

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 9, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

Notice thereof having been given in compliance with legal requirements, a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts was called to order in public session at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, March 9, 2001, in the Administration Center Board Room, at 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California.

Members Claire VanBlaricum, President
Present: Robert Noël, Vice President
Ruth Green, Member
Nancy Harter, Member

Members
Absent: Fred Rifkin, Member

Staff
Present: Deborah A. Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations

MASTER PLANNING PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by Jim Bush, Assistant Director, School Facilities Planning Division, California Department of Education

FACILITIES AND HOUSING ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED THROUGH THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS

Board Members identified and discussed facilities and housing issues that need to be addressed through the master planning process or through another process.

Members of the audience addressing the Board regarding reinstating sixth grade to Monroe School were: Irene Henry Ehritt, Terre Hawkins, Kate Moore, Margie Yashyavi, Mary Yee, Alice Post.

Members of the Open Alternative School community addressing the Board regarding the need for a permanent site were: David Tabor, Dayna Jordan, Eve Leeds.

Sarah Griffin urged the Board to not deal with facilities issues in a piecemeal fashion.
Colleen McCarthy Evans urged the Board to make a decision on building a new site for Santa Barbara Charter School.
Cynthia Jencka complained about several facilities issues relating to Santa Barbara Community Academy.

OFFICE SPACE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES/RESEARCH & EVALUATION DEPARTMENTS

At a previous Board Meeting, staff was directed to research options for housing the Information Technology Services and Research & Evaluation Departments with a preference that this space not be on a school site. This move is necessary in order to create space for the expansion of the Santa Barbara Community Academy. Staff shared information about leasing office space across the street from the District Office.

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION

Staff have been investigating ways to reduce costs for new construction, particularly at elementary sites. A brief presentation was made on the concept of modular construction. Board discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of Education
Claire VanBlaricum, President

Adopted by Board of Education on March 28, 2001.