

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

SMBSD Board Room
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA
July 8, 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 5:02 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Luz Maria Cabral, President
Ricky Lara, Vice President
John Hollinshead, Board Clerk
Ricardo Valencia, Board Member (Absent)
Linda Cordero, Board Member

II. IDENTITY 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 5:04 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

VI. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

VII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:07 p.m.

A. Report from Closed Session:

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

B. Introduction of Interpreters:

Daniel Garcia and Manuel Rios

C. Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Board Member John Hollinshead

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION

Non-Agenda Items:

- Carmen Herrera commented regarding interpreter support.
- Jorge Gallardo commented on Camp Elevate issues.
- Carmen Jurado commented regarding transportation and individualized support (IEP implementation) for their student during the Camp Elevate summer program.

Agenda Items:

- No comments were provided

IX. COMMENTS FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

- No comments were provided.

X. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion passed.*

XI. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. CONSENT ITEMS

A. GENERAL CONSENT

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

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

- i. Payment of Warrants
- ii. Contracts for Approval or Ratification
- iii. Authorization to Declare Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment or Materials
- iv. Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School: New TK-K Building and Site Upgrades BID #5384 - Change Order Number 15
- v. Award of RFP #5408 - Food Services Paper Products, and Kitchen Disposable Supplies
- vi. Award RFP #5410 - Fresh Bread and Bakery Products
- vii. Portable Ramp Replacement at Oakley Elementary School BID 5420 - Change Order 2
- viii. Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Miller Elementary School BID #5425 - Change Order Number 1
- ix. Installation of District Provided HVAC Equipment at Miller Elementary School BID #5425 - Change Order Number 2
- x. Award RFP #5433 Crossing Guard Services
- xi. Award of RFP #5436 Charter Bus Services
- xii. Award of RFP #5437 Campus Security Personnel Services

C. HUMAN RESOURCES CONSENT

- i. Certificated and Classified Personnel Changes

D. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONSENT

- i. Quarterly Report on Williams/Valenzuela Uniform Complaints

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Ms. Cabral to approve Pre Con Industries, Inc. Battles Elementary School: New TK-K Building and site upgrades BID #5384-Change Order Number 15 as amended.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Agreement with Paradigm Healthcare Services to Provide a Medi-Cal Billing /Student Health Network. Database for State Billing

Presented by Dr. Mark Palmerston, Director Of Student Services

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead, and seconded by Mrs. Cordero, that the Board of Education **APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH PARADIGM HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT WITH A MEDI-CAL BILLING/STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK DATABASE FOR STATE BILLING**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

B. Approval of Contract with Thinking in Common, LLC for Professional to Strengthen Co-Teaching at our Jr. High Schools and Jiménez - 2026-27 School Year

Presented by Armando J. Uribe, Director of Special Education

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero, and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead, that the Board of Education **APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THINKING IN COMMON, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL TO STRENGTHEN CO-TEACHING AT OUR JR. HIGH SCHOOLS AND JIMÉNEZ - 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

C. Authorization to Enter into a Sole-Source Agreement with Curriculum Associates, LLC to Provide Ellevation Platform and Strategies

Presented by Dr. Tammie Castillo-Shiffer, Director of Multilingual Services

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **AUTHORIZE A SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT WITH CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES, LLC TO PROVIDE ELLEVATION PLATFORM AND STRATEGIES**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

D. Resolution 25-35: Approving the Absence of Board Members from Meetings of the Board of Education

Presented by Dr. McDuffie, Superintendent

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-35: APPROVING THE ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBERS FROM MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

E. Superintendent Contract - The Board will consider action extending the Superintendent's contract, disclosing his salary placement for 2026/2027, and authorizing the Board President to sign a new contract with the Superintendent

Presented by President Luz Maria Cabral

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **CONSIDER AND APPROVE EXTENDING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2029, DISCLOSING HIS PLACEMENT ON THE SUPERINTENDENT SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 3, STEP 8, AT A SALARY OF \$316,311,37, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT REFLECTING THESE TERMS**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

- F. Deputy Superintendent Contract - The Board will consider action extending the Superintendent's contract, disclosing his salary placement for 2026/2027, and authorizing the Board President to sign a new contract with the Deputy Superintendent**

Presented by Dr. McDuffie

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education **EXTEND THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT BEECHERS CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2029, DISCLOSE HIS PLACEMENT ON THE DEPUTY SUPERINENDENT SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 2, STEP 15, AT A SALARY OF \$268,466.00 WITH AN ANNIVERSARY INCREMENT OF \$8,053.98, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT REFLECTING THESE TERMS**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed.*

- G. Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Contract - The Board will consider action extending the Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services contract, disclosing her salary placement for 2026/2027, and authorizing the Board President to sign a new contract with the Assistant Superintendent**

Presented by Dr. McDuffie

It was moved by Mrs. Cordero and seconded by Mr. Hollinshead that the Board of Education **EXTEND THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LOCHUNGVU'S CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2029, DISCLOSE HER PLACEMENT ON THE ASSISTANT SUPERINENDENT SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 2, STEP 11, AT A SALARY OF \$234,090.00 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REFLECTING THESE TERMS**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed*

- H. Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Contract - The Board will consider action extending the Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources contract, disclosing his salary placement for 2026/2027, and authorizing the Board President to sign a new contract with the Assistant Superintendent**

Presented by Dr. McDuffie

It was moved by Mr. Hollinshead and seconded by Mrs. Cordero that the Board of Education **EXTEND THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, BLAND'S CONTRACT TO JUNE 30, 2029, DISCLOSE HIS PLACEMENT ON THE ASSISTANT SUPERINENDENT SALARY SCHEDULE AT RANGE 3, STEP 7, AT A SALARY OF \$214,630.00 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REFLECTING THESE TERMS**, as presented. Roll Call, Vote, Ayes: 3 Mrs. Cordero, Mr. Hollinshead, and Ms. Cabral. *Motion Passed*

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Cordero asked for a review/slash discussion of the report that resulted from the federal program monitoring in March.

XV. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Board Member Report - Mrs. Cordero

Mrs. Cordero reported attending Camp Elevate at sites - Oakley, Tunnell, and Libbon, Liberty, El Camino, Jiménez, and Ontiveros. She got a peek at the academic portions. For the most part class sizes were pretty small. Did see a wide range of special education students. She did not hear students discuss what the fourth of July means or what the weekend holiday was for. She suggested that additional support be provided for our own culture.

Board Member Report - Mr. Hollinshead

Mr. Hollinshead shared personal news about his granddaughter and being a grandfather for the third time. He expressed concerns regarding potential legislative mandates for testing kindergarten and first graders.

Board Member Report - Ms. Luz Maria Cabral

Ms. Luz Maria Cabral did not have much to report but hopes everyone enjoys the rest of the summer

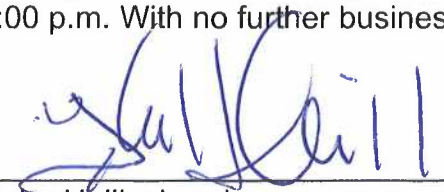
Superintendent's Report - Dr. McDuffie

Dr. Darren McDuffie reported that it is still summer and Camp Elevate is just finishing. He thanked all staff, program administrators for making this program a success. He also commented that there are still staff present. M&O they are cleaning classrooms and getting things ready for the new school year. This season is a very busy time for some staff. The school year 26-27 is coming and the KickOff celebration is happening as well. It highlights everyone coming together the entire educational community and centering around what our mission is. The next board meeting will be the day after the first day of school. He wishes students, families and staff a restful, joyful and safe remaining summer.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

President Cabral reported that the next SMBSD Regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 , 2026, at 6:00 p.m. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Signed


John Hollinshead
Board Clerk

Signed


Linda Cordero
Board Member