

**Minutes of the  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025**



**1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS**

1.1 The Meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Salomon Saldaña, President of the Board of Education, at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025; in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

1.2 Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Character Counts! Pledge was led by Ward Elementary students.

1.3 Invocation was delivered by Mr. D. Mark Morris, Clerk of the Board of Education.

**1.4 ROLL CALL**

Linda Salomon Saldaña  
Jose J. Rodriguez  
D. Mark Morris  
Tyrone Conde  
Giovanna Perez-Saab  
Barbara R. Samperi  
Nancy A. Swenson

John A. Garcia, Jr., Ph.D.

1.5 ADOPT Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

1.6 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held December 10, 2024, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

1.7 Approve Official Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education held December 16, 2024, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

1.8 RECEIVE correspondence and refer it to the proper order of business or to the Superintendent for handling.

There was no correspondence to be received.

1.10 HEAR Oral Communications from Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent.

Board members extended their New Years greetings and expressed appreciation to our students of Ward Elementary for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Character Counts! Pledge, and for sharing the positive things happening at their school. The Board shared their feelings about the ongoing impact of the recent fires. Several members participated in the Schools to Watch validation visit at Sussman Middle School and reported that it was a highly successful experience. They congratulated Sussman for achieving both State and National Schools to Watch designations. All Board members are looking forward to the second semester of the school year.

Dr. Garcia provided an update on Robolympics, the elementary school robotics competition, which will take place on January 25. He thanked Dr. Shannon and Dr. Robbins for adjusting the event date, allowing qualifying teams the opportunity to compete in the State competition. Dr. Garcia also announced that this year's Elementary Expo, scheduled for March 5, will focus on TK-K. He acknowledged Dr. McEntire and Dr. Zegarra for successfully completing the CASH Academy. Ashley Catanzano, the Public Information Officer, introduced the district's two new Communication Specialists, Isabella LoGrande and Lucia Rios. Dr. Garcia concluded by extending his New Year wishes to all.

1.11 HEAR Public on items not appearing on the Agenda - Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

Comments were shared by Jim Mogan regarding Downey Unified's Wellness Clinic located within the PIH building.

1.12 HEAR a Presentation from Dr. Jennifer Robbins, Director of Elementary Education and Dr. Rani Bertsch, Director of Secondary Education with a CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) Update.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

2.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 2.1 through 2.67.

**Agenda Item No. 2.58 was pulled from the Consent Agenda before voting took place.**

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.2 ACCEPT with gratitude and in accordance with Board Policy 6372 the gift donations received through December 2024.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.3 RATIFY and/or APPROVE attendance and authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses, including registration fees; and AUTHORIZE payment of expenses as described herein, as provided by Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 7310, Convention and Conference Attendance.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.4 RATIFY Individual Service Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services No. 202425-35 with Beach Cities Learning Center/LEARN Academy, Montebello, in an amount not to exceed \$91,952.32, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPA/NPS Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.5 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-448 with Behavioral Emotional & Academic Mentoring, LLC, Whittier, to provide an Individual Education Evaluation-Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services (IEE)-(ERICs) and Critical Assessment Response Team (CART) assessments for Speech/Language and Assistive Technology to a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$6,900.00, from November 4, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPA-Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.6 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-475 with Auditory Processing Diagnostic Center, Agoura Hills, to conduct a Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) Evaluation and attend an IEP meeting to discuss evaluation results, in an amount not to exceed \$3,400.00, from December 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to be charged to the Special Education Audiology Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.7 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-477 with Dynamic Education Services, Inc., Anaheim, to provide Sondag Learning Systems reading intervention program for a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00, from January 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPA-Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.8 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-494 with Behavioral Emotional & Academic Mentoring, LLC, Whittier, to provide a speech and language assessment for a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$1,700.00, from January 15, 2025 through June 5, 2025, charged to the Special Education Pupil Testing Services Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.9 APPROVE First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-044 with Behavioral Emotional & Academic Mentoring, LLC, Whittier, to increase the contract amount by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for a new total agreement amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), due to extending the term date from June 30, 2025 through July 31, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPA/NPS Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.10 RATIFY the First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-410 with Left Coast Scales LLC, dba LCS-Training, Perris, to increase the agreement amount by \$6,300.00, to provide services and training to additional participants, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$16,650.00.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.11 APPROVE the Williams Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints for the second quarter (October 1 through December 31) of the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.12 RATIFY and/or APPROVE per Board Policy 6362 the Purchase Orders prepared by the Purchasing Department for the 2024-2025 fiscal year from December 2, 2024 through December 30, 2024.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.13 RATIFY the issuance of A Warrant Payroll Orders for Hourly, Extra Duty & Overtime, Electronic Payments and Community Services Work performed by Classified Personnel, Adult School, and Food Services issued during the month of November 2024.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.14 RATIFY B Warrants and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT/ACH) for Downey Unified School District, falling between Warrant Numbers 21878610 - 21920024, and EFT/ACH Numbers falling between 202410310368092 - 202411250377603, issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or district policy, for the period beginning November 1, 2024 and ending November 30, 2024.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.15 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202324-758 with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, to install a lunch line shelter at Stauffer Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$59,640.00, from December 3, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.16 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-273 with ITW Food Equipment Group, LLC, dba Hobart Service, Buena Park, to provide and install dishwashing equipment in the Warren High School cafeteria, in an amount not to exceed \$18,456.25, from January 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.17 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-340 with Marcos Power Equipment, Lynwood, for repairs to small maintenance equipment items from Downey High School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, from September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.18 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-443 with HIN ("Happiness is Now") Experience, LLC, Irvine, to provide two 60-minute presentations of Cousin Danny Live! Experience Assembly to Old River Elementary School students, in an amount not to exceed \$1,899.00, on February 14, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.19 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-453 with Jolt Electric, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, for installing equipment and power for 12 new welding booths at Columbus High School, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00, from November 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.20 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-457 with California Weekly Explorer, Tustin, to provide one presentation titled "Walk Through California", for the 4th grade SDC and DHH classes at Lewis Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$547.99, on January 22, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.21 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-466 with Frontier Cabinets, Inc., Norwalk, to build and install European style base cabinets at Gallatin Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$11,370.00, from October 18, 2024 through January 31, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.22 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-470 with Matthew Petit Photography, Los Angeles, to provide photography services for the Vocational Nursing Program graduations at Downey Adult School, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, from November 7, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Adult Education Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.23 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-474 with Unlimited Environmental, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to remove and dispose of ceramic tile containing lead from restrooms at Columbus High School, in an amount not to exceed \$24,800.00, from November 19, 2024 through November 30, 2024, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.24 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-476 with Taylor Tennis Courts, Inc., Anaheim, to patch the concrete on two tennis courts at Warren High School, in an amount not to exceed \$8,700.00, from November 19, 2024 through November 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.25 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-478 with Herrera's A.B.S. Inc., Chino, to repaint Bus #82 for the Transportation Services Department, in an amount not to exceed \$6,700.00, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General M.O.T. Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.26 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-480 with Innovation Painting Inc., Ontario, to provide interior and exterior painting of four double-wide bungalows and a restroom at Pace Education Center, in an amount not to exceed \$59,200.00, from November 27, 2024 to December 31, 2024, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.27 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-481 with Adaptive Building Group, Inc., Covina, to conduct abatement and air monitoring services for the Restrooms C & L Modernization Project at Columbus High School and submit a written report, in an amount not to exceed \$7,640.00, from November 25, 2024 through December 30, 2024, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.28 RATIFY Agreement for Project Inspection Services No. 202425-482 with Sandy Pringle Associates, Inc., dba Pringle Group, Torrance, to provide project inspection services for HVAC installation in the Gyms at Doty, Griffiths, Stauffer, and Sussman Middle Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$68,00.00, from December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.29 RATIFY Agreement for Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-483 with Geo-Advantec, Inc., San Dimas, for geotechnical, materials testing, and inspection services for the HVAC installation projects in the gyms at Doty, Griffiths, Stauffer, and Sussman Middle Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$26,188.00, from December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.30 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-484 with Koury Engineering & Testing, Inc., Chino, to provide construction inspection and materials testing for the Sussman Middle School Food Services Renovation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$17,145.00, from December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.31 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-485 with Professional Turf Specialties, Inc., Placentia, to lasergrade turf at the Varsity baseball and Varsity and JV softball fields at Downey High School, in an amount not to exceed \$8,700.00, from December 1, 2024 through January 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.32 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-487 with Adaptive Building Group, Inc., West Covina, for asbestos surveying and air monitoring services in the classroom buildings at Pace Education Center, from December 2, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$63,784.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.33 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-488 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to remove existing dirt and install turf on the south side of campus at Stauffer Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$31,540.00, from December 2, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.34 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-490 with Earth General Construction, Inc., City of Industry, to remove existing chain link fence mesh, install black mesh and prepare and paint existing posts on a fence at Griffiths Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$4,850.00, from December 12, 2024 to February 28, 2025, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.35 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-491 with Earth General Construction, Inc., City of Industry, to install lighting and a bell box for spotlights at Doty Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$14,985.00, from December 10, 2024 to February 28, 2025, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.36 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-492 with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, to break up and remove concrete pads to prepare for new asphalt installation and remove and dispose of chain link fencing where modular classrooms were removed at Stauffer Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$37,000.00, from December 9, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the County School Facilities Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.37 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-493 with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, to demo and install new tackboards on walls of portable buildings, demo and install new flooring in restrooms and provide clean up services at Pace Education Center, in an amount not to exceed \$59,910.00, from December 9, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.38 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-495 with BEST Contracting Services, Inc., Gardena, to provide roof repairs on a storage shed at Warren High School, in an amount not to exceed \$24,890.00, from December 10, 2024 to February 28, 2025, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.39 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-496 with Adaptive Building Group, Inc., Covina, to conduct asbestos and lead surveys at Warren High School and Lewis Elementary School and submit written reports, in an amount not to exceed \$15,300.00, from November 25, 2024 through December 30, 2024, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.40 RATIFY DUSD Agreement No. 202425-497 with California IT in Education, Sacramento, to provide California Student Data Privacy Agreements (Student DPAs), in an amount not to exceed \$7,300.00, from December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.41 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-498 with King Consulting, Inc., Sacramento, to provide a comprehensive demographic analysis and an enrollment projections report, in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00, from December 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Capital Facilities Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.42 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-499 with Century Paving, Inc., La Mirada, to provide concrete and asphalt work around a tree well at Alameda Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$5,600.00, from December 12, 2024 to February 28, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.43 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-500 with Play-Well Teknologies, San Anselmo, to provide real world concepts in engineering, physics and architecture through LEGOs for GATE students at Gallatin Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$2,750.00, from January 27, 2025 through May 5, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.44 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-503 with Lynn Jimenez, dba Connect Flow Grow, Orange, to conduct Wellness Workshops and Wellness Ambassador Program Trainings, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, from December 13, 2024 through June 13, 2025, charged to the Wellness Program Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.45 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-505 with Paul's Concrete, Inc., Downey, for the removal of 200 square feet of grass and pour new concrete in the area at Alameda Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$9,900.00, from December 16, 2024 to February 28, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.46 RATIFY the Memorandum of Understanding between the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters and the Downey Unified School District (DUSD Service Agreement 202425-506) to provide District high school students with a construction industry pre-apprenticeship program at no cost to the District, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.47 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-509 with King Limousine Service, Inc., dba CharterPro, Orange, to provide transportation services for Warren High School's AVID College Road Trip, in an amount not to exceed \$14,040.00, from February 12, 2025 through February 15, 2025, charged to LCAP Line 8.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.48 APPROVE Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 202223-517 with Hazel Health Inc. and Telehealth Services USA, San Francisco, to extend the term from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 for telehealth-based care counseling and mental health services to DUSD students, at no charge to the District.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.49 RATIFY the First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-092 with Focused Schools, San Francisco, to increase the contract amount by \$29,850.00 to provide additional support to supplement ongoing coaching and professional development, for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$215,800.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.50 APPROVE FIRST Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-263 with Instructional Access, Riverside, to increase the contract amount by \$306,170.00, to provide non-exclusive rights to use the software and services to implement Diploma Access Academy, for a new total not to exceed amount of \$612,340.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.51 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Informal Bid No. 202425-328, Sussman Middle School Drive Aisle Flood Mitigation Project, with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, in the increased amount of \$8,771.64 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$123,271.64, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.52 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-357 with Westside Builders, Redondo Beach, for additional labor required for stucco repair due to water damage at Gallatin Elementary School, in the amount of \$4,986.03 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$39,144.16.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.53 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Lease-Leaseback Construction Contract with Bernard Bros., Inc., San Fernando, against Request for Qualifications/Proposals (RFQ/P) #2021/2022-01 to provide services for the construction of a new two-story classroom building at Stauffer Middle School, in the increased amount of \$73,265.00, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$19,101,459.00.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.54 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Architectural Services No. 202223-619 with SGH Architects, Inc., Redlands, to provide additional architectural and engineering services for the Imperial Elementary School New Construction and Modernization Project, in the increased amount of \$5,000.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,550,000.00, charged to the Building Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.55 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Architectural Services No. 202223-620 with Westgroup Designs, Inc., Irvine, to provide additional architectural and engineering services for the Carpenter Elementary School New Construction and Modernization Project, in the increased amount of \$1,841,929.46 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$3,946,921.17,



charged to the Building Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.56 RATIFY Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202324-296 with Nova Geotechnical and Inspection Services – So Cal, dba Universal Engineering Sciences, Irvine, to provide geological testing services at Carpenter Elementary School, in the additional amount of \$8,400.00 for a new total agreement amount not to exceed \$27,900.00, charged to the Building Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.57 RATIFY the Second Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-039 with Jeff Day, Huntington Beach, to increase the contract amount by \$2,640.00 for referee services for Winter Season Baseball and Softball Umpires, for a new not to exceed amount of \$34,920, to be charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.58 RATIFY Change Order No. 3 to Bid No. 24/25-08, Pace Education Center Asphalt for Portables and Parking Lot Expansion Project, with Century Paving, Inc., La Mirada, in the increased amount of \$27,000.00 for a total agreement amount of \$257,144.00, charged to the General Fund.

THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS PULLED BEFORE VOTING ON CONSENT AGENDA TOOK PLACE.

2.59 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of the Merced County FOCUS Contract No. 2021092 for Telecommunications Technology Solutions by the Downey Unified School District with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.60 ACKNOWLEDGE Receipt of a Claim for Damages dated September 24, 2024 and received September 25, 2024 via email, submitted by Scott D. Dinsmore of the Law Offices of Scott Dinsmore, APC, Manhattan Beach, on behalf of minor client, I.N., and REJECT the claim in compliance with Government Code Section 945.6.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.61 RATIFY and/or APPROVE routine Personnel Items until subsequent action is taken by the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.62 RATIFY the establishment of one new position with duties corresponding to the current classification of Senior Instructional Assistant, assigned to Downey High School, 32.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 105, \$3,750 - \$4,557 per month, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.63 RATIFY the establishment of one new position with duties corresponding to the current classification of Buyer, assigned to the Purchasing Department, 40 hours per week, twelve months per year, at range 190, \$5,681 - \$6,903 per month, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.64 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Alameda Elementary, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.65 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Imperial Elementary, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.66 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Ward Elementary, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

2.67 RATIFY the establishment of six new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification Food Service Assistant I, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 65, \$3,293 - \$4,002 per month, effective January 15, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

### **3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

3.1 RATIFY Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-11 Declaring the Futility of Further Public Bidding for Tree Trimming Service and Authorizing Contract with Great Scott Tree Service, Inc., a California Corporation, for the Tree Trimming Maintenance Service at Various Sites in the District.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

3.2 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-12 Authorizing Filing of Application(s) for State Allocation Board-Administered Facility Hardship and/or Facility Hardship Seismic Mitigation Program(s).

Motion by D Mark Morris, second by Nancy A Swenson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

3.3 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-13 Declaring the Futility of Further Public Bidding for Non-Exclusive Use of Certain Radio Station.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

3.4 APPROVE DUSD Service Agreement No. 202425-528/Repeater Agreement with Mobile Relay Associates, dba Raycom, Paramount, in an amount not to exceed \$958,608.00, for a period of five years/sixty (60) months from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029, charged to the General Technology Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Giovanna Perez-Saab.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

3.5 APPROVE Downey Unified School District Resolution No. 202425-14 Authorizing the Filing of Application(s) for State Allocation Board-Administered Programs.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by Jose J Rodriguez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

#### **4. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel**

4.1 APPROVE the revisions to the unclassified salary schedule as reflected in the attached proposed AR 5241.4, effective January 1, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by Tyrone Conde.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

4.2 APPROVE the increase to the rate of pay for Psychologist Intern to \$16.50 per hour, aligning with California State Law minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, second by D Mark Morris.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yea: Linda Salomon Saldana, Jose J Rodriguez, D Mark Morris, Tyrone Conde, Giovanna Perez-Saab, Barbara R Samperi, Nancy A Swenson

#### **5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

#### **6. NEXT MEETING**

6.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

The meeting was recessed at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

#### **7. CLOSED SESSION**

7.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2).): 1 case.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. in memory of Jack Shepherd, Jack Jones, Joan C. Smith, Irene Sandoval and Maria Concepcion Rodriguez.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Linda Salomon Saldaña, President

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D. Mark Morris, Clerk