar Castro, and said it was a wonderful program, stating she has been to their last two graduation events because we have had students graduate from the program and shared her stepson will be joining this upcoming year. She thanked Chancellor Rodriguez for coming and sharing and said that whatever the district could do to continue supporting our partnership.

Ms. Rosales-Medina wanted to find out how the district could reach that goal of having every 10th - 12th grade students enroll in at least one dual-enrollment class and would like our district to see how we can make that happen. She would definitely support that idea. Chancellor Rodriguez said that Superintendent Arellano has been very receptive to the idea, meeting with people, etc.

Mr. Arellano said we are talking about junior college as an option, spreading the word internally within our organization. For many years the talk was just about four year college and we want to make sure junior college option is equally important and accessible. In response to the board members request, he is happy to announce the wheels are already in motion. He loved the aspirational goal that Dr. Rodriguez put together and SBVC President Contreras invited our district and two others to talk about how do we attain that and he said that unofficially we are trying to formalize a collaborative with San Bernardino Valley College and Rialto, Colton, Redlands, and SBCUSD to reach that aspirational goal. Last, he stated we are proud to announce that our dual-enrollment number of classes has gone up over the previous year and a lot of that has to do with the collaboration that we have with SBCCD.

2.2 Student Board Member Swearing In
Board President Mayra Ceballos swore in Student Board Member Aidan Hurtado.

3. Public Comments

3.1 Receive Public Comments

Speaker: Mickey Alexander, spoke on the nutrition services program and high school student athletes. She commented that student athletes are at school until 6 pm or 7 pm at night and these students have not eaten since lunch time. She believes that what has happened is because the District went to late start. Prior to that the students were getting out around 2:30 pm, but now they are getting out around 3:30 pm and because of this students do not have a chance to eat anything before starting practice at 3:3-3:45 pm, across the entire District. Ms. Alexander shared that Dr. Rodriguez did reach out to her and they are scheduled to meet. She also said Board member Alexander also called her to talk about it. She reiterated that it is not just one school - it is across the District.

Speaker: Francine March and Linda Morgan, with the Inland Empire Children's Book Project, shared with the Board their organization has been in the District since 2015 and they are currently housed at Curtis Middle School. They receive donated books, they clean them, level them, and then go out to schools and give them away to students. Ms. March shared they went to 31 schools last year and gave out over 20,000 books. They also gave 500 books to Roxanne Williams for her DEI program, and they are looking forward to doing this again this year.

Speaker: Tony Plana, founder of the Broadway Now/American Musical Academy, reported on his programs in the District and shared a video of some of the plays the students performed the previous school year. In addition, he stated they had just completed two days of training for returning and new teachers in the program. For the students who take the program they benefit by improved focus and concentration, enhanced problem-solving skills, increased creativity and critical thinking, and positive impact on academic achievement, enhanced communication skills, increased confidence and self-esteem, development of empathy and emotional intelligence, teamwork and collaboration, building social skills, improved physical alertness and coordination, increased physical fitness, cultural awareness, discipline and perseverance. He also shared that they have just hired a graduate of Cajon High School, Sophia Figueroa, who was an IB graduate, and who just won an Emmy at KVCR in documentary film-making and Sophia is going to teach a documentary class through his program at Cajon.

Speaker: Roberta Figueroa, read a letter on behalf of staff at San Andreas High School, regarding discussion regarding possible name change for San Andreas High School. In part, the letter shared concerns regarding the possible renaming, citing several accolades including Linking Learning Gold certification, PBIS Gold certification and pending Platinum certification, Model High School, CCEA Exemplary Program Award, Stanford case study on San Andreas, America's Healthiest School designation, just to name a few. She stated that the school has built name recognition in the alternative school community. The letter also shared concerns about the financial cost in renaming the school. On behalf of the staff, Ms. Figueroa urged the Board to consider both the historical significance and their school's name and the practical implications of renaming it.

Speaker: Barbara Pastuschek-Cox, SBTA president, welcomed everyone back for the 2025-26 school year. She recognized the custodians, HVAC technicians, M&O employees and everyone who helped prepare the District's campuses. She also thanked Mr. Arellano for his swift response to the power outage this morning. She reported that this year the District and SBTA are taking a

collaborative step forward and she and Erin Moran, SBTA vice-president, will be visiting every school site throughout the school year. With over 120 SBTA site representatives across the District, they are reinforcing the foundation of shared leadership between union and administration at every school. Together they are laying the groundwork for school communities where educators are valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

Speaker: Carolina Tzumi, parent, questioned why school restrooms have been restricted for use by the students. Her two girls were at San Bernardino High School last year and they both had urinary infections then, but they told her that the restrooms were still closed. She again asked why the segregation with the students? Why are they not being allowed to use the restrooms? Ms. Tzumi said she believe the rights of the children are not being respected and asked if there was a way to solve this? She commented that children's kidneys are being affected for not being able to use the restrooms and therefore there are consequences and again asked to find a way so they are not being affected physically during classroom time. Mr. Arellano thanked Ms. Tzumi and told her he will look into this matter and contact her,

4. Closed Session

4.1 Closed Session Public Comments

President Ceballos adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 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: Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Title: Special Education Coordinator - Speech & Related Services

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

Employee Discipline Update

Student Matters/Discipline:

Expulsion Hearing: Student Expulsion (Ed. Code Section 48918)

Student ID: 464762

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

Student ID: 469537; 491262

Superintendent's Contract

Open Session resumed at 7:55 pm

5. Action Reported from Closed Session

5.1 Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Appointment

Approve Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Appointment - Tasha Doizon

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Felicia Alexander.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.2 Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Speech & Related Services

Approval of Coordinator, Special Education, Speech & Related Services

Motion by Felicia Alexander, second by Danny Tillman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.3 Expulsion of Student

Approve Student ID #464762

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.4 Lift/Readmit of Expulsion of Student(s)

Approve Student ID #s 469537; 491262

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5.5 Other Closed Session Action

There was none.

6. Student Board Members

6.1 Reports/Comments

Carlos Barrios, a senior representing Cajon High School, commented he is grateful for Cajon's sports program and is the current team captain of the wrestling team. He said it was good to see new faces and over the summer it was great to see new freshman come in and learn discipline and valuable life skills. Mr. Barrios said he was extremely grateful for the opportunity and experience as a Student Board member. He reported that they recently had their two day orientation where they met the superintendent, Mr. Tony Plana, and others in the District that really believe in the District's vision. Mr. Barrios commented on the first day of school where he met his teachers and he said they really had the passion for the students and they too shared the District's vision. He thanked the janitorial staff that's been working year round making sure our campuses are clean and secure. The Student Board member from Arroyo Valley High School shared with him that the football students got new gear and the seniors had summer trips to colleges. At San Andreas High School they added new classes to their pathways and received a CARES grant from San Manuel to help further outreach and connections with students. San Andreas also won awards through the America's Healthiest Schools program.

Brisa Hernandez Garcia, a senior representing Middle College High School, started by thanking MCHS staff member, Mr. Olsen, who is the math teacher for sophomores and seniors and is also the advisor for the peer leaders club. When the peer leaders were helping out with orientation, he went out of his way to buy them all chocolate chip cookies, which, she said, might sound a little silly but Mr. Olsen is the type of teacher that does things like that when you help out, or if you're down, or even if it's your birthday. She reported that MCHS hosted its student bridge program, which is their freshman orientation, with upperclassmen peer leaders volunteering. It is two days where the students simulate going through their schedules, meet their teachers, learn where their classes are, get their student contracts, get their PE clothes. Ms. Hernandez Garcia also reported that Sierra High School will have a program showcase on August 8 and they will be launching their Radiance program; they will also be welcoming incoming Sunshine crew members, which are peer-to-peer mentors; and campaigning for Suicide Prevention month is underway. Sierra also has services and support that is welcome to everyone in the community, including mobile dental and medical units; produce distribution every two weeks; and their washer and dryer services are open to the public on Fridays by reservation, at their Olive Branch Community Resource Center, as well as, clothes available for all ages, and diapers. Ms. Hernandez Garcia also shared that in the summer, with collaboration with ETS (Educational Talent Search), a pre-college program at UCR, Pacific High School students were able to stay on campus and were able to experience college life by staying in the dorms. They also had workshops on FAFSA, learning how to network, learn about scholarships, and how to write their applications; and STEM workshops which included making a roller coaster, an engine, and a crane. Last, she gave appreciation to employees Nicole Post and Karen Cunningham for help to organize their student board member orientation, as well as Dr. Sandra Rodriguez. Mr. Tony Plana, and superintendent Arellano who took time with them and answered all of their questions.

Ivorian Jones, a senior representing San Geronio High School and expressed gratitude towards superintendent Arellano for taking time out of his day during our student board member orientation to stop by and sit with them and take their questions and said that even though he, and others, asked him so many questions, he answered all of them to the best of his ability. He didn't have to do this, but Mr. Jones said he appreciated him for doing so. He also thanked Dr. Rodriguez for inviting him during the summer to throw out the first pitch at the 66ers baseball game during the District's Employee Night. He was able to take his family to experience the game and also see him on the big screen. He also reported that San Geronio hosted their orientation before school started where they had their ID photos taken, and received their school schedules. He also reported on behalf of the San Bernardino High School representative that they recently had their cafeteria job orientation and said it was a great experience. The Indian Springs High School representative shared there had been dual enrollment through San Bernardino Valley College during the summer and Mr. Tony Plana will be holding auditions in August for his Broadway Now program through EXL. Mr. Ivorian thanked Principal De la Torre for giving him the opportunity last school year to bring to the campus two state representatives, Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh and Assemblymember James Ramos.

7. Board Discussion

7.1 Renaming of San Andreas High School

Ms. Rosales-Medina commented that she is part of the Facilities Sub-Committee and that this was brought to them as a recommendation and at the time they thought it a good idea; however, at a past Board meeting Mr. Tillman reminded them that we have never renamed a high school to a person and hearing from the school site she suggested that the Board not move forward with re-naming the high school. After hearing from Ms. Figueroa and their cost analysis, Mrs. Alexander asked Mr. Cornick what it would cost to change the name and he said a lot of things on the list provided to them by Ms. Figueroa could be done through attrition and over time as they bought new inventory, these items would be replaced with the updated information. An initial cost, for signage out front, letterhead, etc. might be in the \$40,000-60,000 range, but he could work with Facilities and Purchasing who give him cost estimates. Mrs. Grande said she would not like to see the name changed, stating her daughter graduated from San Andreas and she would hate to see it changed. Mr. Santos asked if the policy said high schools could not be renamed and was told it did not specifically say that and Mrs. Rosales-Medina read from the policy that it said you had to have a unanimous board approval to change a school sites name. Mr. Tillman said there was an older policy that did say it could not be changed to a person's name and believes the current policy should be revised to state that. He does not support changing any high schools' name, stating he would not like his alma mater's school renamed and he believes others wouldn't either. Ms.

Rosales-Medina stated that it appeared there would not be an unanimous vote as required by the policy. Mrs. Ceballos asked the Board if there was consensus to not bring this item back for any action, consensus was given.

8. Action Items

8.1 Personnel Report #3 Dated August 5, 2025 which contains Actions such as Hiring, Retirements, Resignations, Promotions and Terminations (A)

Approve as presented

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. Consent Items

9.1 Approval of Consent List

Resolution: Approve Consent List

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.2 Approval of the July 15, 2025 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Resolution: Approve as presented

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.3 Ratification of the Agreement with Capitol Advisors Group, LLC - \$78,000.00 (Superintendent)

Resolution: Ratification of the Agreement

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.4 Ratification of the Agreement with Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. DBA ThoughtExchange - \$81,140.00 (Superintendent)

Resolution: Approval of the Agreement

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.5 Commercial Warrant/EFT Register for the Period of June 1-30, 2025 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Commercial Warrant/EFT Register for period of June 1-30, 2025

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

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

Resolution: Approval of Budget Revisions

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.7 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.8 Notice of Completion, Bid No. F22-02 Roof Replacement - Warehouse & M&O (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Notice of Completion

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.9 Purchase Order Board Report for the Period of June 2025 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Ratification of the Purchase Order Board Report

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.10 Ratification of Change Orders from October 9, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Ratification of Change Orders

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.11 Ratification of Charter Bus Services for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year - \$2.5 Million (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Ratification of Charter Bus Services for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.12 Ratification of Disposition of Obsolete/Surplus Property (Business Services)

Resolution: Approval of Ratification

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.13 Agreement with Elevo, Jones ES - \$95,175.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Agreement

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.14 License and Service Agreement with Gobo, LLC - \$85,828.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Agreement

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

9.15 Ratification of Renewal Agreement with Technical Employment Training, Inc. - \$141,600.00 (Educational Services)

Resolution: Approval of the Renewal Agreement

Motion by Abigail Rosales-Medina, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

*Yea: Carlos Barrios, Brisa Hernandez Garcia, Ivorian Jones

10. Reports/Comments by Union Organizations

10.1 San Bernardino Teachers Association

SBTA president, Barbara Pastuschek-Cox gave her remarks during Public Comments.

10.2 California School Employees Association
No report.

10.3 Communications Workers of America
No report.

10.4 San Bernardino School Police Officers Association
No report.

11. Reports/Comments

11.1 Board Members

Mr. Tillman thanked the superintendent and staff for a great start to the new year. He commented that the second day of school was one of those days when Edison had power go down at many of our school sites and district buildings. He suggested that because every year, with the heat at the start of school, could we consider having generators that can power lighting and air conditioning at those 16 sites that usually have their power go off every year due to Edison shutting down due to potential fire risk in those areas; possibly by leasing, if necessary.

Ms. Rosales-Medina welcomed staff and students back to school for a new year.

Mrs. Alexander also welcomed every one back and hoped everyone had an enjoyable summer. Regarding the power outage, she asked if parents had no option and had to go to work, were there any alternatives for them? Mr. Arellano said the District did not, but they could look into other options. Regarding the public comment regarding afterschool sports, she asked about when the District changed to late start, did we evaluate the program as it relates to meals for the students? Dr. Rodriguez responded that they did and one of the concerns was because athletics was pushed a whole hour later due to late start, and if students went to CAPS first and then to practice, they would go too long and would be getting home later. She said they will work with the athletic directors and coaches to work on the logistics and when they meet with Mickey Alexander, they will also be meeting with the county auditor of the EXL program, and EXL representatives. Mrs. Alexander thanked her for the update and went on to compliment her and her Family Engagement team and the agencies we partner with that provide services such as dentistry and other services for the students as it relates to need. When a question arose as to whether we were seeing a decline in the number of students using these types of services, the feedback she received was that statistically we were not; however, when she spoke again to the team, the District has tightened up our process where we are trying to make sure we are not missing out in terms of the students that need the services. She also shared with the public that for dental services, eye care, food and diaper distributions, these are still available. Last, she welcome the new Student Board members present today and commented that all three of them gave great reports.

Mrs. Grande welcomed back all the wonderful teachers and especially the Special Education teachers and is looking forward to another great year. She attended the Summer Management Conference, stating the AI presentations were cutting edge and she wants more of our educators to hear about AI. She also attended the Special Education event at Arroyo Valley High School and was very inspired by the SPED conference speaker Isabella Rainbolt.

Mr. Santos also welcomed everyone back to a new school year. He agreed with the superintendent's decision to close those schools that were affected by today's power outage. He shared he attended the Back to School Extravaganza and said it was a great event, lots of people attended. He attended the back to school conference and said it was a wonderful conference, he got to go to the Leading Math Together for the principals and he sat in with the third grade, northend teachers and learned about what we are doing with iReady and iReady Math.

Mrs. Ceballos also welcomed everyone back stating she is really excited for the new school year. She commented that she heard great things from the Student Board members' orientation and the superintendent let them know you all asked a lot of great questions. She mentioned that the superintendent shared a little about preliminary data regarding our metrics which will be coming out around October and they appear to be very positive. She is looking forward to that report.

11.2. Superintendent and Staff

Superintendent Arellano welcomed the Student Board members and told them he really enjoyed his time with them at the orientation and he thanked them for being ambassadors on behalf of the superintendent and Board, letting them know what is going on at schools and also letting everyone else we see them, we hear them, we value them, and we love them. He welcomed everyone to the new school year. He is very optimistic. He reminded everyone that the District has a multi-year vision called SBCUSD Shines 2030, six pillars, and in those pillars they have objectives that is our job to work towards. He said we do have some good preliminary information that our proficiency in ELA, in math, is going up again; our graduation rate is going up; A - G completion rate is going up for the second year in a row; the number of students completing dual enrollment courses is also going up with our initial benchmark to get to 50% proficiency in ELA, Math; 70% in A-G proficiency/passing rate; and 95% graduation rate. He gave a shoutout to Melinda Goggin, a program specialist for behavioral support in special education. He sat in on her presentation at Cal State San Bernardino last week on how to work with kids with ADHD and on the autism spectrum. He stated it was an amazing two hours, not only as an educator, but as a parent. He will reach out to Mrs. Applegate because he would love to have Ms. Goggin's present to our parent groups and committees. Mr. Arellano thanked the Human Resources division and Personnel Commission, stating they have been working all summer to fill our teacher vacancies and classified vacancies. He thanked Dr. Contreras, president of San Bernardino Valley College and Mr. Morales, the president of Cal State, San Bernardino for being great partners with SBCUSD and always allowing us to use their space for trainings, parent extravaganza, graduations, etc. Mr. Arellano shared the District had an amazing Management Conference, which revolved around Artificial

Intelligence. He thanked Board members Mary Ellen Grande and Scott Wyatt for giving their motivational speeches. Presenters were Chris Jackson, Dr. Patel from San Bernardino County Schools who both spoke on how AI fits in public education, not just in the classroom but also in the operations. He said we are looking at how we want to reorganize our organization in terms of having a higher level of expertise for AI and he will be coming to the Board in the future with a recommendation on how we continue to support AI districtwide. On the second day of the conference Eric Sheninger, a former principal in New Jersey, presented his philosophy and his approaches to our principals. He thanked MaryRone Goodwin and her department for putting the conference together. He attended the New Teacher Academy where he got to meet and greet all the new teachers and then he welcomed all the new certificated staff, where he thanked them all for choosing our District. Mr. Arellano also spoke to the campus security officers during their annual training and said that when we talk about how our suspension rates and expulsion rates have decreased; how our citations continue to decrease, it starts with our CSOs. He wanted to personally thank them because they need to understand that their impact in building relationships, talking to the students, getting reconnaissance so we can deal with issues before they happen and escalate to something big. They are a big part of our key performance indicators and he thanked Chief Paulino for giving him the time to speak with them. Last year he challenged the high school and middle school principals to really start to put together a PE program where students weren't allowed to "opt out", but to be in movement, to learn to stretch, learn to be healthy. As he visited schools last year, every single school he visited, they had activities, they were organized, students were engaged. He asked Scott Smith, a program specialist, if he could come to their Physical Education Teacher Training and tell the PE teachers in person thank you for stepping up and he told them he wants our PE programs to be the best in the state and they are working hard to get there. Mr. Arellano congratulated the students on their Certified Nursing Assistant graduation, telling them not to stop there, to now get into the LVN program, then the RN program, and then into medical school. He told them to think big. He shared he believes we have the best adult education program in the state and he thanked the administrators and teachers on doing a great job. He congratulated San Andreas High School for winning the America's Healthiest Schools and to earn that recognition, they had to meet and exceed the expectations of cultivating staff well-being, strengthening social-emotional health and learning, and supporting school health services. He thanked and congratulated principal Dorie Stratton, vice principal Brigette Raarup, and all the staff for making great things happen at San Andreas. He congratulated Assistant Chief Stephen Donahue who is in the process of completing the FBI National Academy, and he congratulated Dr. Tasha Doizan on her appointment as the new Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.

12. Summary of Board Members' Requests

12.1 Review of Requests

Mrs. Alexander requested the District create a list of daycare options that could be made available to parents in the event of other emergencies like today when power was out at several schools and kids were sent home. Mr. Tillman requested the District look into placing backup generators capable of providing lights and air conditioning at those school sites that were affected by the power outage. He also asked for consensus that the Policy Subcommittee include language in the Naming of Facility policy to state high schools could not be renamed.

13. Meeting Adjournment

13.1 In Memoriam

The Board recognized and closed the Board meeting with a moment of silence in memory of Desirae Barrientos, a Recreational Aide at Kendall Elementary School, who passed away on July 4, 2025.

13.2 Adjournment

Approve Adjournment

Motion by Danny Tillman, second by Michael Santos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

President Ceballos adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.