

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 10, 2001**

**CALL TO ORDER/CLOSED SESSION**

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education met today in the Board Room of the Santa Barbara School Districts' Administration Center, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. Claire VanBlaricum called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and adjourned to Closed Session. The public session was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Stan Zaletel, Monroe Elementary School principal, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members** Claire VanBlaricum, President  
**Present:** Robert Noël, Vice-President  
Ruth E. Green, Member  
Nancy Harter, Member  
Fred Rifkin, Member

**Staff** Deborah Flores Ph.D., Superintendent  
**Present:** Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent  
Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations  
Julie Medina, Secretary to the Superintendent

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board met on the following in Closed Session:

- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9(a) - Case No. SN 1890-00**
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9(b) - The Libertarian Party**
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54957) Personnel matters, to include: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.**
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962) Expulsion Case No. 00/01-16, 00/01-17, and 00/01-18. The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student requests an Open Session.**

President VanBlaricum announced that the Board gave direction to legal counsel to pursue a settlement with regard to Case No. SN 1890-00. No other action was taken. She reported that the Board would be returning to Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to continue consultation with legal counsel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of December 13, 2000 (Special Meeting).  
**Moved:** Robert Noël **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**RECEIPT OF GIFTS**

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the donation to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from E. Khashoggi Family Foundation, Todd & David Still, Barbara Lansdon, Diabetes Resource Center, Susan Butcher, S.B. Contractors Association, and The Wharton Foundation.  
**Moved:** Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deborah Flores introduced Jacqueline Hagan, San Marcos High School senior, who was recognized for being selected to participate in the second annual *Take a Teen to the Kennedy Space Center Program* in Orlando.

Superintendent Flores introduced Steve Winger (La Cumbre Middle School Industrial Technology Department chair) and Jesse Phillips (La Cumbre Middle School student) who reported on a skateboard project conducted in Wood Technology courses taught at La Cumbre Middle School and Goleta Valley Junior High School. Powell Skateboard has partnered with these schools and provides prefinished blank wood skateboard "decks" at a reduced price of \$12 each.

David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal, thanked the Board for the District's contribution towards the purchase of new band uniforms. He introduced representatives from the Dos Pueblos Marching Band who modeled their new uniforms.

## **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

Angela Sanchez, San Marcos High School student, reported on current events at the three high schools.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fred Rifkin reported receipt of a letter from a 12th grade student at Dos Pueblos stating her case for starting high school at a later hour.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sarah Griffin inquired as to how the City Council/School Board meetings are announced.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were removed from the consent agenda for discussion: B.2, B.3., and B.4

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda, as amended:

- B.1 Recommended Personnel Actions
- B.5 Denial of Liability Claim on Behalf of a Citizen
- B.6 Acceptance of Annual Audit Reports of the Santa Barbara Elementary School District, Santa Barbara High School District, and Associated Student Body Funds
- B.7 Student Teacher Agreement with California State University, Northridge's School Nurse Program

**Moved:** Ruth Green    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

## **B.2 PURCHASE ORDERS**

Staff responded to Board Member Rifkin's concerns regarding the fact that there were no competitive bids on the purchase orders above \$5,000. Ruth Green voiced her beliefs that all instructional materials should be aligned with the California Content Standards, that there must be reliable data that these materials are effective, and that there is evidence that high performance schools have had success in using such materials.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period December 7, 2000 through January 3, 2001.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **B.3 WARRANTS**

This item was removed from the consent agenda by mistake.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the warrant listings.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **B.4 REPORT OF ARBITRAGE CALCULATIONS, GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND/ROOSEVELT SCHOOL**

Sarah Griffin inquired if this payment would come out of the Roosevelt Bond accounts and not the general fund. She also asked if all the bond funds and state bond funds had been spent, would this payment still be due and where would it come from, and is there a way to avoid this with the two new bonds.

Fred Rifkin voiced concern regarding the timeframe between receipt of the bill and payment. Superintendent Flores will have staff look into the matter and respond.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept the Arbitrage Calculations Report on the General Obligation Bonds, Roosevelt School Project.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **C.1 REQUEST FROM MONROE PARENTS TO HOUSE THE 6TH GRADE AT MONROE**

Kate Moore requested that the Board return the sixth grade to Monroe Elementary School, to allow students an extra year of nurturing before moving on to junior high school.

Persons addressing the Board in favor of returning sixth grade to Monroe School were: Alice Post, Irene Ehritt (parent), Sarah Griffin, and Ron Westerman (parent).

Persons addressing the Board opposed to returning sixth grade to Monroe School were: Becca Reynoso (La Cumbre 6th grade president), Marcia Lammers (La Cumbre Middle School 6th grade department chair), Jerry Chiu (La Cumbre Middle School math department co-chair), Tony Fischer (who read a letter on behalf of his wife, La Cumbre Middle School language arts chair), Karen Glenn (La Cumbre Middle School ASB president), and Zack Rosales (Monroe 5th grader).

Board discussion followed. This item will come back on a future conference agenda.

### **C.2 PRESENTATION OF A FUNDRAISING PLAN FOR A PROPOSED AQUATIC CENTER AT DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL**

David Cash (Dos Pueblos High School principal) and Jim Kuga (parent) presented a fundraising plan for the proposed Aquatic Center at Dos Pueblos High School and reported on the planning committee's accomplishments to date, as well as future plans.

Arthur Swally, Santa Barbara Swim Club Board of Directors president, addressed the Board in support of the project.

Board discussion followed.

At 9:00 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(b) - Conference with Legal Counsel -- Anticipated Litigation -- The Libertarian Party. The meeting was reconvened to public session at 10:00 p.m. President VanBlaricum announced that legal counsel was asked to return for another closed session to give the Board further direction and advice regarding a response to the Libertarian Party's alleged violations of the Brown Act.

### **C.3 MASTER PLANNING PROPOSALS**

Deborah Flores reported that at a previous meeting, Ms. Irene Falzone gave a presentation regarding the concept of master planning in general. She was asked to come back to the Board with a specific proposal. She introduced Ms. Falzone and Mr. Ben Romo, from Torrance Planning, who gave a presentation regarding a Phase I master plan study. In addition, Dr. Flores stated that the Board may wish to conduct further study and suggested that at that time the Board conduct a formal RFP process.

Board discussion followed.

Sarah Griffin asked if meetings of the committees be public meetings how will they be noticed. Board Members and staff responded that the committees meetings will be public and will be noticed.

### **C.4 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (C.S.B.A.) GOVERNANCE STANDINGS**

Due to the late hour, this item will be discussed at the next Regular Board Meeting.

### **C.5 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Due to the late hour, this item will be discussed at the Special Board Meeting on January 16, 2001.

### **D.1 COMMITTEE AND OTHER BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Committee representation was discussed and volunteers appointed to the following committees:

Bond Oversight Committee - Nancy Harter  
Central Coast School Foundation (Observer) - Claire VanBlaricum  
City of Santa Barbara/School District Mutual Interests Committee - Nancy Harter, Claire VanBlaricum  
Diversity Committee - Fred Rifkin  
Elementary (Parent) Advisory Committee - Ruth Green  
Secondary (Parent) Advisory Committee - Robert Noël  
Gevirtz Center Liaison - Claire VanBlaricum  
Santa Barbara City College/School District Liaison Committee - Robert Noël  
Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation - Nancy Harter

### **D.2 ADOPTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL BOOKS FOR THE "READING FOR SUCCESS" CLASSES, SECOND READING**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the two additional books for the "Reading for Success" classes (*Holes* and *Bud, Not Buddy*), for second reading and adoption.

**Moved:** Nancy Harter    **Seconded:** Ruth Green    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **D.3 FIELD TRIP -- LA COLINA JHS AND LA CUMBRE JHS/WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve La Colina and La Cumbre field trips to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia, March 31-April 4, 2001 and February 14-19, 2001, respectively.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin    **Seconded:** Robert Noël    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **D.4 BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (C.S.E.A.)**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Districts and C.S.E.A. for the period 2000-2001.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.5 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$500**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board approve the out-of-state travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500 for Bonnie Barbara, DPHS teacher; Melissa Ewart, Kurt Bergthold, Becky Patterson, La Colina JHS teachers; Heather Bergthold and Mike Patterson, La Colina JHS parents; Susan Eveler, La Colina JHS counselor; Michael Gonzalez, La Cumbre Middle School principal; Yifat Shoshan, Kim Haddix, Rick Newhouse, and Elise Simmons, La Cumbre Middle School teachers; Leo Castillo, La Cumbre Middle School computer technician; Denise Savage, La Cumbre Middle School special education aide; and Lindsay Bailey, La Cumbre Middle School Fighting Back counselor.

**Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Robert Noël **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**E. COMING EVENTS**

January 19, 2001 - Annual Santa Barbara County School Boards Association Dinner Meeting in Buellton  
January 19, 2001 - San Marcos High School Assembly featuring Astronaut Leroy Chiao

**F. BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Deborah Flores reported that the City has proposed three dates for which to conduct the City Council/School Board joint meeting -- February 22, February 26, or March 5 with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board that March 5 was the best date.

Deborah Flores asked Board Members if they could attend a brief Special Board Meeting on Friday, January 12, 2001, to discuss and approve a grant application for an Arts in Education Demonstration Project, which is due on January 15, 2001. It was determined that there would be a quorum of the Board for a Friday meeting and that the meeting would begin at 1:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to Education Code 48918.

**OPEN SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

January 10, 2001 (following Regular Meeting)

**D.6 STUDENT EXPULSIONS**

In Closed Session, the Board discussed student expulsions. In Open Session, the following action was taken:

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-16 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan, as amended. The student may remain in home/hospital schooling at the District Office until June. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning Fall, 2001.

**Moved:** Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-17 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning Fall, 2001.

**Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Fred Rifkin **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-18 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan, as amended. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning Fall, 2001.

**Moved:** Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Claire VanBlaricum, President  
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2001