

**Santa Barbara School Districts  
Board of Education  
Agenda**

**February 14, 2001  
7:00 P.M.  
Regular Board Meeting**

**Santa Barbara School Districts  
Board Room  
720 Santa Barbara Street  
Santa Barbara CA 93101**

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## **SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

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### **WELCOME TO A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a superior educational program for the youth of the school districts with emphasis on quality instruction for all.*

*The Board of Education encourages citizens to attend Board meetings and welcomes their views on subjects related to the operation of the schools. Regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom located at 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.*

*All regular and special meetings are open to the public so citizens may have the benefit of Board deliberations and decisions affecting the schools. Closed sessions are held in accordance with the provisions of the "Brown Act," a comprehensive set of laws which regulate the meetings of the governing bodies of most public agencies in California.*

*Although the regular business that must be transacted by the Board at each meeting is time consuming, every encouragement is given to citizens who wish to express their viewpoints. The procedures listed on the reverse side of this sheet will facilitate the oral presentation of such views and will give everyone, in turn, an opportunity to be heard prior to action by the Board of Education.*

*We are glad to have you with us and we sincerely hope that you will plan to attend future meetings of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara School Districts.*

#### **Board of Education**

Claire VanBlaricum, President  
Robert Noël, Vice President  
Ruth E. Green, Member  
Nancy Harter, Member  
Fred Rifkin, Member

#### **Secretary-Clerk of the Board**

Deborah Flores, Superintendent

**DELEGATIONS TO BOARD MEETINGS** - Meetings of the Board shall be in full compliance with the law, which assures the public open access to the Board for observing deliberations, actions and providing input.

**METHOD FOR ADDRESSING THE BOARD** - A person who wishes to address the Board of Education may be recognized by the Board President under the "Public Comments" section or during the time an agenda item is being considered. Persons wishing to address the Board should complete a "Speaker Card." Items on the agenda are not time certain unless otherwise noticed.

Any person wishing to discuss an item at a Board meeting may make a request in one of two ways: (1) Write to the Superintendent by Monday noon of the week before a Board meeting requesting the item be placed on the agenda, giving the details to be discussed; or (2) While attending a Board meeting, request the item be placed on the agenda in the future. Requests for clarification, or decisions about placement on the agenda and assignment of meeting date, will be communicated by the Superintendent or his/her designee. California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any item not on the agenda, with very specific legal exceptions.

The Board respects the process of collective bargaining and recognizes the Educational Employment Relations Act (SB160) providing procedures for collective bargaining which include designated representatives and scheduled meetings closed to the public. Delegations of persons who have representation by negotiators and who wish to address the Board on matters under negotiation will be referred to the appropriate group representative.

**TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKERS** - If time permits, a person may make a presentation for a period not to exceed three minutes. If prior arrangements are made, a longer time may be allowed. The President of the Board of Education shall determine the amount of time that may be allotted to any speaker. No speaker may speak a second time on any particular issue. In cases where there are those who wish to speak for and those who wish to speak against a proposition, the President will try to allow speakers to speak alternately for and against the proposition under consideration. Unless previously arranged, no more than five speakers will be allowed to speak for or against a particular item.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS** - Personnel matters, with rare exceptions, are discussed by the Board of Education in closed sessions, as provided by law. All charges or complaints against employees should be submitted in writing and signed by the persons making the charge. There shall be no oral presentation or discussion of such matters in open public meetings of the Board of Education unless the Board requests such a session after a closed session has first been held.

**CAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED** - Undue interruptions or other interference with the orderly conduct of Board business cannot be allowed. Remarks by any person addressing the Board which reflect adversely upon the racial, religious, economic, character or motives of any person are out of order. The President may terminate the speaker's privilege of address, if after being called to order, he or she persists in improper conduct or remarks. No boisterous conduct shall be allowed at any time.

**It is a pleasure to have you with us. We hope you will come again.**

**Santa Barbara School Districts**  
**Board of Education**  
**1999-2000 Focus Goals**

The primary focus of the Board and staff continues to be improving the achievement level of all students, K-12. We are working to ensure that every student, regardless of gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or history of under achievement succeeds at the highest level.

1. Create and implement a developmental reading program for grades 7-9 (and grade 6 at La Cumbre Middle School).
2. Investigate the various options for creating facilities for Open Alternative School and Santa Barbara Charter School including analyzing alternative sites within the district and/or rehabilitating the existing facilities. Also, develop specific action plans for addressing the current inadequate facilities that exist at these two sites.
3. Acknowledge the dedication and hard work of principals and teachers. Develop better support systems for both groups that include increased opportunities for staff development and staff collaboration.
4. Develop three-year budget projections for both districts including the development of long-range enrollment projections. Evaluate alternatives for giving sites more discretion over their budgets with incentives and accountability components.
5. Develop a comprehensive, long-range vision and plan for facilities and housing.



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SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
Wednesday, February 14, 2001**

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**A. REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M. - 5 Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Claire VanBlaricum, President  
Robert Noël, Vice President  
Ruth E. Green, Member  
Nancy Harter, Member  
Fred Rifkin, Member

**2. CLOSED SESSION – 6:05 P.M. – 55 minutes**

*The Board will be discussing the following in Closed Session:*

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54957)** *Personnel matters, to include: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.*
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54954.5): Superintendent's Contract**
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962)** *Expulsion Case No. 00/01-19. The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student requests an Open Session.*

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2001 (Regular Board Meeting), and January 31, 2001 (Special Meeting).**

**6. RECOGNITIONS, RECEIPTS OF GIFTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ACCEPTANCES**

**RECEIPT OF GIFTS**

**Charleen L. Kirkman, Controller**

**The Board will be interested in acknowledging the following people and/or organizations for their generous donation.**

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>EST. VALUE</u>
Hobar Gallery, Inc.	Metal bookshelves (2) and art mat boards (1,057)	\$3,748
Nevill M. J. Cramer	(2) Outdoor patio tables	\$1,465
David C. Fainer, Jr.	Misc. computer equipment	\$795
Village Properties Realtors	Misc. computer equipment	\$400
Susan Carrera	10 Track lights	Unknown
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Currey	Various books	Unknown
Carol Ostroff	Misc. computer equipment	Unknown
Mr. Hernandez & Ms. Still	Refrigerator	Unknown
Lori Lewis	One-Step Polaroid 600 camera	\$20

Cash donations for Elementary School Band:

S. B. Bank & Trust	\$100
Condor Engineering, Inc.	\$100
Mobile Foot Care	\$100
State & A Restaurant	\$ 50
Peabody's Restaurant	\$ 50
Lidia Herrera	\$ 60
Kimberly Schizas	\$ 70
Lauren Weinsieder	\$ 50
Linda Vogel	\$ 25
Hendrix Manufacturing	\$ 25

**Recommended: That the Board of Education accept with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District.**

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**8. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

*Individual Board Members may receive correspondence that they want to share with the Board, staff and the public.*

**10. WHAT'S COOKING REPORT**

*Each Friday, the Superintendent provides the Board with a report called the What's Cooking Report or "WCR." This is an informational report about school district matters. A copy of the report is available for the public to read in the reception area of the District Office. Anyone who would like a copy of the report should contact the Superintendent's Office. A list of the topics included in the last two week's WCR is attached at the end of this agenda.*

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – 15 Minutes**

*During this time, the Board President may acknowledge requests to speak on a topic not on the agenda. Persons wishing to address the Board should complete a “Speaker Card” prior to this agenda item. By Board policy, the “Speaker Card” must contain the speaker’s name, address and subject to be addressed.*

*Individuals will be limited to a maximum of three minutes and possibly less, depending on the number of speakers. If the speaker needs more time, s/he may submit written comments or request time on a future agenda.*

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR – 7:15 P.M. – 5 Minutes**

*The following items are routine and may be enacted by approval of a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon request of a Board member. (NOTE: A double asterisk (\*\*)) indicates that an attachment to the item is available at the rear of the Board Room.)*

**Recommended: That the Board approve the following items as presented:**

**1. PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS\*\***

**Resource Persons: Jolene Reed, Coordinator, Certificated Personnel  
Elaine Alvarado, Coordinator, Classified Personnel**

**Recommended: The persons listed in the attachment are recommended to the Board for the action listed. Documents regarding the appointments of candidates, leaves of absence, resignations, and reassignments have been submitted and meet the necessary requirements.**

**2. PURCHASE ORDERS\*\***

**Resource Person: Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations**

A list of routine purchase orders is being submitted to the Board for review. Purchase orders in excess of \$5,000 require Board approval.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period January 18, 2001 through February 7, 2001.**

**3. WARRANTS \*\***

**Resource Person: Charleen L. Kirkman, Controller**

Copies of Commercial Warrant register sheets listing the warrants have been provided to members of the Board.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the attached warrant listings.**

4. **DECLARATION OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICTS\*\***

**Resource Person: Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities & Operations**

A list of miscellaneous equipment is being submitted to the Board to be declared as surplus. This equipment may be inoperable, obsolete, not cost effective to repair or not applicable to programs at a particular site. Steps will be taken to distribute usable equipment to other sites.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education declare the listed equipment as surplus to the needs of the District(s) and authorize the Administration to take appropriate disposal action.**

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED CONTRACT – ASPHALT RESURFACING – FRANKLIN SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

**Resource Person: Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations**

On November 8, 2000, the Board approved a contract in the amount of \$88,372 with Granite Construction for asphalt resurfacing at Franklin School playground. There was one change order in the amount of \$520 for a new contract total of \$88,892.

The district-employed inspector and district staff have inspected the asphalt resurfacing and are satisfied that all work has been completed as specified.

In accordance with Public Contractor's Code, a ten percent (10%) retention will be withheld for thirty-five (35 days).

**Recommended: That the Board of Education accept the completed contract in the amount of \$88,892 for asphalt resurfacing at Franklin School playground.**

6. **APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – KRUGER, BENSEN, ZIEMER (KBZ); tBP ARCHITECTS; WLC ARCHITECTS\*\***

**Resource Person: Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations**

Attached are contracts from KBZ, tBP and WLC Architects for Measure V projects and planning services. A staff report has been prepared detailing the calculation of fees, the estimates per campus and the scope of services to be provided.

**Recommended: It is recommended the Board approve the contracts with KBZ, tBP and WLC Architects for Measure V projects.**

7. **EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR ON WAIVERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING**

**Resource Person: Jolene Reed, Coordinator, Certificated Personnel**

Effective November 1, 1995, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires public notice before a waiver request is submitted to the Commission. Waivers are granted by the

Commission for those individuals who are being hired for employment but who have not met all of the requirements necessary for the issuance of a credential. The following teachers need a waiver to work for the Districts for the 2000-2001 school year. Each teacher is working to complete all the requirements so that a preliminary credential can be issued.

Marsha Barr	Librarian/Santa Barbara High School	100%
Ken Foberg	Music/Dos Pueblos High School	100%
Steven Hardy	Special Education/Santa Barbara High School	100%
Laura Madsen	Librarian/Cleveland School	100%
Lynn Nisbet	Chemistry/Santa Barbara High School	100%
Matt Riley	Chemistry/San Marcos High School	100%

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve requesting waivers for these teachers.**

**8. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD/HEALTHY START GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION FOR PROPOSITION 10 FUNDING FOR 2001-2002\*\***

**Resource Person: Diana Rigby, Director, Student Services**

The Student Services Department, Healthy Start and the Child Development Program propose to reapply for funds for Healthy Start services, parent education, pre-literacy materials for child development program families and pre-K summer school classes.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the submission of the Santa Barbara School District/Early Childhood Healthy Start grant proposal to the children and Families Commission for Proposition 10 funding for 2001-2002.**

**9. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF THE SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATIONAL GRANT PROPOSAL FOR LA CUMBRE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FUNDING 2001-2004\*\***

**Resource Person: Diana Rigby, Director, Student Services**

The Student Services Department/Healthy Start proposes to bring Healthy Start collaborative services and supports to students, families and staff of the La Cumbre campus. The plan will support academic achievement, student health, staff development and parent involvement goals.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the submission of the Santa Barbara School District Healthy Start operational grant proposal to the California Department of Education for funding for 2001-2004.**

**10. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL LIAISON PROBATION OFFICER FOR SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT\*\***

**Resource Person: Diana Rigby, Director, Student Services**

The Santa Barbara High School District Truancy Collaborative proposes to fund a 50% Deputy Probation Officer from School Safety (AB1113, AB 658) grant monies to support the Truancy Intervention Program. The County Probation Department will match the funding and assign a full-time Deputy Probation Officer to our high school campuses for comprehensive monitoring and follow-up of truant students.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the expenditure of School Safety grant monies, \$38,258, for the 50% match of a Deputy Probation Officer for the Truancy Intervention Program for February 2001 through June 2002.**

**11. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR AN AFTER-SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM\*\***

**Resource Person: Charleen L. Kirkman, Controller**

For several years the City and the Santa Barbara School Districts have co-sponsored an After-School Recreation Program at several of our sites. A total of \$110,000 has been committed by the District to co-fund this program: \$47,385 from the A-OK State Program, \$42,500 from the high school general fund and \$20,115 paid from fees collected by the parents.

The terms of these agreements are from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve the agreements with the City of Santa Barbara for an After-School Recreation Program.**

**12. DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM, DISTRICT CASE NO. 2000/01-03**

**Resource Person: Charleen L. Kirkman, Controller**

A claim has been filed on behalf of a citizen.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board of Education deny the liability claim and refer it to the Districts' insurance carrier.**

**C. CONFERENCE AGENDA – 7:20 PM**

*Conference items may recognize people and programs, provide reports, request operational actions, discuss proposals or make recommendations. The Board may comment, provide direction or take action on these items. Generally, items requiring action will be placed on a following action agenda. (NOTE: A double asterisk (\*\*)) indicates that there is an attachment to the item available at the rear of the Boardroom.)*



5. **BOARD AGENDA MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS\*\*** 9:20 p.m.  
15 mins.

The purpose of this agenda item is two-fold. First, Board Members will discuss ideas about how to manage requests for agenda items and ways to handle meetings more efficiently. A memo from Dr. Robert Noël, Board Member, is attached related to this topic.

Secondly, a list of over 30 future agenda items has been created and discussed at recent Board Meetings. Ms. VanBlaricum, Board President, and the Superintendent met and discussed this list and will present some preliminary ideas about how to address this list. A staff report is included which previews these preliminary ideas.

6. **BOARD POLICIES REGARDING REDUCING THE RISK OF LITIGATION REGARDING THE BROWN ACT AND PUBLIC RECORDS ACT\*\*** 9:35 p.m.  
15 mins.

**Resource Person: Deborah A. Flores, Superintendent**

Dr. Robert Noël has requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. His proposal is outlined in the attached memo from Dr. Noël to the Board.

#### **D. ACTION AGENDA – 9:50 PM**

*(NOTE: A double asterisk (\*\*)) indicates that there is an attachment to an item available at the rear of the Board Room)*

1. **BOARD FOCUS GOALS\*\*** 9:50 p.m.  
**Resource Person: Deborah A. Flores, Superintendent** 15 mins.

On January 16, 2001, a Special Board Meeting was held. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the Board with a progress report on current Board Focus Goals and to develop new focus goals. A subcommittee composed of two Board Members (VanBlaricum and Green) and the Superintendent met and developed the attached draft of the Focus Goals using what was developed by the entire Board. This draft of the Focus Goals is presented to the Board for discussion and approval.

**Recommended: That the Board of Education discuss, revise, and adopt the Board Focus Goals.**

2. **LAYOFF OF INTERPRETER/HEARING IMPAIRED EMPLOYEE IN THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT** 10:05 p.m.  
**Resource Person: Elaine Alvarado, Classified Personnel Coordinator** 5 mins.

The Director of Student Services recommends that a six (6) hour Interpreter/Hearing Impaired employee receive a notice of lay-off due to the lack of work. This employee worked one-on-one with a hearing impaired student who has since moved out of our District. There are no other



**Recommended: That the Board of Education approve these out-of-state travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500.**

**5. STUDENT EXPULSIONS**

**Resource Person: Deborah A. Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent**

**10:20 p.m.  
5 mins.**

The Board is required to take action on student expulsions in Open Session. The review of an expulsion case must be completed in Closed Session unless the parent or student requests an Open Session.

The Board discussed expulsion case number 00/01-19 (High School District).

**Recommended: That the Board of Education take action regarding the student expulsions.**

**E. COMING EVENTS – 10:25 P.M. - 5 Minutes**

*This agenda item allows the Superintendent or individual Board Members to announce coming events. No action or public input will be taken.*

**F. BOARD COMMENTS – 10:30 P.M. - 10 Minutes**

*This agenda item allows Board Members the opportunity to discuss items of general interest, provide a reference or other resource to staff, ask for clarification or request staff to report to the Board on a certain matter. No action or public input will be taken*

**G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 10:40 P.M. - 5 Minutes**

*This agenda item allows Board Members to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.*

**H. CLOSED SESSION – 10:45 P.M.**

*The Board will adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Government/Education Codes to conclude any unfinished business from the Closed Session at the beginning of the Agenda.*

**I. OPEN SESSION**

**1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2001.

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### **January 26, 2001**

1. Memo from Dr. Flores to Board Members Re: Requests for Information
2. Draft of Focus Goals, 2001
3. High School Community Service Report
4. Update on the High School Exit Exam (HSEE)
5. Two Memos Regarding Rolling Blackouts
6. Memo from Ruth Green Regarding a Brown Act Expert
7. Active Enrollment Monthly Summaries
8. Change Order Approvals
9. Letter from Joan Stuster Regarding Visual and Performing Arts Standards Development and Implementation Grants
10. Memo from Delaine Eastin Regarding the State Board of Education's Proclamation that March 2001 is Arts in Education Month
11. Santa Barbara Community Academy's Plans for Student Achievement

### **February 2, 2001**

1. Flyer from CASBO about a Workshop on Budgets
2. High School District Budget Summary
3. List of Restricted Funds Items
4. Memo from CDE Regarding the Governor's Performance Awards Program Amounts and Information about the Program
5. Letters from Monroe Parents Regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
6. Memos from Dr. Noël
7. Memo Regarding Inter-and Intra-district Transfers and a Memo Regarding La Colina Intra-district Transfers
8. Letter from Mr. William Hansult and Libertarian News Release
9. Memo from Delaine Eastin Regarding the High School Exit Exam (HSEE)
10. Questions from Last Year's Brown Act Workshop
11. Memo from Dr. Ebenstein Regarding Master Planning and Some Additional Information