

**SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD STUDY SESSION**

SMBSD Board Room  
708 S. Miller Street  
Santa Maria, CA  
August 24, 2022

**ADOPTED**

**I. OPENING BUSINESS**

Mr. Lara called the Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Ricky Lara, John Hollinshead, Linda Cordero, Vedamarie Alvarez-Flores, Ricardo Valencia.

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Darren McDuffie, Matt Beecher, Melissa Dutra, Joanne Cameron, Ed.D, Brian Rieke, Kristyn Cornejo.

**Translators:** Sandra Carranza, Maria Cortez, Maria Hernandez.

**II. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Government Code § 54957.6  
Agency Representative: Joanne Cameron, Ed.D  
Represented Employees: CSEA
- B. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation  
Government Code § 54957  
Agency Representative: Joanne Cameron, Ed.D
- C. Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Resignation  
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**III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

- A. Report from Closed Session  
President Lara reported the following information:  
Information was shared for Items II.A, B and C.
- B. President Lara led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. President Lara read the Calendar of Upcoming Meetings/Activities/Events

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN SESSION**

No public comments were received.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

Mr. Hollinshead moved and Mrs. Cordero seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, J. Hollinshead, V. Flores, R. Valencia, R. Lara). Motion passed.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Bylaw - BB 9270 - Conflict of Interest
- B. Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Bylaw - Exhibit 9270 - Conflict of Interest
- C. Authorization to Declare Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment or Property

Mrs. Cordero moved and Mrs. Flores seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, J. Hollinshead, V. Flores, R. Valencia, R. Lara). Motion passed.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Approval of Job Description: TK-8 School Counselor**

Presented by: Joanne Cameron, Ed.D, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Mrs. Cordero moved and Mr. Valencia seconded the motion to approve the Job Description: TK-8 School Counselor, as presented, with notations noted. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes: 5 (L. Cordero, J. Hollinshead, V. Flores, R. Valencia, R. Lara). Motion passed.

## **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Recap of Teaching and Learning, Supplemental Programs Summer Learning Opportunities**

Presented by: Melissa Dutra, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and Laurie Graack, Director of Teaching and Learning, Supplemental

President Lara acknowledged receipt of the Teaching and Learning, Supplemental Programs Summer Learning Opportunities, as presented.

### **B. First Reading of Revised Board Policy: 5123: Promotion/Acceleration/Retention**

Presented by Melissa Dutra, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services and Brian Zimmerman, Director of Pupil Personnel Services.

President Lara acknowledged review of the Board Policy, as presented, and requested Administration to bring the item back for action at the next regular board meeting.

## **IX. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS**

Mrs. Cordero stated she will be visiting school sites in the next week. She also discussed a presentation she recently listened to that was presented by CSBA.

Mr. Valencia welcomed everyone back to school. He reported that he enjoyed watching some of the local media reports on Back to School. He also noted that he enjoyed watching Dr. McDuffie's appearance which was included in some of those reports as well. He is happy to see students so excited to be back at school.

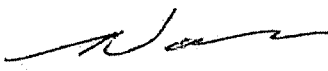
Mrs. Flores reported that she was able to visit four schools on the first day of school (Ontiveros, El Camino, Arellanes, and Jimenez). She noted that this year was one of the smoothest-running openings she has ever witnessed, and that each site she visited was very welcoming - it was very reflective in both the staff and students she saw and interacted with.

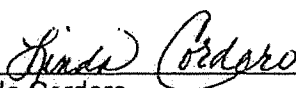
President Lara reported he was able to visit six sites on the 2nd day of school. He visited the offices at each and welcomed the staff back to school. He also noted that you could feel the positive energy, and witnessed a lot of caring for the kids. President Lara also wished to send condolences to the Yanez family on the loss of Mr. Bill Yanez. He added that Mr. Yanez made a very big impact both in the community and the field of education.

Superintendent McDuffie reported that he enjoyed witnessing the excitement in the air at both Bruce and El Camino on the first day of school. He received similar reports from other administrative staff throughout the District, as they visited school sites on the first day back to school as well. Superintendent McDuffie also reported that he visited the Maintenance and Operations department recently, where he had the opportunity to share donuts and conversation with the staff there. He thanked M & O Coordinator Javier Cavazos and his staff for the warm welcome he received. Superintendent McDuffie also added that there will be a Healthy School Pantry held at the Veteran's Memorial Park near El Camino JHS. He reported that he is looking forward to attending the California Latino School Board Association's 2022 Unity Conference being held in Monterey, beginning tomorrow. He will be attending the conference along with Board Member Valencia.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Signed   
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Ricardo Valencia  
Board Clerk

Signed   
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Linda Cordero  
Board Member

