

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
December 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 5:30 p.m., and adjourned to Closed Session. The public session was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mike Couch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Ruth E. Green, Member
Present: Nancy Harter, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Fred Rifkin, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member

Staff Deborah Flores Ph.D., Superintendent
Present: Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent
Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology
Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations
Lori Parrish, Director of Fiscal Services
Julie Medina, Secretary to the Superintendent

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Officers: Deborah Flores called for nominations for President of the Board of Education. Robert Noël nominated Fred Rifkin, seconded by Ruth Green.

■ **Vote:** In favor of Fred Rifkin for President: Passed unanimously.

Deborah Flores announced Fred Rifkin as the new President. The chair of the meeting was turned over to Fred Rifkin who proceeded to call for nominations for the Vice President. Ruth Green nominated Nancy Harter, seconded by Claire VanBlaricum.

■ **Vote:** In favor of Nancy Harter as Vice President: Passed unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Due to the fact that there were elementary students performing for the Board this evening, President Rifkin suggested that this item be moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

Carole Cowan, Franklin principal introduced the school's sixth grade girl's chorus, under the direction of Felice Fernandez. The chorus sang "These Are A Few of My Favorite Things" and "I Want To Teach The World To Sing"

Deborah Flores recognized Alice TarBush for her 53 years of service to the district and John Boettner for 50 years of service to the district.

Deborah Flores commended Claire VanBlaricum for her year of service as Board President and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a gavel.

Appointment of Representation: Fred Rifkin introduced the item for selecting a Board Member to serve as District Representative for the purpose of electing member(s) as required, to the County Committee on School District Organization.

Ruth Green nominated Claire VanBlaricum, seconded by Nancy Harter.

■ **Vote:** In favor of Claire VanBlaricum as representative to the County Committee on School District Organization for the purpose of electing member(s) to said committee: Passed unanimously.

Alternate Representation: Claire VanBlaricum nominated Robert Noël, seconded by Nancy Harter, to serve as the alternate to the County Committee on School District Organization.

■ **Vote:** In favor of Robert Noël as alternate to the County Committee on School District Organization: Passed unanimously

Designation of Secretary Clerk and Assistant Secretary Clerk: It was the consensus of the Board to designate the Superintendent as Secretary Clerk to the Board and the Director of Fiscal Services as Assistant Secretary Clerk to the Board.

Designation of Authorized Signatories: It was the consensus of the Board to file with the County Superintendent of Schools the names of employees who are authorized to sign orders on the Districts' funds.

Designation of Date and Time of Regularly Scheduled Meetings: It was the consensus of the Board to designate the second and fourth Wednesday's of each calendar month, at 7:00 p.m., as the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education, with the exceptions of: June (move first meeting to Tuesday, 6/11/02); August (one meeting only, 8/28/02); and December (one meeting only, 12/11/02).

Committee Appointments: Committee representation was discussed and volunteers appointed to the following committees:

Bond Oversight Committee - Nancy Harter

City of Santa Barbara/School District Mutual Interests Committee – Fred Rifkin/Robert Noël

Diversity Committee – Claire VanBlaricum

Elementary (Parent) Advisory Committee - Ruth Green

Secondary (Parent) Advisory Committee – Nancy Harter

Gevirtz Center Liaison – Robert Noël

Santa Barbara City College/School District Liaison Committee - Robert Noël

Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation - Nancy Harter

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CLOSED SESSION

The President announced the Board had met for the following Closed Session:

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54957)** *Personnel matters to include: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.*
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54957)** *Personnel matters, to include: Public Employee Performance Evaluation -- Evaluation of the Superintendent.*
- **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code 54957)** *Personnel matters, to include: Employee Contract for Superintendent.*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918)** *Expulsion Case No's. 2001/02-05, 2001/2002-10, and 2001/2002-11 (Secondary District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student request an Open Session.*

- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Government Code 54956.9b)** – confer with, or receive advice from legal counsel regarding exposure to anticipated litigation, as discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the District.

President Rifkin reported that the Board had met in closed session and completed the superintendent's evaluation for the 2000-2001 school year.

The Board also took action to approve a salary increase of 3.25% for the superintendent effective July 1, 2001, in line with the salary increase approved for the rest of staff.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of November 14, 2001 (Regular Meeting).

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Ruth Green **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 Ruth Green, The Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation, Fred Meisel, and Karl E. Dieckman.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

STUDENT BOARD REPORT

Jeanette Lopez, Cynthia Robles, and Veronica Diaz (La Cuesta, Dos Pueblos students) reported on community programs at the four La Cuesta sites.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Ken Loch addressed the Board regarding tennisance.

Sarah Griffin thanked staff for asking for a legal opinion on the issues regarding Board subcommittees.

D.1 2001-2002 LIBRARY MASTER PLAN FOR THE SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Mike Couch, Assistant Superintendent, stated that a report on this item was given at the last Board Meeting and is on this agenda for approval.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Library Master Plan for 2001-02 for the Santa Barbara School/High School Districts.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.2 FIELD TRIP – SAN MARCOS DRUM LINE/DAYTON, OHIO

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve this field trip to Dayton, Ohio for the San Marcos High School drum line.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.3 2001-2002 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PART II AND SCHOOL SITE BUDGETS

Robert Noël asked if it was possible to have a one-page summary of the program's budget.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Consolidated Application Part II and the site budgets.
Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Robert Noël **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.4 MANAGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIAL SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2001-2002

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Management and Confidential Salary schedule which includes a 3.25% increase for 2001-2002.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Robert Noël **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.5 INCREASE IN HOURLY RATE FOR HOME HOSPITAL TEACHERS

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the increase in rate of pay for Home Hospital Teachers, to be effective December 1, 2001.

Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.6 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AND EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF \$500

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve travel expenses in excess of \$500 for Kathy Abney, La Cuesta Continuation High School principal.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.7 STUDENT EXPULSIONS

In Closed Session the Board discussed student expulsions. In Open Session, the following action was taken:

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-05 (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: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-10 (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: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-11 (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:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

E.1 LOCATION FOR OPEN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

Claire VanBlaricum stated that the purpose of this item is for bringing forward the information and recommendations from the subcommittee that was formed at the September 19 Special Board Meeting on Facilities. She and Dr. Noël were the Board representatives to the committee, together with staff, the master planners, and Joe Wilcox.

Superintendent Flores reviewed the following: I-98 fund allocations, significant developments that have impacted the original plan to build a school for OAS at Hidden Valley, the purpose of the subcommittee, and the committee's recommendation to build a school for OAS on the La Cumbre Middle School campus. She identified the reasons why the La Cumbre site was the preferred option and why Hidden Valley and Santa Barbara Junior High School were not. Joe Wilcox, architect, presented a preliminary conceptual design for OAS at the La Cumbre campus.

Gwen Phillips (OAS principal) gave a brief history of the different OAS site locations since the formation of the school. David Tobar (OAS representative) stated that the Hidden Valley site is the number one choice for their school and discussed the reasons for this. He presented additional options regarding the Hidden Valley site and asked that they be looked into before eliminating this site as an option for their school.

Open Alternative parents and staff addressing the Board opposed to locating OAS at La Cumbre were: Arjun Sarkar, Nancy Black, Delnora Coolridge, Jean Alexander, Nick Welsh, Bill Parmisano, Cynthia Dennis, Rosanne Boardman, Eve Leeds, Patrick Davis, Ellen Wagner.

A ten-minute break was taken at 9:52 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Alice Post, representing the Committee to Restore the Santa Barbara Elementary District, gave a presentation, expressing support for placing OAS at the La Cumbre site rather than Hidden Valley, as it places schools closer to the Santa Barbara area where more schools are needed. However, she expressed her opinion that the selection of a site for OAS should be folded into the master planning process.

Public comment:

Rosanne Crawford expressed the need to consider the OAS site as part of the master planning process.

John Brookes urged the Board to put the money into existing schools.

Meada Paulus, Hidden Valley resident, reminded the Board that the Hidden Valley residents had signed a petition requesting that an EIR be conducted, that Dr. Caston had assured them that Palermo would not be the main access route, that a cap be placed on the enrollment, that Hidden Valley children be able to attend the school, and that there be adequate parking for all school activities and after school activities.

Nick Arnold, Hidden Valley resident, voiced opposition to Palermo as the access route and requested that the parking lot be closer to Las Positas.

Sarah Griffin questioned why the District is recommending a site for OAS while the master planning process is still in the works, and that OAS needs should not overshadow the needs of other schools.

Board discussion focused on the need to include the selection of a site for OAS in the master planning process and to look into the questions raised by the speakers.

E.2 EXPANSION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Deborah Flores stated that at the September 19 Special Board Meeting on facilities, the expansion of the Santa Barbara Community Academy was discussed. Joe Wilcox, architect, presented conceptual designs for the expansion of the Academy, which would house 400 to 500 students. She pointed out that in order to expand the Academy, it will be necessary to move the district office.

Alice Post, representing the Committee to Restore the Santa Barbara Elementary School District, stated that this committee supported the expansion.

Sarah Griffin concurred with the fact that the Academy needs to be fully developed. However, until the expansion is completed, she suggested that additional students not be added. Also, to accommodate students already at the school, she suggested that kindergarten enrollment be suspended.

Board comments followed and focused on the need to have the school remain a core knowledge school and a school of choice. This item will be on the next agenda for action.

E.3 APPROVAL OF ENGLISH AND INTENSIVE LITERACY (ELIL) PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1-6, FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the District's participation in the English Language and Intensive Literacy (ELIL) Program for 2002 summer school/intersession classes for current grades kindergarten through fifth grade English learners, upon grant approval by the State Department of Education.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

F. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Sarah Griffin addressed the Board regarding item F.8. She stated that this first interim report is the first warning of the financial dilemma created by the 3.25% raise given to employees this year. She urged the Board to start working now on a solution for the financial dilemma by bringing every non-mandated budget item to the table. With regard to item F.12, she indicated that it would have been helpful to have the recommended changes highlighted or italicized.

Lori Parrish responded to Ruth Green's requests for clarification on item F.7, charter school budgets and the District's reserve.

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

- F.1 Recommended Personnel Actions;
- F.2 Purchase Orders
- F.3 Warrants;
- F.4 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts
- F.5 Denial of Liability Claims on Behalf of Students (Claims 01/02-1, 01/02-2, and 01/02-3)
- F.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 01/02-15 Expenditure Transfers
- F.7 Revisions to the 2001-02 Budgets
- F.8 Approval of First Period Interim Report and Certification of Financial Stability
- F.9 Annual Report of Teacher Assignment and Adoption of Resolutions No. 01/02-13 and 01/02-14
- F.10 Student Teacher Agreement with Westmont College, California State University, Northridge and Antioch University
- F.11 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year
- F.12 Board Policy and Administrative regulation Update/Harassment and Uniform Complaint Procedures
- F.13 Acceptance of Completed Contracts
- F.14 Award of Contract, New Fire Alarm System, Cleveland School
- F.15 Approval of Consultant Services Santa Barbara Junior High School, Security Lighting Project

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Robert Noël **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

G. COMING EVENTS

The following events were announced:

December 13, 2001 - Parks and Recreation City/School Board Committee on Pools meeting.

H. BOARD COMMENTS

Claire VanBlaricum reported that she had received an e-mail from the CSBA Action Network that the attendance audits have been eliminated by the Governor.

Fred Rifkin wished Board Members and all staff a happy holiday season.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Deborah Flores reported that City staff would like to hold the next City Council/School Board meeting on either February 7 or February 21 at 6:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board that February 21 would be the better date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, January 9, 2001, at 7:00 P.M., in the Administration Center Boardroom.

ATTEST:

Fred Rifkin, President
Board of Education

Approved by Board of Education
on _____