

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 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, Interim 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.*
- **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Government Code 54957.6)** *Negotiations with the Santa Barbara Teachers Association and Classified School Employees Association.*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962)** *Expulsion Case No. 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 was taken in closed session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of April 9, 2001 (Special Meeting), April 17, 2001 (Special Meeting), May 9, 2001 (Regular Meeting), May 14, 2001 (Special Meeting).

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

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of May 11, 2001 (Special Meeting).

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

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** Robert Noël **Absent:** 0

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Investec Management Corp.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores introduced Pat Morales and Beatrice Powers, principals of Peabody Charter School and Washington Elementary School, respectively. Washington's Team placed third overall and Peabody Charter placed fifth overall. The principals introduced and recognized team members and coaches, as follows:

Washington

4th Grade Team: Jeffrey Churchman, Ian Gamble, Elliot Lamphar, Will Stark (also placed First in the 4th Grade Individual Category). Coaches: Liz Boscacchi and Tom Bortalazzo, parents.

5th Grade Team: Erik Bickle, Will James, Cole Patterson, Landon Ranck (also placed Sixth in the 5th Grade Individual Category). Coach: Darlene James, parent

6th Grade Team: Amy Crawford (also placed Sixth in the 6th Grade Individual Category), Gray Clevenger, Sage Peterson, Trevor Vierra. Coach: Bob Peterson, parent.

Peabody

4th Grade Team: Alex Anderson, Luke Smith, Carli Ruskauff, Shawn Hampton. Coach: Catherine Gill, teacher.

5th Grade Team: Tim Egan (also tied for Fifth in the 5th Grade Individual Category), Annie Jacobs, Jessica Maglione-Fulco (also tied for Third in the 5th Grade Individual Category), Iddo Toledano (also tied for Sixth Place in the 5th Grade Individual Category). Coach: Joanne Thompson, teacher.

6th Grade Team: Joshua Hahn, Nick Hill, Emilio Maglione-Fulco (also tied for Second Place in the 6th Grade Individual Category), Tristan Roberst (also tied for Fourth Place in the 6th Grade Individual Category). Coach: Roger Earls, teacher.

Other individual winners were: J.R. Riggs, Monroe Elementary School (1st place/5th grade); Rochelle Brittain, Santa Barbara Charter School (1st place/6th grade); Cassandra Brittain, Santa Barbara Charter School (2nd Place/4th grade).

Deborah Flores recognized Dos Pueblos High School's team of Advanced Placement economics students Katherine Hopkins, Andrew Schoneberger, Josh Smith, Mark Wooley, and Andy Lin. Coach: Roland Lewin. The team placed first in the Southern California section of the 2001 Economics Challenge. As a result of their high score, the team was declared state champion. In addition, the team placed second in the West Region Finals.

Deborah Flores recognized Mariangel Luna, Dos Pueblos High School sophomore, for being selected to participate in the UCLA Leadership Institute. Karla Cornelio (sophomore) and Shantee Cornelio (junior), Santa Barbara High School students were also selected to participate, but unable to attend the Board Meeting.

Deborah Flores recognized Will Winn, Goleta Valley Junior High School teacher, recipient of a Crystal Apple award in the Secondary Teacher category.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Olivia Uribe, Dos Pueblos High School student, reported the current activities at the individual high schools.

CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Noël thanked the public for the many letters received in support of the librarians and music program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Batista urged the Board to consider the community's input with regard to the librarians and music program.

Margaret Saavedra, CSEA president, addressed the Board opposing the proposal by a Board Member to eliminate the facilities department and institute the "Peabody Model."

Doris Gutierrez, CSEA vice president, addressed the Board opposed to eliminating a department that is filled with skilled journeymen for the "Peabody Model."

B.1 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2001/2002 BUDGETS FOR THE SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deborah Flores stated that this item has been discussed at several meetings. She briefly reviewed: budget cuts in previous years, reasons for the deficit in the Elementary District, proposed cuts in the Elementary District for the upcoming year, summary of revenue expenditures and changes in the general fund balance. She stated that staff will continue to look for items to cut as far away from the children as possible. In conclusion, Dr. Flores recommended that the Board approve the proposed cuts in the Elementary School District, as listed in the attachment to the agenda (noting that the music program and librarians are not included in the proposed budget cuts). In addition, she responded to other ideas that have been proposed, i.e., home schooling, reducing transportation costs, and the Peabody maintenance model.

Members of the public addressing the Board in support of the music program were: Martha Salas, David Holmes, Carolyn Teraoka Brady, John Sonquist, William Watson, Hanne Sonquist,

Members of the public addressing the Board in support of the librarians were: Linelle Glass, Kent Madson, Heather McBride, Susan Billig,

Members of the public addressing the Board in support of both the librarians and the music program were: Annie McGil,

Sarah Griffin again urged the Board to stop the piecemeal process and to develop a list of items that are not mandated costs.

Pam Kinsley, representing SBTA, reminded the Board that salaries and class size are negotiable items and that the Association will be expecting, at the bare minimum, a cost of living increase. In addition, she stated that the Association will adamantly oppose an increase in class size.

Doris Gutierrez urged the Board to not cut classified staff, which is already a lean staff.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the proposed cuts in the Elementary School District.
Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Robert Noël

■ **AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the proposed cuts in the Elementary School District, but that site based cuts in instructional supplies and library books and materials be withdrawn from that list.
Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Failed
Ayes: Ruth Green, Robert Noël **Noes:** Nancy Harter, Fred Rifkin, Claire VanBlaricum

■ President VanBlaricum called for the vote on the original motion:
Ayes: Ruth Green, Nancy Harter, Fred Rifkin, Claire VanBlaricum **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** Robert Noël **Absent:** 0

A 10-minute recess was taken at 8:50 p.m.

B.2 TRUANCY TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Deborah Flores introduced the item by stating that earlier in the year, the Board was asked to fund half the salary of a probation officer as part of the truancy prevention program. At the end of public comments and board discussion, the Board asked that a Truancy Task Force be formed and asked the Superintendent to chair the Task Force. Dr. Flores reported that a Task Force was formed and had met several times. Many viewpoints were expressed, which

resulted in a proposal being drafted by the superintendent that incorporated many of the concerns and ideas proposed at these meetings. Dr. Flores recommended that the Board approve the proposed truancy prevention program and that it be piloted at Santa Barbara High School for the 2001-2002 school year.

Members of the audience addressing the Board in support of the proposed Truancy Prevention program were: Bruce Rittenhouse supported the pilot program but expressed the need for a continual review process of the pilot program.

Joan Esposito supported the pilot program but expressed the need for personnel from outside agencies to be trained in special education laws by a specialist.

Sarah Griffin noted that the student was missing under Phase II, Item 24 and expressed the need to have their input at this stage.

Mirna Ramos thanked Dr. Flores for her leadership on the Task Force and voiced her support of the proposal.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Truancy Task Force proposal as a pilot program at Santa Barbara High School for the school year 2001-2002. Approval of the proposal includes the hiring of a Family Advocate and additional school psychologists.

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

B.3 SANTA BARBARA BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL

Deborah Flores stated that at the April 25, 2001 Board Meeting, a presentation was made on an Open Alternative High School and since that time the name has been changed to the Santa Barbara Big Picture High School. She indicated that the Board had received responses to questions asked at that meeting; clarified that what the Board would be acting on at this meeting would be an allocation of up to \$50,000 to cover half of a dean's salary, travel and training for a planning year. In addition, she stated that if approved, check points would be built into the planning year whereby the group would make periodic progress reports to the Board.

Michelle Britton-Bass thanked the Board for the opportunity to answer the questions that were raised at the April 25 meeting. She stated that since that meeting the number of supporters and advocates continues to grow. She read letters of support from Oakland superintendent Dennis Chacones and Congresswoman Lois Capps.

Members of the audience speaking in support of the Big Picture High School were: Julia Loggins, Deborah Pentland, Sylvia Wassutin, Vicky Hawks, Dana Zapata, Bill Palmisano, Michelle Harris-Padron,

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the request to fund half a dean's salary, up to \$50,000, for the purpose of coordinating planning activities for a Big Picture High School.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Fred Rifkin

Board discussion followed.

■ **SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** That the District dedicate \$70,000 to a comprehensive survey of the possibility of building an alternative high school in downtown Santa Barbara, without a commitment to any company.

Moved: Robert Noel **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Failed

Ayes: Ruth Green, Robert Noel **Noes:** Nancy Harter, Fred Rifkin, Claire VanBlaricum **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

■ **AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** That any school resulting from this process have a governing body reflecting the socioeconomic and ethnic composition of the community and be located either on the Westside or central Santa Barbara.

Moved: Robert Noel **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Failed

Ayes: Ruth Green, Robert Noel **Noes:** Nancy Harter, Fred Rifkin, Claire VanBlaricum

■ President VanBlaricum called for the vote on the original motion. **Vote: Passed, 3-2**

Ayes: Nancy Harter, Fred Rifkin, Claire VanBlaricum **Noes:** Ruth Green, Robert Noël **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

A five-minute break was taken at 10:35 p.m.

B.4 ARCHITECT CONTRACTS, MEASURE V, SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Deborah Flores stated that a very comprehensive, detailed and thorough process of reviewing a number of items related to the measure V bond has been completed, which included selection of the architects, the architects' contracts, and the fee schedule. Board members acknowledged and commended the hard work of the members of the Bond Oversight Committee.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve contracts with KBZ, WLC, and tBP Architects for the Measure V projects.

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

B.5 SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY ACADEMY, PROPOSED PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

Sarah Griffin stated that although she understood the need for additional playground space, she felt that it was ill advised to do away with parking space.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Santa Barbara Community Academy proposed playground expansion with funding from I-98 money.

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

B.6 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PART I, 2001-2002 FOR SECOND READING

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Consolidated Application, Part I, 2001-2002.

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

B.7 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR READING INTERVENTION TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding for a Reading Intervention Program with the Sacramento County Office of Education.

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

B.8 ACCEPTANCE OF THE SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL'S THREE-YEAR WASC REPORT

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept San Marcos High School's Three-Year WASC Report.

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

B.9 LAYOFF OF A LIBRARY MEDIA ASSISTANT AT SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the lay-off of a Library Media Assistant at San Marcos High School.

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

B.10 LAYOFF OF AN INTERPRETER/HEARING IMPAIRED EMPLOYEE IN THE STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the lay-off of an Interpreter/Hearing Impaired employee in Student Services.

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

B.11 APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMAS TO END-OF-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the issuance of diplomas to the high school graduates.

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

B.12 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 Santa Barbara High School teachers Joyce Adriansen, Nannette Cardenas, Wayne Cole, Richard Johnston, Christine Moore, Steven Todd, Michael Valencia, Patricia Ruth, John H. Bolitho, and Frank Stewart; and David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal.

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

C.1 REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION'S INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS

There was no one present wishing to address the Board. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

C.2 LENGTH OF BOARD MEETINGS

Fred Rifkin recommended that a third meeting be added to the month until the long list of items scheduled for upcoming Board Meetings was completed, thus eliminating long Board Meetings. Possibilities discussed were: starting public session at 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., having a time certain ending time.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Robert Gonzalez requested that Item D.20 (Award of Contract, Corridor Remodel, Santa Barbara Junior High School) be removed from the agenda. Items D.7 and D.18 were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

- D.1 Recommended Personnel Actions
- D.2 Purchase Orders
- D.3 Warrants
- D.4 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts
- D.5 Approval of Agreements with the City of Santa Barbara for After-School Recreation Programs
- D.6 Approval of Contract with the City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department for the Enrichment Component of the After-School Opportunities for Kids Program (A-OK! Program) for 2001/02
- D.8 Approval of Contract with Girls, Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara for Enrichment Components of the Afterschool Opportunities for Kids Program (A-OK! Program) for 2001/02
- D.9 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-37, Santa Barbara Elementary School District, and Resolution No. 00/01-38, Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Powers to Make Budget Transfers
- D.10 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-39, Santa Barbara Elementary School District, and Resolution No. 00/01-40, Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Power to Make Fund Transfers
- D.11 Denial of Liability Claim on Behalf of a Student at Dos Pueblos High School
- D.12 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-41, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 00/01-42, Santa Barbara High School District, Appropriating the Ending Balance to a Reserve
- D.13 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-43, Expenditure Transfers
- D.14 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-44, Santa Barbara Elementary School District – Governor's Performance Award
- D.15 Adoption of Resolution No. 00/01-46, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 00/01-47, Santa Barbara High School District – School Site Employee Performance Bonus Act of 2000
- D.16 Approval of Annual Agreement Between Santa Barbara School Districts and Montecito Union School District to Provide Lunches for the 2001-2002 School Year
- D.17 San Marcos High School Track Renovation, Final Design Proposal
- D.19 Site Repair Bid Results – Monroe Elementary School
- D.21 Approval of Change Order #1, La Colina Junior High School Restroom Renovation
- D.22 Award of Contract, Classroom Building Painting, Peabody Charter School

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

D.7 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS WITH FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY OF SANTA BARBARA TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHY START SERVICES FOR ADAMS, CLEVELAND, FRANKLIN, HARDING, MCKINLEY, AND LA CUMBRE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SITES FOR 2001/02

In response to Dr. Noël's question as to what budget the funds come out of, Dr. Flores stated that the programs are funded through three separate grants, not from the general fund.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board approve three contracts with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara to provide Healthy Start comprehensive services to Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, McKinley, La Cumbre Middle School, and Child Development Program sites for 2001/02.

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

D.18 DOS PUEBLOS HIGH SCHOOL AQUATIC CENTER, CONSULTANT SERVICES

In response to Fred Rifkin's question if the money was coming out of the general fund or bond monies, Robert Gonzalez stated that it was coming from bond money.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board approve the contract for consultant services with Aquatic Design Group for the Dos Pueblos Aquatic Center design.

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

E. COMING EVENTS

June 12 and June 14 – Graduation Ceremonies

F. BOARD COMMENTS

None

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Deborah Flores asked for volunteers to serve on the Master Plan RFP interviews on July 10. Claire VanBlaricum and Robert Noël volunteered to serve on the interview panel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claire VanBlaricum, President , Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.