

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 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 7:00 p.m. Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations, 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  
Lori Parrish, 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    **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 Bill and Laura Levy and Skip and Sheila Stark.  
**Moved:** Ruth Green    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Principals David Cash, Paul Serka, and J.R. Richards introduced and recognized the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists and Finalists. **Finalists from Dos Pueblos High School:** Aurora Burd, Daniel Cohen, Andy Lin, Carol Simpson, Mark Woolley. James Wilson is a semifinalist. **Finalists from San Marcos High School:** Katie DeVore and Jason Finney. **Finalists from Santa Barbara High School:** Matt Barbabella, Aron Bothman, Samuel Cross, Katelyn Gamson, Jevon Heath, Samara Weiss, and Caitlyn Wilson.

In response to recent articles on the District's Community Day School, Superintendent Flores read a response letter from the principal of that school.

### **STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Fred Rifkin reported receipt of letters and phone calls from elementary librarians expressing concerns about elementary budget cuts. He also received two letters from Santa Barbara Community Academy parents concerned about staffing.

On behalf of Marilyn Gevirtz, Fred Rifkin thanked the educational community for their tremendous outpour of love and support during this time of grief.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bruce Rittenhouse voiced concerns about the Community Day School program.

Kate Smith requested an item be placed on the agenda regarding her child's special education hearing.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Item B.2 and B.5 were 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.6 Renewal of Transition Partnership Project Contract
- B.7 Additional Fundraising Activities for the 2000-2001 School Year
- B.8 Park Ranger Agreement/City of Santa Barbara
- B.9 Cleveland Portable Installation and Reconfiguration

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

### **B.2 PURCHASE ORDERS**

Anticipating that Board Members would have questions regarding P.O. #18024, La Cumbre Middle School Destination Math Courseware by Riverdeep, Inc., Dr. Flores requested principal Michael Gonzalez give a brief presentation to the Board regarding the program. Teachers Jerry Chiu and Elizabeth Palm were also present to answer questions from the Board.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period April 19, 2001 through May 2, 2001.

**Moved:** Robert Noël **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

### **B.5 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE/FIGHT BACK**

In response to Dr. Noël's question if the program has had an external evaluation, Dr. Flores responded that this was part of the contract. In addition, she reviewed funding resources for the program.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the agreement with the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse/Fighting Back.

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

**B.8 PARK RANGER AGREEMENT/CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

Bruce Rittenhouse reported that he had talked with Council Members and that none of them had knowledge about this item. He questioned the fact that the park rangers were being used as law enforcement agents for the School District. He indicated that he would be requesting that this item be placed on a City Council agenda for discussion and requested that the Board delay action at this meeting.

Board discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board that this was an effective ongoing program and that action taken on the item would stand.

**C.1 REQUEST FROM DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ CHOIR**

David Cash, principal, gave a brief presentation regarding the school's invitation to participate in the North Sea Jazz Festival in Hague in the summer, 2001. Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education give provisional approval, contingent upon proof of adequate insurance coverage.

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

**C.2 ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS (GRADES 3-12) – FIRST READING**

Karen Cooksey (Director of Elementary Curriculum) and Ron Pemelton (La Colina JHS teacher) reported on the elementary and secondary adoption committee process and recommendations, respectively. Board discussion followed. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

**C.3 ADOPTION OF SECONDARY TEXTBOOKS IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS, ENGLISH, ESL, HEALTH, INDUSTRIAL ARTS, AND SOCIAL STUDIES – FIRST READING**

Deborah Flores stated that this is an annual item. Individual departments review textbooks and submit recommendations for adoption. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

**C.4 APPROVAL OF THE ELEMENTARY GATE BUDGET FOR 2001-2002**

Karen Cooksey reported on the projected state apportionment and presented the GATE Advisory Committee's request that the Board increase the District's contribution from \$30,000 to \$39,000. Board discussion followed.

Sarah Griffin requested that the Board ask for a review of the GATE Program. She asked what programs were available for the regular student as nearly all of the programs target the underperforming student for the high achievers.

This item will be on the next agenda for action.

**C.5 INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (I.B.) PROGRAM AT DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL**

David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal, gave a brief presentation on the proposed baccalaureate program for Dos Pueblos. Board discussion followed. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

**C.6 CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT**

Tom MacGregor, governing council president, gave a progress report on the school and reviewed the recommended changes to the school's enabling contract. Teacher, Alexandra Tashma, answered Board questions regarding the instructional program.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the recommended changes to sections 11, 13, and 15 of the Cesar Estrada Chavez Dual Language Immersion Charter School's enabling contract.  
**Moved:** Fred Rifkin    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**C.7    “SUMS UP” MATH PROPOSAL FROM DR. ROBERT NOËL**

Due to the late hour, Board Members briefly discussed the proposal and voiced support. Staff was requested to come back to the Board with a recommendation regarding implementation of the program.

**D.1    I-98 INTEREST ALLOCATIONS**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the I-98 interest allocations as presented.  
**Moved:** Robert Noël    **Seconded:** Ruth Green  
**Ayes:** 4    **Noes:** Fred Rifkin    **Abstain:** 0    **Absent:** 0

**D.2    APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY-BASED ENGLISH TUTORING (CBET) 2001-2002 PROGRAM**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve participation in the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) 2001-2002 Program.  
**Moved:** Ruth Green    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.3    APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH RCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – IMPLEMENTATION OF GASB 34, FIXED ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the contract for RCI Technologies, Inc. for the implementation of GASB 34, Fixed Asset Management Program.  
**Moved:** Nancy Harter    **Seconded:** Ruth Green    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.4    APPROVAL OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER CONSORTIUM (CECC) AGREEMENTS: CECC MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT W/BYLAWS, CECC PROGRAM LICENSE AGREEMENT**

This item was continued to the next Regular Board Meeting.

**D.5    APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL INFORMATION SERVICES PHASE I WAVE ii IMPLEMENTATION**

This item was continued to the next Regular Board Meeting

**D.6    APPROVAL OF NINE NEW SECONDARY COURSES (SECOND READING AND ADOPTION)**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the nine new secondary high school courses, for second reading and adoption.  
**Moved:** Nancy Harter    **Seconded:** Robert Noël    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

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

This item was continued to the next Regular Board Meeting.

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

This item was continued to the next Regular Board Meeting.

**D.9 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, and Lou Totoro, San Marcos High School teacher.

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

**D.10 STUDENT EXPULSIONS**

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-33 (High School District) – That action on this expulsion be postponed while the assessment on the student is completed.

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

■ **MOTION:** That the student continue on home/hospital instruction at the student’s home or at a local library.

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

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-38 (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 January 2002.

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

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2000/01-39 (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.

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

**E. COMING EVENTS**

May 11, 2001 – Special Board Meeting – Ramona Elementary School (Oxnard) site visit

May 14, 2001 – Special Board Meeting – Budget Study Session

May 15, 2001 – Employee Appreciation Day special event for teachers and staff at Borders Bookstore

**F. BOARD COMMENTS**

Fred Rifkin again suggested that Board Meetings be held each week until the calendar of agenda items was cleared.

**G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

President VanBlaricum stated that, in consultation with the Superintendent, the order of the agenda will be switched so that action items were discussed before conference items.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m. to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54957.

**OPEN SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

May 9, 2001 (following Regular Meeting)

President VanBlaricum announced that the following action was taken in closed session:

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education hire Brian Sarvis as Director of Research and Development.

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

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education  
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Claire VanBlaricum, President