

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 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 3:30 p.m., and adjourned to Closed Session. The public session was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Charleen Kirkman, Controller, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Claire VanBlaricum, President
Present: Robert Noël, Vice-President
Ruth E. Green, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Fred Rifkin, Member
Angela Sanchez, Student Board Representative

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board met on 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**
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Government Code 54956.9a): Case No. SN 1890-00.**
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962)** *Expulsion Case Nos. 00/01-6, 00/01-30, and 00/01-31. 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 had voted to extend the Superintendent's contract by two years, to 2004. This item will be placed on the next agenda for ratification.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of February 28, 2001 (Regular Meeting).

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

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the cash donation to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Cox Communications.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Nan Madson, Goleta Valley Junior High School Principal, introduced and recognized 7th grade student Sue Lin. Sue Lin took first place in the Annual Santa Barbara County Spelling Bee, junior high division. Third place winner, Jamie Bovshow, Santa Barbara Junior High School 7th grader, was not able to attend the meeting but was recognized by principal Gerrie Fausett.

Deborah Flores described a new concept whereby she and Board Members would report on places they had visited and/or speeches/presentations made. Board Members welcomed the suggestion and proceeded to report on their activities.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Claire VanBlaricum reported receipt of a letter from Congresswoman Lois Capps announcing the 2001 Congressional High School Art Competition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item B.4 and B.11 were removed from the consent agenda for discussion purposes.

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

- B.1 Recommended Personnel Actions
- B.2 Purchase Orders
- B.3 Warrants
- B.5 Resolution Nos. 00/01-25 and 00/01-26, Approval of Payment of Invoices Over One Year Old
- B.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-27, Expenditure Transfers
- B.7 Approval of Second Period Interim Report and Certification of Financial Stability
- B.8 Approval of Corrective Actions to Audit Exceptions Identified in the Annual Financial Report
- B.9 Award of Contract for Restroom Renovation at La Colina Junior High School
- B.10 Environmental Oversight Agreement, Santa Barbara Community Academy
- B.12 Approval of Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria Unified School District for an After-School Recreation Program

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

B.4 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO FORM LEGAL CONSORTIUM WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE

Staff responded to Robert Noël's request for additional information on this item.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the contract to form a Legal Consortium with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

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

B.11 RESOLUTION 00/01-24 RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2001 AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Claire VanBlaricum pulled this item from the consent agenda in order to publicly thank the employees for everything they do.

■**MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 00/01-24 recognizing our teachers and classified employees on May 15, 2001.

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

C.1 DISTRICT-WIDE ALGEBRA POLICY

Robert Noël stated he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion as a result of data presented at a previous meeting regarding the number of students taking Algebra in the 7th through 9th grades. Since a number of questions on the High School Exit exam involve Algebra, he proposed putting a program into place which parallels the Reading for Success program and possibly a sixth grade math assessment.

Board comments followed. Deborah Flores indicated that under Future Agenda Items, she would be requesting a Special Board Meeting to continue discussion on whether or not to move up the math textbook adoption process and as part of that meeting, Dr. Noël's recommendations could be further discussed at that time.

C.2 UPDATE ON THE DIGITAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

The principals of the three high schools (JR Richards, Santa Barbara; David Cash, Dos Pueblos; and Paul Serka, San Marcos) gave brief progress reports on their respective Digital High School programs. Board discussion followed.

C.3 PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION OF TWO NEW ACADEMIES AT SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL AND DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL

Paul Serka, San Marcos High School principal, introduced assistant principal Ed Behrens who gave a presentation on the school's proposed Health Careers Academy. David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal, made a presentation on a proposed Engineering Academy at Dos Pueblos High School. Board discussion followed.

D.1 SANTA BARBARA YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, JOINT USE AGREEMENT

Deborah Flores reported that at a recent meeting, the Board had approved an agreement between the District and the Santa Barbara Community Youth Performing Arts Center (CYPAC). As a result of concerns raised by a community member, minor revisions have been made. Brian Barnwell, Rod Lathim, and Gerrie Fausett were present to respond to Board questions.

■**MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the revised agreement between the District and the Santa Barbara Community Youth Performing Arts Center.

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

D.2 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 Steve Winger, La Cumbre MS teacher; Michael Gonzalez, La Cumbre MS principal; James Jackson, Dos Pueblos HS teacher, and Sandra Robertson, Santa Barbara Junior High teacher.

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

E. COMING EVENTS

March 23, 2001 -- Annual fundraiser dinner for the Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation

March 28, 2001 -- Special Board Meeting -- presentation by Paul Goldfinger of School Services of California, Inc.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

None

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Deborah Flores announced that April 9 or April 23 are the proposed dates for the rescheduled City Council/Board of Education joint meeting. April 9 was the date selected.

April 17 and April 23 were dates discussed for a math study session. Dr. Flores will check with District staff and will confirm a date.

Deborah Flores announced that at the Facilities Master Planning meeting discussion was held regarding a possible visitation to Ramona Elementary School in Oxnard for the purpose of viewing modular classroom buildings. Possible dates discussed. Staff will coordinate a date with personnel at the school.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54957 and Education Code 48918.

OPEN SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

March 14, 2001 (following Regular Meeting)

D.10 STUDENT EXPULSIONS

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

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-6 (High School District) – That the Board revoke the suspended expulsion and expel the student for the remainder of the school year, which ends June 14, 2001. The Board also voted to uphold the Rehabilitation Plan recommended by the Administrative Hearing Panel.

Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-30 (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. Student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning January 2002.

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

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-31 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year, but that the student may remain on home-hospital schooling until the end of the quarter (March 30) and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. Student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning January 2002.

Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claire VanBlaricum, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____