



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

UNAPPROVED

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the County Board of Education was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Board President Frost.

2. Spanish Interpretation/Interpretación

Spanish interpretation of the board meeting was announced.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Vice President Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Marybeth Carty
Maggi Daane
Michelle de Werd
Nadra Ehrman
Judith Frost
Joe Howell
Bruce Porter

Staff Members Present

Susan Salcido, superintendent
Austin Payne, legal counsel
Anna Freedland, executive assistant

Mari Baptista	Matt Evans	Cristina Ortega	Rene Wheeler
Ellen Barger	Nicole Evenson	Christian Patterson	Janelle Willis
Debbie Breck	Debra Hood	Amy Ramos	
Kirsten Escobedo	Luis Medina	Steve Torres	

Others Present

Gerardo Cornejo, principal, Carpinteria High School (via Zoom)
Angel Pineda Santana, student, Carpinteria High School, and member of the
County Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (via Zoom)
Diana Rigby, superintendent, Carpinteria Unified School District (via Zoom)
Hugo Santos-Gomez, interpreter
Regina Santos-Moreno, interpreter

5. Changes to the Agenda

The president announced a change to the agenda: For item 8 – Student Advisory Council Presentation, there would only be one student in attendance.

6. President and Board Comments

The president and board members commented on various matters, including:

- The growth of SBCEO's social media presence
- The recent grand opening of the Allan Hancock College Fine Arts Complex
- The recent Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation gala
- The recent SBCEO employee service awards
- The recent First 5 Santa Barbara County bi-annual school governance brunch
- The upcoming Carpinteria Children's Project breakfast featuring Joanna Hendrix as the keynote speaker
- The recent Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting and the election of SBCEO Associate Superintendent of Educational Service Bridget Baublits to the Continuum of Care board for the K-12 education seat. The CoC is focused on preventing and ending homelessness.
- The recent recognition of elected officials event held by the County of Santa Barbara. Board Vice President Porter recognized and expressed appreciation for the recently re-elected County Board of Education members.
- Board Member Ehrman being on the SBCEO Teacher of the Year Selection Committee
- The recent Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Executive Committee meeting and the upcoming annual dinner in April

- College School District superintendent/principal Maurene Donner being awarded the Superintendent/Principal of the Year award for Region 13 by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)
- The upcoming California County Boards of Education (CCBE) governance workshop
- The recent Board Budget Committee meeting

7. Public Comments

None.

PRESENTATIONS

8. Student Advisory Council Presentation

The superintendent introduced a member of her Student Advisory Council, listed below, to share a little about himself, why he signed up for the Student Advisory Council, and some of his reflections about education.

- Angel Pineda Santana, grade 10, Carpinteria High School

9. Presentation on Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Early Care and Education Administrator Janelle Willis, Early Care and Education Manager Christian Patterson, and Early Learning Support Director Cristina Ortega provided a presentation on the collaborative work happening between the Early Care and Education Program, the Local Planning Council, and the Curriculum and Instruction Division to support districts with Universal Pre-Kindergarten implementation.

10. Presentation on the State of the Education Workforce in Santa Barbara County

Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Mari Baptista and Director of Human Resources Amy Ramos provided a presentation on the state of the education workforce in Santa Barbara County.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

11. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent's report was presented as an information item. The superintendent also briefly reported on the following items:

- Reminder for board members that the Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, was due at the end of the month/beginning of the next month
- COVID-19 test kits distribution to schools – The CDPH made additional COVID test kits available to SBCEO. SBCEO coordinated the request for test kits from public, charter, and private schools throughout the county. The shipment of test kits was intended to supplement what schools needed to get through the remainder of the school year. 45,300 tests were ordered and delivered to SBCEO on March 1. SBCEO staff were in the process of counting and sorting test kits for districts and schools and facilitating the pick-up/delivery of test kits.
- Presentation for the next board meeting by Edwin Weaver, executive director of Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley

CONSENT AGENDA

12. Minutes of Meeting Held February 2, 2023

This item was removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

The board approved the following consent agenda items:

13. Registration of Credentials and Other Certification Documents: Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Registration of credentials and other certification documents registered in the Santa Barbara County Education Office from January 7, 2023 to February 6, 2023, and the issuance of temporary county certificates for that same time period.

14. Declaration of Surplus

Declaration of surplus for the following department:

- Information Technology Services

Motion to approve the consent agenda:

MOVED: Mr. Howell

SECONDED: Mrs. Carty

VOTE: Passed 7-0

ACTION ITEMS

15. Minutes of Meeting Held February 2, 2023

This item was previously removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately. The board approved the minutes of meeting held February 2, 2023.

MOVED: **Mrs. Daane**

SECONDED: **Mr. Howell**

VOTE: **Passed 6-0-0-1**
Mrs. de Werd abstained

16. Recommended Approval of Second Interim Report

The Second Interim Report was presented by Board Budget Committee Chair Frost. A revised spreadsheet with a formula correction was distributed, titled "2022/23 Second Interim Report – General Fund Selected Programs." The Second Interim Report was approved as part of the budget monitoring process.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Daane**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

17. Accept and File Annual Financial (Audit) Report

Board Budget Committee Member de Werd reported on the management letter that accompanied the financial (audit) report. The board acknowledged receipt of the 2021-22 Annual Financial (Audit) Report and ordered it filed.

MOVED: **Mrs. Carty**

SECONDED: **Mrs. Daane**

VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

18. Recommended Adoption of Emergency Resolution – Award of Contract without Bidding and Advertising

Late December 2022 and through January 2023, Santa Barbara County communities experienced historic rainfall levels causing significant flooding and infrastructure damage. President Biden declared a Federal Natural Disaster for multiple counties in California on January 14 and added Santa Barbara County to the list on January 18, 2023. Governor Newsom also declared a Disaster State of Emergency for all of California on January 4, 2023, which was followed by an Executive Order of January 16, 2023 to support communities impacted by the storm event.

SBCEO's Hope Center was affected by the storms and repair work needed to be done immediately. Staff that worked in the Hope Center had to vacate the facility due to the damage. Repair work needed to be done so that staff could return to offices. In its current state, the condition of the building presented serious safety concerns, and SBCEO had no alternate facilities to place employees.

Pursuant to Government Code section 53850, and the competitive bid requirements contained in Public Contract Code section 20111, in order for the repair work to be conducted in an expedited manner, the board would be required to pass a resolution unanimously and with the approval of the County Superintendent of Schools. SBCEO's immediate need to remediate mold resulting from the storms was a qualifying event for the exemption.

The board adopted Resolution No. 2316, which recognized an emergency existed and authorized SBCEO to enter into a contract without bidding and advertising to repair the Hope Center facility immediately.

Ayes: 7 **Noes: 0** **Absent: 0** **Abstain: 0**
MOVED: **Mrs. Daane** SECONDED: **Mr. Porter** VOTE: **Passed 7-0-0-0**

19. Reimburse Expenses for Board Members to Attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner

The board approved the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses for board members to attend the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association (SBCSBA) Annual Dinner, April 27, 2023, in accordance with Board Policy 9250.

MOVED: **Mrs. Daane** SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman** VOTE: **Passed 6-1**
Mr. Porter voted no

20. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election – Delegate for County Boards of Education

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) wrote to the County Board of Education and the superintendent with information about the CSBA Delegate Assembly election. The County Board of Education could vote, by March 15, for 1 candidate to represent county boards of education in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. There was 1 candidate on the ballot. Additional supporting materials were also provided for information. The board voted for the 1 candidate, Arleigh Kidd, to represent county boards of education in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

MOVED: **Mrs. de Werd** SECONDED: **Mrs. Daane** VOTE: **Passed 7-0**

21. California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election – Delegates for School District Boards

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) wrote to the County Board of Education and the superintendent with information about the CSBA Delegate Assembly election. The County Board of Education could vote, by March 15, for up to 2 candidates to represent school district boards in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly. There were 3 candidates on the ballot. Additional supporting materials were also provided for information. The board voted for 2 candidates, Wendy Sims-Moten and Melanie Waffle, to represent school district boards in our region for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

MOVED: **Mrs. Daane** SECONDED: **Ms. Ehrman** VOTE: **Passed 6-1**
Mrs. de Werd voted no

INFORMATION ITEMS

22. 2021-22 School Accountability Report Cards – Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education

The 2021-22 School Accountability Report Cards for Juvenile Court and Community Schools, and Special Education were presented to the board for review/information.

23. Correspondence

Letter dated February 9, 2023, that announced that SBCEO's Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) were now fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC), was presented as an information item.

24. Personnel Report

The certificated and classified personnel reports were presented as an information item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25. Future agenda items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

26. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held April 6, 2023.

MOVED: Mr. Howell

SECONDED: Mrs. Daane

VOTE: Passed 7-0

Judith Frost, President
County Board of Education

Dr. Susan Salcido, Secretary
County Board of Education