

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
August 22, 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 6:30 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: Nancy Harter, Member
Fred Rifkin, Member

Members Robert Noël, Vice-President
Absent: Ruth E. Green, Member

Staff Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Present: Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Instruction
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Instruction
Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations
Lori Parrish, Director of Fiscal Services
Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology
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.*

President VanBlaricum reported that the following action had been taken in Closed Session:

■ **MOTION:** To approve employment of Jamal Fields as the Assistant Principal at Franklin Elementary School and Joan Jamieson as an Administrative Intern, K-12 Curriculum.

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara North and Thomas/Katherine Van Meter.

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores updated the Board on the beginning of school inservice activities.

Marilyn Lake, Assistant Director of the County Schools R.O.P. Program, introduced San Marcos students who gave a presentation on the Virtual Enterprise Classroom, a simulated business class.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

B.1 MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING – SANTA BARBARA BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL

Deborah Flores introduced the item and stated that she was recommending that the item be pulled from the agenda. She stated that the Board had directed staff to forward concerns to the District's attorney, Mary Dowell, who developed the Memo of Understanding (MOU) that was included in the Board Agenda packet for this meeting. After the last Board Meeting, the Big Picture Company invited the top candidate for the dean position to attend their two-week training session at their expense. After the training, the superintendent met with the dean candidate to receive feedback. As a result of that feedback and subsequent telephone conversations with the Big Picture representatives, it has been determined that the Big Picture may not be a good fit for the District. The superintendent stated that she would come back to the Board at the September 12 Board Meeting with a proposal for pursuing an alternative high school program.

B.2 ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, SECONDARY DISTRICT STATE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Deborah Flores stated that at the Bond Oversight meetings discussions were held on whether to have the architects design the projects that can currently be afforded through bond funds, 67 million dollars, or whether to design the projects that the District would be eligible for when state bond money is available. Superintendent Flores recommended that the architects design up to what the District would be eligible for; that the additional fees be charged to the Measure V Bond. However, if it is determined that it is legally appropriate, these additional design fees be charged to developer fees.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the District proceeding with architectural services for modernization funding, based on the sites' eligibility. Funding for the additional services will come from developer fees, if legally appropriate, or the Measure V Bond funds.

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

B.3 FACILITIES MASTER PLANNING CONSULTANTS

Deborah Flores stated that the Board had previously approved the master plan process, a Request for Proposal had been sent out, and interviews conducted. She stated that this will be the first comprehensive facilities plan for the District.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve a contract with the Golden State Planning Group to perform a Long-Range Facility Master Plan in the amount of \$196,000. The cost for the service will be shared equally with funding coming from Developer Fees from both Districts.

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

C.1 FINANCIAL CRISIS AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (FCMAT) REPORT

Deborah Flores stated that earlier in the year, the Financial Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) was hired to conduct a study of the District's Business Services and Facilities and Operations departments. The study was conducted in March, 2001. Barbara Dean gave an overview of FCMAT's services and introduced members of

the FCMAT Team (Eric Smith, Roy Levingston, and Rod Sprecher) who reported on the different components of the report and answered Board questions.

C.2 TRUANCY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

At the request of Bruce Rittenhouse, Deborah Flores updated the Board on the Truancy Intervention Program. She reported that the Truancy Task Force met several times and developed a set of recommendation for improving the truancy intervention program; in June principals and staff talked to eighth graders about the importance of their attendance when they get to high school; at risk 8th graders were identified, and provided counseling on attendance and other issues; a truancy outreach coordinator was hired; and a public relations campaign was developed and will be launched at a press conference on August 23. In addition, a computerized automated attendance reporting system used at Dos Pueblos has been purchased for the other high schools.

Bruce Rittenhouse commended the Board and Superintendent for their response to outside ideas.

C.3 SAT 9 PRELIMINARY RESULTS AND REPORT

Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, gave a preliminary report on the SAT 9 results from the Spring, 2001.

C.4 BOARD POLICY 3511, ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION (FIRST READING) AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-6

Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations, reported that through the budget process, the elementary and secondary budgets were increased by 40% for energy costs due to the energy crisis currently being experienced. The Governor has requested that public agencies reduce their energy consumption by 7%. In response to the Governor's directive, the District's goal is to reduce energy consumption by 10%. He stated that a Board policy and resolution have been developed which supports this goal, as well as policies and practices developed by staff .

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item D.12 was pulled 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 Student Teacher Agreement with Chapman University
- D.6 Approval of Contract with the University of California, Santa Barbara for Evaluation of the La Cumbre Middle School Healthy Start Grant for 2001-2004
- D.7 Approval of Contract with the University of California Santa Barbara for Evaluation of the Afterschool Opportunities for Kids Program (A-OK!) for 2001-2002
- D.8 Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year
- D.9 Santa Barbara Community Academy PEA Testing and Analysis
- D.10 Franklin Children's Center Portable Replacement
- D.11 Approval of Change Order 2, Restroom Renovation, La Colina Junior High School
- D.13 Award of Contract for Telephone System Replacement, Santa Barbara Junior High School
- D.14 Approval of Employee Assistance Program Contract, The Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Fred Rifkin **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

D.12 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY CLASSROOM EXPANSION, SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Sarah Griffin stressed the need to be equitable among the schools; that there should not be programs that can't be offered at other schools; and the need to stop spending an unprecedented amount of money on this one school and to stop expanding this school until after the Facilities Master Plan process is completed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of education award a contract in the amount of \$279,000 to J. W. Bailey Construction for temporary classroom expansion at the Santa Barbara Community Academy.

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed, 3-0

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

E. COMING EVENTS

August 23, 2001 – Press Conference – Truancy Program Campaign Kick Off

August 23, 2001 – Research and Technology Office Open House

September 4, 2001 – School Opens

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Fred Rifkin reported that he had attended the opening remarks section of the Management Team Meeting on August 20, 2001, and offered his complete support of the superintendent's remarks, which set a high educational tone.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Fred Rifkin requested discussion, at an appropriate time, on Education Code 3510, reported on by the FCMAT Team.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claire VanBlaricum, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.