

**Minutes of the  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**



**1. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS**

1.1 The Meeting was Called to Order by Mrs. Linda Salomon Saldana, President of the Board of Education, at 5:04 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

2.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment: Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Unrepresented employee: Superintendent; Conference with Labor Negotiators- Agency designated representative: Board President, Linda Salomon Saldana, and reconvened into Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

**3. GENERAL BOARD FUNCTIONS**

3.1 Renewal of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Presentation of Colors was led by Warren High Schools Army JROTC.

3.2 Invocation was delivered by Barbara R. Samperi, Member of the Board of Education.

3.3 ROLL CALL

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

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

3.4 ADOPT Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on Wednesday, February 12, 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

3.5 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held January 14, 2025, as submitted or with necessary corrections.

Motion by Giovanna Perez-Saab, 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

3.6 APPROVE Official Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting held February 4, 2025, 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

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

There was no correspondence to be received.

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

The Board members shared highlights from recent events they attended, including the highly successful Robolympics. This event proved to be a valuable experience for both the Elementary Robotics Teams and the Dance and Pep Squads. The Board congratulated the teams from Lewis, Price, and Unsworth Elementary Schools, who will be participating in the Regional Competition at Stauffer Middle School on February 15. Additionally, the Board members attended the CTA dinner, which was well represented. The Board members expressed their gratitude to everyone who helped coordinate and make the 5th Grade Science Camp a reality. Approximately 667 students were able to attend the camp at the Pali Institute, where they created unforgettable memories.

Board President Linda Saldana extended a warm welcome to the Personnel Commissioners and to Jacob Garcia, son of Dr. Garcia, who attended the meeting.

Dr. Garcia took a moment to congratulate Dr. Cari White for being named ACSA Region XIV Administrator of the Year, and Kathy Nicassio, Vice Principal of Doty Middle School, for being named Co-Administrator of the Year. Dr. Garcia also shared his appreciation for the success of Robolympics, thanking Dr. Shannon and Dr. Robbins for their hard work in making the event a success. Furthermore, Dr. Garcia offered his condolences to Dr. Robert Jagielski for the passing of his mother. Dr. Garcia welcomed his wife, Nicole Garcia, who was at the meeting.

Information, Procedural: 3.9 HEAR Public on items not appearing on the Agenda - Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes.

The following comments were heard:

DeLeon Jenkins spoke about CF Fitness an Advance Play Program for the school sites.

Jim Mogan and Kevin Welch spoke about a few subjects which included the Districts Pension II Program for Certificated Personnel, DEA grants which make our Better Together motto possible and the CalStrs program.

3.10 RECEIVE the Official 2025 California School Board Association Delegate Assembly Ballot for Region 24, and CAST vote(s) for no more than five candidates.

Motion by Jose J Rodriguez, 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

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 4.1 through 4.65.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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 ACCEPT with gratitude and in accordance with Board Policy 6372 the gift donations received through January.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.3 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 Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.4 RATIFY Individual Service Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services No. 202425-36 with IRL Almansor Academy, Pasadena, in the amount of \$27,772.64, from November 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPS Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.5 RATIFY Individual Service Agreement for Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School Services No. 202425-37 with Del Sol School, Cypress, in the amount of \$37,988.25, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPS Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.6 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-472 with Dynamic Education Services, Anaheim, to provide 50 hours of supplemental academic services or academic support to a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, from December 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Special Education NPS Tutoring Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.7 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-510 with Executive Functions, Inc., Petaluma, to provide Executive Function Training and Coaching for a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00, from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Guidance and Counseling Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.8 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-511 with Executive Functions, Inc., Petaluma, to provide Executive Function Training and Coaching for a DUSD student, in an amount not to exceed \$11,375.00, from January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Guidance and Counseling Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.9 APPROVE Data Use Agreement No. 202425-512 between Downey Unified School District or Paradigm Health Services, LLC, as a contractor on behalf of the District and Carelon Behavioral Health, Inc., for Disclosure and Use of Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Data and Documents Containing Individual and Provider-Specific Information, to exchange data and documents related to the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative statewide, as part of a requirement by the Department of Health Care Services with a term to be through the completion of the program initiative.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.10 APPROVE Settlement Agreement for OAH Case No. 2024100427, Downey Unified School District Agreement No. 202425-585.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.11 APPROVE First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-141 with Behavior and Education Inc., Torrance, to conduct a functional behavior assessment, in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$14,940.00, charged to the Special Education Behavioral Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.12 RATIFY and/or APPROVE per Board Policy 6362 the Purchase Orders prepared by the Purchasing Department for the 2024-25 fiscal year from January 1, 2025 through January 27, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.13 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 December 2024.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.14 RATIFY B Warrants and Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT/ACH) for Downey Unified School District, falling between Warrant Numbers 21923095 - 21966642, and EFT/ACH Numbers falling between 202411260378368 - 202412270389341, issued for payment of authorized purchases or obligations incurred by law or district policy, for the period beginning December 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.15 APPROVE the reissuance of stale-dated Payroll Warrant No. 5989098 issued on December 17, 2018, in the amount of \$486.46, to employee # SS9426421.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.16 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-451 with Daktronics, Inc., Brookings, South Dakota, to remove the existing baseball and softball scoreboard truss and clock and install letters on a new truss at Warren High School, in an amount not to exceed \$8,350.00, from November 6, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the Capital Outlay Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.17 RATIFY DUSD Professional Services Agreement No. 202425-486 with Vital Healthcare, Inc., to provide Narcan kits, staff training and staffing support for student healthcare services as needed, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.18 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-501 with Amarte Community, LLC, Orange, to provide visual and performing arts, music integration and mindfulness through art instruction to Williams and Imperial Elementary Schools' students, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00 paid for by Williams Elementary School, from January 17, 2025 through May 17, 2025, charged to the Site VAPA Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.19 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-502 with Ascension Quantum Wellness, LLC, Orange, to provide visual and performing arts, music integration and mindfulness through art instruction to Imperial and Williams Elementary Schools' students, in an amount not to exceed \$6,400.00 paid for by Imperial Elementary School, from January 17, 2025 through May 17, 2025, charged to the Site VAPA Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.20 RATIFY Agreement No. 202425-519 with Midwestern University to provide practical learning and research study opportunities and/or clinical experiences in Psychology, Occupational Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology, at no cost to the District, from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.21 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-523 with Primary Color Systems Corp., Cypress, to make and install Character Counts! fence screens at Williams Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,666.66, from January 6, 2025 through February 28, 2025, charged to the LCAP Line 28 Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.22 RATIFY Agreement for Independent Consultant/Professional Services (Construction Related) No. 202425-524 with Adaptive Building Group, Inc., Covina, to conduct a survey for flooring modernization in Room 47 at Doty Middle School and submit written reports, in an amount not to exceed \$5,590.00, from December 26, 2024 through December 30, 2024, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.23 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-525 with Westside Builders Corp., Northridge, to remove a temporary tent from Doty Middle School and transport it to a Columbus High School storage facility for future use, in an amount not to exceed \$4,491.60, from December 30, 2024 to January 31, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.24 RATIFY Agreement No. 202425-526 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to install flooring in the portables at Pace Education Center, in an amount not to exceed \$131,539.23, from December 20, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.25 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-527 with Innovation Painting, Inc., Ontario, to paint the interior and exterior of the four bungalows at Imperial Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$56,300.00, from December 10, 2024 to January 31, 2025, charged to the County Schools Facilities Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.26 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-529 with JAM Fire Protection, Inc., dba JAM Corporation, Monrovia, to provide all equipment, materials, labor, programming and testing for new fire alarm devices in the four portable buildings at Imperial Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$5,380.00, from December 18, 2024 to June 30, 2025, charged to the County Schools Facilities Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.27 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-530 with Junior's Golf Carts, Brea, to provide a new battery pack, including labor costs for golf cart #5 at Griffiths Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,700.00, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.28 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-531 with Jolt Electric, Inc., Rancho Cucamonga, to install new lighting inside the Mechanics' Shop at the Transportation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$36,735.00, from January 2, 2025 through February 28, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.29 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-532 with Genesis Floor Covering, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, to remove existing flooring and install new flooring in the interim housing portables at Imperial Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$36,977.00, from January 6, 2025 to June 30, 2025, charged to the County School Facilities Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.30 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-534 with Evan Turunen, dba Turunen Audio Visual, LLC, Glendora, to provide technical assistance and training to staff and students for a new sound system at Warren High School, in an amount not to exceed \$900.00, from January 13, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Proposition 28 Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.31 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-537 with DIXON SmartSchoolHouse LLC, San Clemente, to provide consulting services for management of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation Departments, for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, from November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Classified Professional Development Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.32 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-538 with Western Indoor Environmental Services, Montebello, to provide services to clean and degrease twenty-one (21) kitchen exhausts at the high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00, from December 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.33 RATIFY Agreement No. 202425-539 with Bellflower Dental Center, Bellflower, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students at Downey Adult School, at no cost to the District, from December 12, 2024 through December 12, 2029.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.34 RATIFY Agreement No. 202425-540 with Downey Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, Downey, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students at Downey Adult School, at no cost to the District, from December 12, 2024 through December 12, 2029.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.35 RATIFY Agreement No. 202425-541 with Reddy Medical Urgent Care, Pomona, to furnish practical experience and the use of office facilities in educating Allied Health students at Downey Adult School, at no cost to the District, from December 12, 2024 through December 12, 2029.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.36 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-548 with Mad Science of Central LA, Glendale, for one assembly for 5th grade students at Old River Elementary School not attending the science camp field trip, in an amount not to exceed \$583.00, on January 28, 2025, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.37 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-549 with McCullah Fence Co., Bell Gardens, for installation of privacy slats in existing fencing at Price Elementary School, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, from January 16, 2025 through March 31, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.38 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-550 with Junior's Golf Carts, Brea, to provide a new AC controller and installation labor for golf cart #3 at Doty Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.39 RATIFY Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-552 with Evaro Glazing Inc., Azusa, to remove an existing damaged glass panel and install a new one in a portable building at Sussman Middle School, in an amount not to exceed \$925.00, from January 16, 2025 through March 30, 2025, charged to the Routine Repair Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.40 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-554 with Patricia D. Barrett, dba Law Office of Patricia D. Barrett, to provide services as a hearing officer for as-needed District employee disciplinary hearings, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, from February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, charged to the Classified Human Resources General Legal Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.41 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-557 with PlanetBids, LLC, Studio City, to provide eProcurement software services, in an amount not to exceed \$56,591.36, from January 29, 2025 through January 28, 2030 (5 years) charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.42 APPROVE Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-558 with APEX Fun Run Franchise No. 7, LLC, Thousand Oaks, to set up and coordinate a fundraiser Fun Run event at Gallatin Elementary School, at no cost to the District, from March 17, 2025 to March 28, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.43 RATIFY Independent Contractor Agreement For Non-Construction Services No. 202425-562 with Cedars Refrigeration Inc., Yorba Linda, to clean and repair the combo walk-in box cooler/freezers at Unsworth, Price, and Ward Elementary Schools, in an amount not to exceed \$8,254.00, from February 7, 2025 through April 30, 2025, charged to the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.44 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-144 with Five Star Fire Protection, Inc., La Habra, for additional maintenance services at Columbus High School and a fire flow test at Rio Hondo Elementary School, in the amount of \$3,205.00 for a new not to exceed amount of \$33,205.00, charged to the General Fund and Building Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.45 RATIFY the First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement for Non-Construction Services No. 202425-316 with Cross Country Education - New Mediscan II LLC., to increase the agreement by \$200,000.00 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$400,000.00, charged to the General Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.46 RATIFY Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Construction Services (Small Projects) No. 202425-208 with McCullah Fence Co., Bell Gardens, to cover the cost of payment and performance bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$42,668.00, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.47 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Bid No. 202425-441 with Westside Builders Corp, Northridge, to provide additional repairs to compromised sewer connections discovered during work performed for the Columbus High School Restroom Project, in the amount of \$14,532.06 for a total not to exceed amount of \$160,532.06, charged to the General Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.48 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Bid No. 23/24-40 with GDL Best Contractors, Inc., Whittier, to provide additional electrical work for the Food Service area renovation at Sussman Middle School, in the amount of \$384.57 for a total not to exceed amount of \$650,084.57.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.49 RATIFY Change Order No. 1 to Bid No. 24/25-07 with Unified Modular Corporation, Corona, for additional site work related to the relocation of portables at Pace Education Center, in the amount of \$39,624.34 for a total not to exceed \$929,624.34, charged to the General Pace Construction Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.50 RATIFY Change Order No. 2 to Informal Bid No. 202425-328 for the Sussman Middle School Drive Aisle Flood Mitigation Project, with Earth General Construction, City of Industry, in the amount of \$10,877.86 for a new total not to exceed \$134,149.50, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.51 AWARD Informal Bid No. 202425-441 for the Columbus High School Restroom Restoration Project to Westside Builders Corp., Northridge, in an amount not to exceed \$146,000.00, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.52 AWARD Bid #24/25-13 for the Middle School Gyms HVAC Project to GDL Best Contractors, Inc., Whittier, in an amount not to exceed \$1,596,000.00, charged to the Developer Fees Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.53 AWARD Bid #24/25-14 for the Roof Replacement and Restoration Project at Lewis Elementary School to BEST Contracting Services, Inc., Gardena, in an amount not to exceed \$837,824.00, charged to the Deferred Maintenance Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.54 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 3-23-08-1023 with AVI-SPL LLC, Cypress, by the Downey Unified School District as needed for the purchase of information technology related goods and services with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.55 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 3-23-08-1026 with AVI-SPL LLC, Cypress, by the Downey Unified School District as needed for the purchase of information technology related goods and services with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.56 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 3-23-08-1027 with AVI-SPL LLC, Cypress, by the Downey Unified School District as needed for the purchase of information technology related goods and services with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.57 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) Contract Number 4-22-12-1015 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment through Dave Bang Associates, Inc. of California, Orange, by the Downey Unified School District as needed to fill orders with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.58 ACCEPT and APPROVE the use of the Foundation for California Community Colleges CollegeBuys Administrative Services Agreement No. 00005699 for eProcurement Software System Services from PlanetBids, Inc., Studio City, by the Downey Unified School District with the same advantages, terms and conditions.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.59 ACKNOWLEDGE receipt of claim dated and received via email on December 13, 2024, submitted by Brenda K. Ramirez, and REJECT claim in compliance with Government Code Section 911-15 and 945.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.60 APPROVE the declaration and sale and/or recycling of District obsolete property and abate the income to the General Fund or the Food Services Fund.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

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

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.62 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Gallatin Elementary School, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective February 13, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.63 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Old River Elementary School, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective February 13, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.64 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Price Elementary School, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective February 13, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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

4.65 RATIFY the establishment of three new positions with duties corresponding to the current classification of Food Service Assistant, assigned to Unsworth Elementary School, 17.5 hours per week, ten months per year, at range 250, \$18.00 - \$21.88 per hour, effective February 13, 2025.

Motion by Nancy A Swenson, second by Barbara R Samperi.

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. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

5.1 HEAR a presentation from Darryl Browning, Director of Instructional Support Services and Dina Carter, TOSA of Instructional Support Services, with an LCAP Mid-Year Review.

## **6. SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE - Personnel**

6.1 RATIFY the Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Unified School District and the California School Employee Association and its Downey Chapter 746 regarding language changes to Article XVI, Sick Leave Bank, effective January 17, 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

6.2 RATIFY the Memorandum of Understanding between the Downey Unified School District and the California School Employee Association and its Downey Chapter 248 regarding language changes to Article XI, Sick Leave Bank, effective January 17, 2025.

Motion by Barbara R Samperi, 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

6.3 APPROVAL of Superintendent's resignation by early retirement agreement.

Motion by D Mark Morris, 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

Once the Board approved the Superintendent's resignation by early retirement agreement, Dr. Garcia announced his retirement effective August 1, 2025. Dr. Garcia went on to say a few words about what his time as Superintendent of Downey Unified has meant to him.

**7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

8.1 The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Regular Meeting to be held on March 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

9.1 The Board of Education retired into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss: Public Employment - Certificated/Administration/Classified Management; Discipline/Dismissal/Release and Negotiations and reconvened into Open Session at 7:55 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

10.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. in memory of Colleen Nicassio, Richard Williams and Bernice Jagielski.

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education

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Linda Salomon Saldaña, President

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D. Mark Morris, Clerk