

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
February 18, 2026

ADOPTED

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Cabral called the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to order at 5:17 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Luz Maria Cabral, President
Ricky Lara, Vice President
John Hollinshead, Board Clerk
Ricardo Valencia, Board Member
Linda Cordero, Board Member

II. IDENTIFY CLOSED SESSION TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

A. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation

Government Code § 54957

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: CSEA

C. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Representative: Pete Bland, Ed.D.

Represented Employees: SMEEA

D. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

(Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1))

Name of case: OAH Case No. 2025100184

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - CLOSED SESSION

No public comments were reported for the Closed Session.

IV. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:17 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:02 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session

For Items A, B, and C: Information was shared.

For Item D: The Board approved a settlement agreement in Office of Administrative Hearings Case No. 2025100184. The motion was made by Board Member Hollinshead, seconded by Board Member Lara, with 5 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

B. Introduction of Interpreters

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Student Leader Advisory Team

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda

No comments reported.

Agenda

Kristen Lohr - Regarding Action Item XI.E, requested continuation for SMEEA consultation.

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Dr. McDuffie requested that Discussion Item XII.B. Measure K Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Community - 2024-25 be moved just prior to the action items on the agenda. Mr. Hollinshead moved and Mrs. Cordero seconded the approval of the agenda, as amended. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero. Motion passed.*

X. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

- i. Minutes of the Board of Education
- ii. First Reading of Board Policies

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Contracts for Approval or Ratification
- ii. Edwards Construction Group, Inc. Taylor Elementary School; Fire Alarm Replacement BID #5370 - Change Order Number 2
- iii. Authorization to File Notice of Completion for Edwards Construction Group, Inc., Taylor Elementary School; Fire Alarm Replacement BID #5370
- iv. Award of BID# 5424 Installation of District-Provided HVAC Equipment at Fairlawn Elementary School
- v. Award of BID #5427 Installation of District-Provided Flooring at Rice Elementary School
- vi. Award of Bid #5430 Installation of District Provided Camera System at Alvin and Bruce Elementary Schools

vii. Authorization to Purchase Flooring Materials with Related Supplies Utilizing a California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract #4-24-09-1049 Awarded to Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT

i. Approval for Sanchez Elementary 6th Graders to Kayak with the Morro Bay National Estuary Program on 4/1/26

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Hollinshead, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero. Motion passed.*

XI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Tentative Agreement Between the Santa Maria-Bonita School District and The California School Employees Association and Its Santa Maria Elementary Chapter #129

Presented by Pete Bland, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Lara, that the Board of Education APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AND ITS SANTA MARIA ELEMENTARY CHAPTER #129, as presented. *Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.*

B. Request to Change Date of the Next Scheduled Regular Board Meeting for the Month of April 2026

Presented by Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE FROM APRIL 8, 2026, TO APRIL 15, 2026, as presented. *Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.*

C. Adopt Resolution #25-16: Release of Temporary Certificated Employees

Presented by Pete Bland, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education ADOPT RESOLUTION #25-16, AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TEMPORARY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.*

D. Adopt Resolution #25-17: Release of Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees

Presented by Pete Bland, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mr. Lara that the Board of Education ADOPT RESOLUTION #25-17, AUTHORIZING THE NON-REELECTION OF PROBATIONARY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES, as presented. *Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.*

E. Adopt Resolution #25-18: Resolution Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services Performed By Certificated Employees

Presented by Pete Bland, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education ADOPT RESOLUTION #25-18 AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF PARTICULAR KINDS OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES, as

presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead.
Motion passed.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Mid-Year Update

Presented by Sam Humphrey Ed.D., Director, Plan Alignment & Implementation

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE LOCAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN MID-YEAR UPDATE, as presented.

B. Measure K Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Community - 2024-25

Presented by Matt Beecher, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services

The Board of Education ACKNOWLEDGED THE MEASURE K CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2024-25 UPDATE, as presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was reported.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Board Member Report – Mrs. Cordero

- Mrs. Cordero has been out visiting schools and talking with student leaders at Adam, Arellanes Elementary and JHS, as well as Bonita, Bruce, and Fairlawn Elementary Schools.
- The annual awards of the Santa Barbara County School Board Association will be held on 4/16 at the Red Barn. This year, arrangements have also been made to schedule a tour to visit the Chumash Museum prior to having dinner.
- Last week, she attended a meeting at Fesler that featured a Mixtec presentation, which was exceptionally well done and highly appreciated by the staff.
- School visitations have been very enjoyable. She is amazed at how a couple of our school sites have grown.

Board Member Report - Mr. Valencia

- Congratulations to the boys and girls soccer teams at SMHS – both are in the playoffs this season.
- Major props to our coaches in the district who help prepare student-athletes for success at the high school level.
- Congratulations to the SMHS boys basketball team who are league champions.
- He also thanked the staff and coaches of the younger grades whose work helps build teamwork, mindset, and foundation for these accomplishments.
- ICE activity / immigration enforcement has been causing anxiety and stress in communities – with real emotional impacts on families and students.
- Mr. Valencia shared that there is a board policy in the consent agenda that is being updated – Board Policy 234.7, which is a response to immigration enforcement activities.

He emphasized that this update is about protecting students and families, ensuring everyone feels safe and supported in our schools.

- Reassured the community that district staff are well-equipped and trained to take care of students and families, and that safety and inclusivity are priorities.

Board Member Report – Mr. Hollinshead

- No comments reported.

Board Member Report – Mr. Lara

- No comments reported.

Board Member Report - Ms. Cabral

- No comments reported.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. McDuffie

- Thanks to CSEA and SMEEA for their partnership at SMHS.
- Continuing to work with staff and PIO to improve direct communication with SM staff – via videos, updates, and classroom/staff engagement. Our goal is to increase connection and communication with all staff.
- District Ballet Folklorico program launched – thank you to Lisa Paniagua. Upcoming performances on March 19: Rice 2:30 PM, and at Bruce 4:00 PM and March 20: Sanchez 1:45–2:30 PM, and at Tunnell 4:00–4:45 PM.
- Three of our robotics teams are advancing to state on March 13–14.
- Congratulations to all students and teams at Sanchez and Jiménez – great work across all the participating schools!

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cabral reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board Meeting and Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Signed _____


John Hollinshead
Board Clerk

Signed _____


Linda Cordero
Board Member