

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 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. Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, 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, 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.*
- **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Government Code 3549.1 and 54957.6)** *Conference with Labor Negotiator, Superintendent: Negotiations with the Santa Barbara Teachers Association.*

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement between the District and the Santa Barbara Teachers Association (SBTA). The full text of the agreement will be made public after the SBTA has an opportunity to ratify the agreement.

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

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores introduced and recognized the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region XIII, 2000 Administrator of the Year Awards: Charleen Kirkman, Administrator of the Year in the "Business Services" category; Stan Zaletel, Administrator of the Year in the "Principal" category; and Moe Claydon, Administrator of the Year in the "Co-Administrator" category. Mr. Claydon was also identified as the State

recipient of this award. Also recognized, but unable to attend the Board Meeting, was Carolyn Pickering, recipient of the Administrator of the Year Award in the "Confidential Employee" category.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

Manuel Buenrostros, Santa Barbara High School student, reported on current events at the three high schools.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ruth Green reported on a recent *Los Angeles Times* article reporting on the Los Angeles School District's gain in reading in the first grade, Open Court and staff development being factors and that the Santa Barbara School Districts reading coaches had assisted in their staff development.

Claire VanBlaricum reported on a letter she had received from Jack O'Connell which stated that the next school bond for the statewide level will likely be on the November ballot rather than the March ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Loch addressed the Board regarding standards.

B.1 OUT-OF-STATE-TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$500

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve out-of-state travel for Ruth Bartz, SBHS teacher.

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

C.1 2001-2002 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL, CARL D. PERKINS III, VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY GRANT (FIRST READING)

Michael Couch stated that this is a first reading of a federal grant that supports vocational education and approximately \$130,000 is divided equally among the three high schools.

Board discussion followed. This item will be on the next agenda for second reading and approval.

C.2 THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP REPORT

Board Member Robert Noël reviewed charts and recommendations from a research report he had written entitled *The Achievement Gap, Ethnicity and Academic Achievement in Santa Barbara District High Schools*.

C.3 HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (HSEE)

Brian Sarvis, Director of Research, reviewed the results of the California High School Exit Exam taken in the spring, 2001. Two tests were given, English-Language Arts and Mathematics. District-wide, 77% of the students passed the English-Language Arts test and 64% of the students passed the Mathematics test, significantly higher than the state averages of 64% and 44%, respectively.

C.4 BOARD ELECTIONS: PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Dr. Noël requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Board discussion centered on: ballot statement costs, a campaign spending limit, time/day of meetings, and Board Member compensation. Staff will come back with recommendations at a future Board Meeting.

C.5 BOARD PROTOCOL, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING

Deborah Flores stated that many districts routinely conduct a training workshop when there is a change in leadership among the Board or superintendent. She suggested that such a workshop be scheduled, as there are currently two

Board Members in their first year of office. Board discussion followed. Staff will come back with a recommendation for a presenter for the workshop.

C.6 LEGAL COUNSEL AT BOARD MEETINGS

This item was placed on the agenda to discuss the possibility of having legal counsel present at Board Meetings. It was the consensus of the Board that legal counsel would be present on an as needed basis.

C.7 BOARD POLICY 1330, COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES – CIVIC CENTER ACT

Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations, stated that Board Policy 1330, Community Use of School Facilities – Civic Center Act, regulates the terms and conditions for public use of District facilities. This policy was last revised in 1990. Staff has reviewed the policy and have recommended changes. Board discussion followed. This item will be on the next agenda for second reading and adoption.

C.8 SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION AND EVALUATION FORMAT

Claire VanBlaricum stated that the Board’s annual evaluation of the Superintendent is coming up. The last time the Board evaluated the superintendent, an evaluation format was developed and implemented. Ms. VanBlaricum asked Board Members to review the form and to let her know if there are any items that can be deleted or consolidated.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Item D.8 was pulled for discussion.

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

- D.1 Personnel Action Items
 - D.2 Purchase Orders
 - D.3 Warrants
 - D.4 Resolution No. 01/02-08 Adopting the 2001/02 Gann Limit for the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 01/02-09 Adopting the 2001/02 Gann Limit for the Santa Barbara High School District and Adjusting the 2000/01 Gann Limit for Both Districts.
 - D.5 Acceptance of Completed Contracts
 - D.6 Approval of Change Order No. 2, Roofing, San Marcos High School
 - D.7 Approval of Change Order No. 3, Roofing, La Colina Junior High School
- Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.8 AWARD OF BID, ELECTRICAL WORK INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING FRANKLIN CHILDCARE PORTABLES

Robert Gonzalez stated that the bid tabulation sheet distributed with the agenda listed only two bidders. However, there were three bidders. He distributed a corrected copy of the bid tabulation sheet to Board Members.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education award a contract in the amount of \$18,708.46 to Blum and Sons Electric for the electrical work involved with the installation of interim housing at Franklin School.

E. COMING EVENTS

None

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Nancy Harter stated that there was an article in the newspaper which indicated that next week is California Retired Teachers Association recognition week, and talked about all the volunteer hours that retired teachers perform in our community. She publicly acknowledged all the retired teachers who give so generously of themselves in our community.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Deborah Flores stated that the issue of flyer distribution still needed to be dealt with and recommended that the Board have a closed session item at the November 14 meeting at which time legal counsel will be present. This would fall under potential litigation.

Dr. Flores also indicated that two days will be needed for the principals presentations. She asked that Board Members let her secretary know what dates they would be available between the middle of November and the middle of December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Claire VanBlaricum, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.