

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2002**

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. Nancy Harter called the meeting to order at 5:45 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 Nancy Harter, Vice President
Present: Ruth E. Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member

Members
Absent: Fred Rifkin, President

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.*
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9[a])** *Emily Rose Smith v. Santa Barbara Elementary School District, Case No. CV 01-01994R(RZX) [consolidated with Case Nos. CV 01-1823-R and CV 01-1994-R]*
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (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.*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918)** *Expulsion Case No's. 01/02-31 and 01/02-32 (Secondary District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student request an Open Session.*

Upon reconvening, Nancy Harter announced that the following action had been taken in Closed Session:

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-20, directing the superintendent to give Notice of Recommendation to Reduce Hours to Library Media Service Teachers in accordance with the provisions of Education Code Sections 44949 and 44955.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-21, directing the superintendent to give Notice of Recommendation Not to Re-employ three probationary elementary teachers.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Robert Noël

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

■ **MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of January 23, 2002 (Regular Meeting).

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal, introduced the school’s Academic Decathlon Team: Steven Bowers, Elizabeth Kelly, Kevin Evans, Mitch Levay, Jason Liu, Melanie Michalak, Tim Nelso, Kate Rogalsky, Susannah Kelly, Capri Scott, Sheila Kelly, Ryan Sloane, and Tiffany Yuen. Robin Olden, the team’s coach, was also introduced.

Superintendent Flores presented the students and coach with recognition plaques.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Loch addressed the Board regarding Tennissance.

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

B.1 RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-19: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA REGARDING COOPERATION ON PROJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Deborah Flores stated that this resolution was discussed at the February 20, 2002, joint meeting of the Board of Education and City Council members. The resolution formalizes the Board’s and Council’s efforts to cooperate on projects of mutual interest. The City Council has since adopted the resolution. The resolution is on this agenda for Board adoption.

Claire VanBlaricum questioned the language under the “*Now Therefore be it Resolved*” paragraph, section one. She stated that one of the items discussed was finding appropriate office space for relocating the District administrative offices. She asked if it would be appropriate to add “*relocate administrative office, maintenance, and food service facilities*” and send the resolution back to the City and ask them to adjust their resolution to parallel the District’s.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-19, as amended.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.2 PAYMENT OF \$35,000 TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR THE EL PUENTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Deborah Flores stated that as outlined in the agenda, most of the students served at El Puente Community School are from the District and are placed there through the District’s expulsion process or through the courts. She reported that several years ago, El Puente lost its lease on Chapala and Victoria Streets and were forced to find a new

location, which is a large reason for their budget problems. A new location was found on Gutierrez Street, a costly location. In addition, fluctuating enrollment has affected ADA money received from the State. The school is experiencing a shortfall and are requesting \$35,000 from the District. Dr. Flores stated that if the District were to operate the program, it would not only be a strain on the High School District finances but on staff resources and space.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve a payment of \$35,000 to the Santa Barbara County Office of Education for the operation of the El Puente Community School

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.3 ADOPTION OF THE SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

Pam Kinsley, Santa Barbara Teachers Association, brought to the Board's attention two errors in April dates for the Franklin/Harding/Washington calendar. She also stated that the winter break on the year-round school calendars (Cleveland and Santa Barbara Community Academy) were not the same, as negotiated. Deborah Flores stated that the staff at the two schools will meet and bring the dates into alignment. The schools have been on intersession and have not been able to meet but they will do so when school reconvenes.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the traditional calendar for the Elementary and High School Districts and the modified calendar for Franklin, Harding and Washington.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

The year-round calendar will come back to the Board for approval.

B.4 APPROVAL OF SECOND PERIOD INTERIM REPORT, MULTI-YEAR PROJECTIONS, AND CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STABILITY

Deborah Flores stated that this item is on the agenda in accordance with State requirements (AB1200). She indicated that the Board had previously been given a calendar for the budget adoption process. Lori Parrish, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed changes between the first interim report and the second interim report, as well as the mid-year projections.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept the Second Period Interim Report of the Districts, multi-year projections, and certify that the Districts will be able to meet their financial obligations for the current year and two subsequent years.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.5 REVISIONS TO THE 2001/02 BUDGETS

Deborah Flores reported that this item was also on the agenda in accordance with State requirements. She stated that the submission of the second interim report requires multi-year projections, which in turn requires current year revisions.

Lori Parrish reviewed the report and discussed the reasons for the change in the High School District budget and reserve.

Deborah Flores explained the reasons for the reduction in the reserve including: 3.5% salary increase, \$1.2 million increase in special education encroachment, and addition of developmental reading and math courses.

Tony Fischer stated that he had previously requested copies of the financial statements for both districts and has yet to receive them. He asked if the District had current financial statements available. He stated that the reason he brings this up is that tonight's item indicates that there is no longer a \$5 million dollar surplus in the secondary budget, which is attributed to special education. He also requested copies of the special education budget.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the revisions to the 2001-02 budgets for the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.6 APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO AUDIT EXCEPTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Lori Parrish, Director of Fiscal Services, reported that Education Code Section 41020 requires that the Board review at a public meeting the annual audit of the District, audit exceptions identified in the audit, the recommendations or findings issued by the auditor, and description of correction or plans to correct exceptions.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the corrective actions to audit exceptions as identified in the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.7 APPLICATIONS FOR ADAMS, FRANKLIN, HARDING, MCKINLEY, MONROE, OAS, ROOSEVELT, SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY ACADEMY AND WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND GOLETA VALLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, LA CUMBRE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND SANTA BARBARA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR GRADES 4 THROUGH 8 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2002-03

Mike Couch, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction, stated that this grant started in 1998 with AB1339 and that a number of schools have applied for the grant. The grant provides for training teachers to use technology as tools to deliver the curriculum, to teach teachers how to make presentations using technology, and to establish websites so that schools can exchange instructional information.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept the applications for Adams, Franklin, Harding, McKinley, Monroe, OAS, Roosevelt, Santa Barbara Community Academy and Washington Elementary Schools and Goleta Valley Junior High, La Cumbre Middle School, and Santa Barbara Junior High School for the Education Technology Staff Development Grant for Grades 4 through 8 for the 2002-03 school year.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.8 FIELD TRIP – DPHS JAZZ CHOIR/RENO, NEVADA; DPHS JAZZ CHOIR/MONTREAL, CANADA; SMHS JAZZ BAND/RENO, NEVADA; AND SMHS BAND/NEW YORK, NEW YORK

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the field trips for: DPHS Jazz Choir/Reno, Nevada; DPHS Jazz Choir/Montreal, Canada; SMHS Jazz Band/Reno, Nevada; and SMHS Band/New York, New York.

Moved: Robert Noël **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum
Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

B.9 STUDENT EXPULSIONS

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-31 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the hearing panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year (current and subsequent semester) and recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning January 2003.

Moved: Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-32 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the hearing panel’s recommendation to expel for the remainder of the spring semester, which concludes June 2002, but that the Board suspend enforcement of the expulsion order, contingent upon the student’s satisfactory completion of the recommended rehabilitation plan.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

C.1 EQUITY EXCELLENCE AND QUALITY CENTER PROPOSAL AND PROPOSAL FROM BOARD MEMBER, DR. ROBERT NOËL

Deborah Flores stated that Dr. Gerald Anderson, Equity Excellence and Quality Center, provided workshops about closing the achievement gap for District principals and the Board. She indicated that there is a commitment by at least two elementary schools to participate in the program using their school site restricted funds.

Mike Couch and Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendents for Secondary Instruction and Elementary Instruction, respectively, reported on their visit to schools in Brazosport Independent School District in Texas, where Dr. Anderson’s ideas have been implemented.

Robert Noël reviewed his recommendations regarding implementation of the program in the secondary schools.

Board discussion followed. Claire VanBlaricum stated that she wanted to make sure that implementing Dr. Anderson’s program in the secondary schools does not mean that the Board is no longer interested in having a director of curriculum in the secondary district. She requested that discussion on the need for such a position be brought back.

C.2 CHARTER SCHOOL POLICIES

Deborah Flores stated that this item is on the agenda to enable Board members to articulate areas that they would like addressed in a Board Policy. She indicated that the Cesar Chavez Charter School MOU would not be placed on the agenda for action until this policy is developed.

Board members voiced their opinions as to what they would like in the policy.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

D.1 Recommended Personnel Actions

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.3 Warrants

D.4 Proposal for Engineering Services, Santa Barbara High School Paving

D.5 Santa Barbara Junior High School, Field Renovations, Change Order No. 8

D.6 Annual Approval of Request for Waiver of Education Code Section 49950 – Meals for Summer School in the High School District

D.7 Acceptance of Completed Contract, New Gate and Fencing at Roosevelt School

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 **Noes:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

E. COMING EVENTS

April 12, 2002 -- Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation annual Hope Awards Dinner

F. BOARD COMMENTS

None

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Claire VanBlaricum requested that the resolution in opposition of AB 2160 be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Nancy Harter, Vice President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.