

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 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 6:00 p.m., and adjourned to Closed Session. The public session was called to order at 7:12 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
Angela Sanchez, Student Board Representative

Members
Absent: Fred Rifkin, Member

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.*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962)** *Expulsion Case Nos. 00/01-33, 00/01-34, and 00/01-36. The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student requests an Open Session.*

President VanBlaricum announced that no action had been taken during Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of April 11, 2001 (Regular Meeting).
Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

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 Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara.
Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores reported that Santa Barbara Junior High School has been selected as a 2001 Distinguished School. She introduced and recognized Gerrie Fausett, principal, and Sandy Robertson, teacher.

Deborah Flores and Claire VanBlaricum recognized Charleen Kirkman, District Controller, who is retiring after 34 years of service to the District.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item B.2 was removed from the consent agenda for discussion purposes.

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

B.1 Recommended Personnel Actions

B.3 Warrants

B.4 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts

B.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-36, Expenditure Transfers

B.6 Playground Modifications, Santa Barbara Community Academy

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter

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

B.2 PURCHASE ORDERS

Robert Noël asked for clarification on Purchase Order No. 12373, SRA/Macmillan Textbooks for Harding School. Staff will submit additional information for Purchase Order No. 12373.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report, excluding Purchase Order No. 12373, for the period April 5, 2001 through April 18, 2001.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Robert Noël

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

C.1 REPORT ON GOLDEN STATE EXAMS

Deborah Flores reported that at a previous Board Meeting, recommended changes to the Student Assessment Board Policy and Administrative Regulation had been presented and discussed. At that time, Board Members had questions regarding the Golden State Exam section of the Policy/Administrative Regulation. Mike Couch briefly reported that the exam was the creation of the former State Superintendent, Bill Honig, in 1987. Mr. Couch introduced Curtis Ridling, retired San Marcos teacher, who gave a presentation on the Golden State Exams.

C.2 PROPOSAL TO CREATE AN OPEN ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Michelle Bass Britton presented a proposal to create an Open Alternative high school, similar to The Met, a Big Picture School which is located in Rhode Island. Board discussion followed.

C.3 REQUESTS FROM DOS PUEBLOS HIGH AND SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS

Deborah Flores reviewed the District's current policy regarding overseas travel, as well as reasons why the District's insurance company advised against allowing overseas travel.

David Holmes, San Marcos High School Performing Arts teacher, made a presentation regarding the school's performing arts group invitation to perform in Scotland during the summer of 2002.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education give provisional approval to plan for their trip to Scotland during the summer of 2002.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

C.4 I-98 FUNDING – INTEREST ALLOCATIONS

Robert Gonzalez reported that an update on the I-98 projects had been presented to the Board through the weekly "What's Cooking" Report. Also included were recommendations to use the interest earned from the bonds on shortfalls at the various sites. Don Ziemer, Architect, reported on structural problems at Monroe Elementary School.

C.5 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH RCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – IMPLEMENTATION OF GASB 34, FIXED ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Charleen Kirkman reported that this is a major program that establishes a new reporting system for financial reports. The required implementation date is July 1, 2002. Board discussion followed. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

C.6 APPROVAL OF NINE NEW SECONDARY COURSES (FIRST READING)

Mike Couch reported that the Secondary Curriculum Council is recommending approval of nine new courses. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

C.7 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A USER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Elaine Alvarado, Classified Personnel Coordinator, explained the need to establish a User Support Technician position. The position will support school sites and departments with programming, mandated reports and troubleshooting problems.

C.8 PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH THREE (3) ATHLETIC TRAINER POSITIONS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS

Elaine Alvarado, Classified Personnel Coordinator, reported that due to injuries and liability issues, there is a need for a credentialed professional to address the needs of students participating in athletic competitions and during training. Currently, the duties are being fulfilled by the athletic equipment custodian.

D.1 ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL CALENDERS FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the calendars for the 2001-2002 school year.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

D.2 AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DECISION RESEARCH

Deborah Flores reported that this item was pulled from the consent agenda at the March 28, 2001, Board Meeting, as Board Members had questions regarding how the District used the information provided in the graduate follow-up study done by Decision Research. A report was provided to Board Members. Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of education approve the Agreement for Services Between the Santa Barbara School District and Decision Research.

Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Nancy Harter

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

D.3 APPROVAL OF INTERIM CONTROLLER AS DISTRICT DISBURSING OFFICER

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Interim Controller as District Disbursing Officer.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

D.4 APPROVAL OF UPDATED AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FORMS

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the update to the Authorized Signature Forms.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

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 Sandra Robertson, SBJHS teacher.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

E. COMING EVENTS

April 30, 2001 – South Coast Board/Superintendents Dinner Meeting

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Nancy Harter, noted the donation by the Architectural Foundation of Santa Barbara to the Santa Barbara High School VADA Program and acknowledged the fact that the Foundation also provided gallery space for VADA's recent art show.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ruth Green requested a progress report on the upper elementary reading program and the secondary bond projects. Claire VanBlaricum reported on agenda items coming up for the next Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54957 and Education Code 48918.

OPEN SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

April 25, 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 2000/01-33. Postponed at the parent’s request.

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-34 (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 (student to remain on home/hospital schooling to the end of the current semester. Student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning January 2002.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green

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

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-36 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year but that enforcement of the expulsion be suspended and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan, as amended (student may remain on home-hospital schooling until the end of the semester).

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter

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

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claire VanBlaricum, President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____