

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 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. Robert Noël called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and adjourned to Closed Session.

The public session, which was called to order at 7:00 p.m., opened up with the Dos Pueblos Jazz Choir singing the Star Spangled Banner and Jabula (an African chant), followed by the Pledge of Alliance (led by Brian Sarvis).

Members Robert Noël, Vice-President
Present: Ruth E. Green, Member
Nancy Harter, Member
Fred Rifkin, Member

Members
Absent: Claire VanBlaricum, President

Staff Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Present: Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Instruction
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Instruction
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.*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918 and Government Code 54962)** *Expulsion Case Nos. 01/02-08, 01/02-12. The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student requests an Open Session.*

Robert Noël announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation and Home Depot, Garden Department.
Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores reported that Goleta Valley Junior High School science teacher, Will Winn, had recently passed away. She recognized him for his years of service to the District and to students.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

There was no Student Board Report.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ed Copley addressed the Board regarding a personnel issue he has with the Carpinteria Unified School District.

B.1 POLICY 6163.2, ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve Policy 6163.2, Animals at School for second reading and adoption.

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

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

B.2 DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT SIGNS

Deborah Flores reported that in order to enforce certain practices on school campuses, signs need to be posted which cite Board policy or City codes. Staff has been working with the City personnel to develop these signs.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the District Enforcement Signs and authorize staff to proceed with ordering and installation of the signs at all sites.

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

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

B.3 BOARD APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (C.S.E.A.)

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education ratify and approve the Agreement between the Districts and C.S.E.A. for the period 2001-02.

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

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

B.4 BOARD MEMBERS' COMPENSATION

Deborah Flores stated that as provided by Education Code (section 35120) Board members can be paid up to a maximum of \$400 per month. Board Members expressed pros and cons for the increase in compensation.

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

Ayes: 3 **Noes:** Nancy Harter **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

B.5 OUT-OF-STATE-TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$500

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve travel expenses in excess of \$500 for the Dos Pueblos teachers: Shawn Carey, Kevin Gleason, Karen Beckstead, Robin Olden, David Haggerty and principal Dave Cash and Bob Gray, San Marcos High School teacher.

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

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

B.6 STUDENT EXPULSIONS

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-08 (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 September 2002.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Robert Noël
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-12 (High School District) – That the Board suspend enforcement of the expulsion.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

C.1 2001-02 LIBRARY MASTER PLANS FOR THE SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, FIRST READING

Heather McBride (elementary librarian) and Linelle Glass (secondary librarian) presented the revised Library Master Plans for the Elementary School District and the High School District, respectively.

C.2 MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2001-2002

Deborah Flores stated that this item was on for first reading and will be on the next agenda for approval and that the management/confidential staff will receive the same increase as all other employees (3.25%).

C.3 SCHOOL CALENDARS

Deborah Flores stated that for the last two years, the Board has approved requests from schools for changes in their school calendar. Two new calendars have been approved, year-round and extended. At that time, the Board requested that this item come back for discussion. Dr. Flores stated that this should be an initial discussion as to whether or not the District wants to continue in this practice or move towards a more traditional and district-wide calendar. She reminded the Board that any changes to the calendar is a negotiable item.

Board discussion focused on the need to develop a policy regarding the process for requesting changes in calendars, how many different calendars the district can accommodate, the cost of multiple calendars, are students benefiting educationally from the year-round/extended calendar. Staff will research these items and contact other districts as to what their policies are on calendars and bring this back to the Board.

Pam Kinsley, representing the Santa Barbara Teachers Association, reminded the Board that the calendar is a negotiable item, that the Association did not have an opinion on the alternative calendars as it was to soon to know how they work, and requested that a policy be developed on the procedures for submitting requests for a calendar change.

Jane Helmer, Monroe parent, agreed that procedures for getting a school calendar changed needs to be developed.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Consent Agenda:

- D.1 Personnel Action Items
- D.2 Purchase Orders
- D.3 Warrants
- D.4 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Science Room Addition, Harding School
- D.5 Award of Contract, Asphalt Repair, Peabody Charter School
- D.6 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year\

Moved: Fred Rifkin **Seconded:** Nancy Harter
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Claire VanBlaricum

E. COMING EVENTS

December 5, 2001 – Special Board Meeting – Secondary Principals presentations on Plans for Improving Student Achievement

Nancy Harter reported that she and representatives from the Bond Oversight Committee would be visiting Irvine High School on December 13 to look at their performing arts center.

F. BOARD COMMENTS

Fred Rifkin commended the elementary principals for the presentations of their accountability reports on November 27. He stated that the ability of the Board to enter into dialogue with the principals was extremely valuable.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ruth Green questioned when the retention policy would be revisited.
Robert Noël requested discussion on the possibility of moving towards a longitudinal database.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.