

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 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. Fred Rifkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.. 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 Fred Rifkin, President
Present: Nancy Harter, Vice President
Ruth E. Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, 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

Upon convening, President Rifkin announced that the Board did not meet in Closed Session after all, as there was no need to do so.

RECEIPT OF GIFTS

■ **MOTION:** To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Hutton Foundation, Greg Goodman, Cy Chem, Inc., Mike McCall, Fidelity National Financial, Deanna Marchiando, Jack Sears, Café del Sol, Stephanie & Tom Calkins, Margareta & Fred Jamner, Louis Lorenzo, Lorenzo Law, Barbara & Weldon Howell Jr., Patricia Bragg, and Bea Goumas/Gred Pantages.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deborah Flores introduced and recognized students from La Colina and Goleta Valley Junior High Schools who participated in the February 23, 2002 Santa Barbara/Ventura chapter level of Math Counts competition. Math Counts is a nationwide math coaching and competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement.

Members of the La Colina Junior High School team, which placed second, are: Ronald Chang, David Honsberger, Justin Hsu, and Tristan Roberts. Coach: Tiffany Quackenbush.

Members of the Goleta Valley Junior High School team, which placed first, are: Sue Lin, Evan Liu, Hannah Savage, and Adam Zok. Coach: Fred Soltysik. The Goleta Valley team was eligible to compete at the State competition at U.C. Irvine on March 6, 2002. The team placed second.

Students from the Open Alternative School performed a scene from their school play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Fred Rifkin reported receipt of a letter regarding agenda item B.5 and stated that he would read this letter when that item was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

B.1 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED ACADEMIES: THE CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY AT DOS PUEBLOS HIGH; THE MEDIA-BUSINESS ACADEMY AT SAN MARCOS HIGH; AND THE GREEN ACADEMY AT SANTA BARBARA HIGH

Deborah Flores stated that she had received a number of questions from Board Members regarding the academies. As a result, she requested that this item be considered a conference item so that staff can come back with more information.

The following presentations were given: Santa Barbara High School Green Academy by Dan Hartley (SBCC teacher) and J. R. Richards (SBHS principal); San Marcos High School Media-Business Academy by Paul Serka (SMHS principal), Sue Dackenhause (SMHS teacher), and Ed Behrens (SMHS assistant principal); and the Dos Pueblos High School Construction Academy by David Cash (DPHS principal), Mike Eibach, and Frank Skipper (Frank Skipper Construction Company).

Board discussion followed. This item will be brought back to the Board in a month to allow staff time to respond to Board concerns and questions.

B.2 RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO AB2160 (COLLECTIVE BARGAINING)

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Claire VanBlaricum. She requested that action on this item be postponed due to the fact that information regarding the California Teachers Association's (CTA) position on the bill had not been received. Ms. VanBlaricum briefly reviewed the reasons that the California School Boards Association is opposed to the bill. She distributed copies of the full text of the bill.

Pam Kinsley, Santa Barbara Teachers Association representative, indicated that she was not aware that this item was coming before the Board so soon. She stated that the CTA is supporting this bill in order to give teachers more input, not control, on certain items. She distributed information from CTA.

B.3 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, stated that this plan focuses on curriculum and training. He indicated that what was being asked of the Board at this meeting was approval of the concepts included in the plan. The District will be pursuing additional funding grants in order to implement individual components of the plan.

Kristine White, Elementary District technology specialist, was present to answer Board questions.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the District Technology Plan.
Moved: Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

B.4 APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CHALLENGE GRANT HARDWARE

Brian Sarvis stated that upon Board approval, the District will apply for state funding for additional computers on behalf of all elementary schools.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Elementary District's application for Technology Literacy Challenge Grant Hardware funding.

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

B.5 APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH FCMAT CONSULTANTS – BUSINESS OFFICE

Deborah Flores stated that a year ago the District hired Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) to come in and review the Business Office and Facilities Department procedures at a cost of \$25,000. A written report was received in June 2001, and an oral report was given at the end of August 2001. She stated that the reason for bringing FCMAT back is for them to come in and provide technical assistance to expedite the financial and budget implementations recommended in their report.

Sarah Griffin stated that she was pleased that this process will be done over a period of time as it will allow for feedback from Board members. She encouraged staff to explore implementing reporting possibilities that have been suggested by Board members.

Maureen Janeway, member of the special education parent advisory council, expressed concern that the special education encroachment is always the lead response every time an issue with the budget arises. She stated that this conflicts with the council's efforts to bring positive awareness of special education to the community. She asked that staff and the press take a step back and take a look at how special education is defined to the public.

Tony Fischer, referring to the budget calendar, expressed the need to pinpoint those items that need to be done first in order to have an intelligent budget review.

Fred Rifkin read a letter from the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association in support of hiring the FCMAT consultants.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire a team of FCMAT consultants to assist with the implementation of the recommendations in the June 28, 2001 FCMAT report, not to exceed \$25,000.

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

B.6 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-25 AND AUTHORIZATION TO MITIGATE LEAD AT SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL

Deborah Flores reported that District staff has learned that there is a high level of lead at Santa Barbara High School, which needs to be mitigated immediately.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 01/02-25 and approve the hiring of Channel Coast Corporation to mitigate the lead in the lower level of the Santa Barbara High School field house and adjacent exterior areas.

Moved: Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Robert Noël **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

B.7 FIELD TRIP – SBHS VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE STUDENTS/NEW YORK, NEW YORK

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve Santa Barbara High School Virtual Enterprise students field trip to New York, April 13-19, 2002.

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

C.1 ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOK ADOPTIONS, 2002-2003

Karen Cooksey, Director of Elementary Curriculum, was not able to attend the meeting due to family illness. Therefore, this item was continued to the next meeting.

C.2 PROCESS FOR REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Due to the late hour, this item was rescheduled to the next Regular Board Meeting.

C.3 WEIGHTED COURSES (AB 458)

Due to the late hour, this item was rescheduled to the next Regular Board Meeting.

C.4 REPORT ON END-OF-TERM FINALS

Due to the late hour, this item was rescheduled to the next Regular Board Meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Items D.1, D.5, D.6 and D.7 were removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.3 Warrants

D.4 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts

D.8 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year.

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

D.1 RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Robert Noël expressed concern that the actions listed do not reflect how much money is involved. He stated that if the Board is to be held accountable for these actions, more information was needed on how these actions affect the budget.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the action noted for the individuals listed in the attachment to the agenda.

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

D.5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-22, EXPENDITURE TRANSFERS

At Robert Noël's request, Lori Parrish explained further the need to adopt a resolution in order to transfer funds between the two Districts.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-22, Expenditure Transfers.

Moved: Robert Noel **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

D.6 RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-23 AMENDING THE DISTRICT CAFETERIA PLAN TO INCLUDE A DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002

Lori Parrish responded to Ruth Green's request for more information on this item.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-23.

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

D.7 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED CONTRACT

Robert Gonzalez reported that the information in the agenda was incorrect and distributed corrected copies to Board Members.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education accept the completed contracts from Viola, Inc. (Campus Modernization, Monroe School), Craig Roof Co., Inc. (Re-Roofing – Part B, Adams School), and CompuWave (Telephone System Repair, Santa Barbara Junior High School)

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

E. COMING EVENTS

April 12, 2002 -- Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation annual Hope Awards Dinner
April 17, 2002 – Special Board Meeting on facilities

F. BOARD COMMENTS

None

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Nancy Harter, Vice President
Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.