

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
February 4, 2026

ADOPTED

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Cordero called the Regular Board Meeting of the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to order at 5:15 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

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 5:16 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m.

- A. **Report from Closed Session**
For Items A, B, and C: Information was shared.
- B. **Introduction of Interpreters**
- C. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. **Inspiration**
El Camino JHS
- E. **Recognition**
Game Changer Awards (pulled)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda

Kelly Ayres, regarding co-teaching.

Jeanne Adkins, regarding workload and stress

Erik Voss, expressed frustration with top-down decisions being made without teacher input.

Alicia Sage, regarding excess spending on irrelevant programs when employment is being shifted.

Desirae Felix, believes that inclusion needs a reboot.

Curtis Greeley, regarding the effects of exclusionary decision-making on our teaching and learning community.

Jonathan Patterson, regarding SPED service delivery model guidance being developed without members.

Kristen Lohr, "No decisions about us, without us."

Francisco Lozano, regarding an email message at Alvin.

Agenda

Susie Everroad-Crooke, providing data on IC & ELD coach jobs.

Addision Sage, regarding reasons not to restructure RTI, ELD, and instructional coach positions.

Kristin Patterson, please reconsider the decision to approve the restructure of positions at this time.

Judy Morris, thanked the board for the opportunity to speak in regards to not restructuring positions.

Kristen Lohr, regarding respect and consultation.

Jennifer Danowitz, asked the board to please not approve the job descriptions.

IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Dr. McDuffie requested that the Discussion item for the Measure K Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Report to the Community for 2024-5 be pulled. The Game Changer Awards listed under Recognition was also pulled for presentation at a future date. It was moved by Mr.

Hollinshead and seconded by Mr. Valencia to approve 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. Second Reading and Approval of Board Policies
- iii. Second Reading and Approval of Board ByLaws

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification
- iii. 2026 Reimbursable Mileage Rate and Per Diem Rates
- iv. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 3
- v. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 4
- vi. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 5
- vii. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 6
- viii. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School; New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 – Change Order Number 7
- ix. Award of BID #5415 Installation of District-Provided Flooring at Bruce Elementary School
- x. Award of BID #5417 Built-up Roof Replacement at Battles and Tunnell Elementary Schools
- xi. Award of BID #5421 Installation of District-Provided Flooring at Adam Elementary School
- xii. Award of BID #5425 Installation of District-Provided HVAC Equipment at Miller Elementary School

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. Lara 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. Second Reading and Approval of the Site Coach and The Academic Support Teacher Job Description

Presented by Dr. Tammie Castillo-Shiffer, Director of Multilingual Services and Dr. Katie Salcido, Director of Teaching and Learning Core

It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mrs. Cordero, that the Board of Education APPROVE THE SITE COACH AND THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTIONS, as presented. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.

B. Public Hearing: Approve The Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver

President Cabral opened the public hearing at 8:27 p.m. With no comments reported, the hearing was closed at 8:27 p.m.

C. Approve The Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Waiver

Presented by Armando Uribe, Director of Special Education

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education APPROVE THE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) WAIVER, as presented.

Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.

D. Approval of Contract with Kirsten Criswell Consulting

Presented by Laurel Goins, Director of Food and Nutrition Services

It was moved by Mr. Valencia and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH KIRSTEN CRISWELL CONSULTING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,600.00 TO SUPPORT SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM SERVICES AND LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY (BP 5030) COMPLIANCE FOR THE 2025–26 SCHOOL YEAR, as presented. Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.

E. Resolution 25-15: National School Counseling Week

Presented by Darren McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Valencia that the Board of Education ADOPT RESOLUTION #25-15: NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK, as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: 5. Mr. Valencia, Mr. Lara, Ms. Cabral, Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead. Motion passed.

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Presented by: Matt Beecher, Deputy Superintendent for Business Services

(Item was pulled)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hollinshead requested that the Board hold a special study session regarding the facilities plan for the new school site. He would like to review the process to date and discuss the next steps moving forward.

Mrs. Cordero asked how the K–2 student screening process went this year. She inquired whether there were any challenges and what kind of information was gathered from the screenings.

Mr. Valencia requested a Board presentation on how immigration is affecting families and students, including the support that staff are providing them. He would like to receive this presentation as soon as possible.

XIV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Board Member Report – Mrs. Cordero

- She attended the recent Economic Alliance event. It was a discussion about growth in our community and what we need to do to support that. It included consideration of schools and where they can accommodate the growth. The use of AI was also a very fascinating subject at the event.
- Mrs. Cordero also attended a recent meeting of the Student Leadership Advisory Team. She gave them a tour of the dais, and asked the group if they had any questions about board policies. The students asked about recycling and the environment, and what the district was doing about it. She shared with them some recent policies that touched on these subjects. She closed by asking them to write down something they notice at their school - something that they were pleased with. Some of the feedback included: minimal bullying, teachers who really listen to everyone, students who want to learn, and how kids are nice to each other.
- Mrs. Cordero attended the 8th grade El Camino, Fesler, and Arellanes basketball games. It is always fun to see the games and watch the parents support the students.
- Mrs. Cordero addressed her concern regarding an issue about a communication that was shared on social media with parents that was intended for Alvin staff.

Board Member Report - Mr. Valencia

- Mr. Valencia expressed support of Mr. Lozano's comments from earlier in the meeting.

Board Member Report – Mr. Hollinshead

- Mr. Hollinshead spoke about the Amazon building project and encouraged the public to continue monitoring the situation and to provide input to the Planning Commission as appropriate.

Board Member Report – Mr. Lara

- Mr. Lara noted that he took his grandson to the recent robotic event. He added that it was very nice and that they had a great time.

Board Member Report - Ms. Cabral

- No report.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. McDuffie

- Dr. McDuffie extended his heartfelt condolences on the passing of Dr. Joanne Cameron, former Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources at SMBSD. Dr. Cameron left a lasting impression on the community, and her dedication was evident in her return to the district after retirement as the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. She will be deeply missed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

President Cabral reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board Meeting and Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Lara and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Signed _____


John Hollinshead
Board Clerk

Signed _____


Linda Cordero
Board Member