

Board of Education  
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 10, 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. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Board adjourned to closed session. Fred Rifkin called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Karen Cooksey, Director, Elementary Curriculum, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members** Fred Rifkin, President  
**Present:** Nancy Harter, Vice President  
Robert Noël, Member  
Claire VanBlaricum, Member  
Ruth Green, 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, Ed.D., Director of Research and Technology  
Jeri Smith, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent and 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**) *Expulsion Cases: Numbers 01/02-38 and 01/02-15 (Secondary District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parents or students request an Open Session.*

Announcement of Closed Session Action

Upon reconvening, Fred Rifkin announced the following closed session action:  
There was no action.

Approval of Minutes

The January 16, 2002 minutes and the February 27, 2002 minutes were pulled for correction.

- Motion: To approve the Minutes of February 13, 2002 (Regular Meeting).  
Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum 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 William Brahn, Double N Printing, Santa Barbara Contractor's Association and Susan Eveler.  
Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed unanimously

#### Superintendent's Report

Adams School was honored as they were awarded California's Title 1 Achieving School. Jodi Miles, teacher at Adams School was honored for beautifying Adams School with a garden and trails.

#### Student Board Member Report

None

#### Correspondence

None

#### Public Comments

Mr. Ed Copley talked to the wrongful termination of his job at Carpinteria Unified School District.

#### B.1 Resolution Pertaining to AB2160 (Collective Bargaining)

Claire VanBlaricum requested this item to provide the Board with information about AB2160.

Board discussion followed.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 01/02-24 regarding AB 2610.

Moved: Robert Noël Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed unanimously

#### B.2 Adoption of the 2002-2003 School Calendar for Cleveland and Santa Barbara Community Academy

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the adoption of the 2002-2003 calendars for Cleveland and Santa Barbara Community Academy.

Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Nancy Harter Vote: Passed unanimously

#### B.3 Out-of-State Travel and Expenses in Excess of \$500

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve these out-of-state travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500.

Moved: Robert Noël Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed unanimously

#### B.4 Student Expulsions

■ Motion: **Case Number 2001/02-15** (High School District) – This case was postponed.

■ Motion: **Case Number 2001/02-38** (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for one school year (e.g., current and subsequent semester) and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan but to suspend the expulsion. The student may petition for readmission to the District immediately.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed unanimously

#### C.1 Elementary Textbook Adoptions, 2002-2003

Karen Cooksey, Director of Elementary Curriculum, explained that there were one-time only funds for adopting textbooks and this was restricted to the reading/language arts textbooks. She reported that a math committee had been formed and met throughout the school year. This committee made a decision on which math textbooks to recommend for adoption.

Board discussion followed.

#### C.2 Process for Revising the School Calendar

Deborah Flores explained the history of the school calendar and that the calendars needed to be revised so that all of the District schools would be on the same calendar.

Board discussion followed.

C.3 Weighted Courses (AB458)

Brian Sarvis reported on the history of weighted grades and discussed a new bill, AB 458, and the effect it will have on course offerings and students' GPA.

Board discussion followed.

C.4 Report of End-of-Term Finals

Brian Sarvis reported on the progress to date on end-of-term finals. He outlined District plans to develop common end-of-term finals.

Board discussion followed.

C.5 Policy 3001 – Fiscal Accountability – First Reading

Deborah Flores pulled this item stating that the District wanted to wait until of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) had an opportunity to review it during their upcoming visit.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Tony Fischer asked to speak about Items 2, 3, and 4.

D.1 Personnel Action Items

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve the persons listed in the attachment regarding appointments of candidates, leaves of absence, resignations, and reassignments.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: Robert Noël

D.2 Purchase Orders

Tony Fischer talked about this item.

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period March 21, 2002 through April 3, 2002.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed unanimously

D.3 Warrants

Tony Fischer talked about this item.

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve the warrant listing attached to the agenda.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed unanimously

D.4 Architectural Contracts, Measure V – San Marcos and Dos Pueblos High School Modernization, Dos Pueblos High School Auditorium

Tony Fischer talked about this item.

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve contracts with KBZ Architects at San Marcos High School and WLC Architects at Dos Pueblos for architectural services for modernization at these campuses. Additionally, that the Board approve a contract with tBP Architects for architectural services for the new construction of the Dos Pueblos High School auditorium.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed unanimously

D.5 Acceptance of Completed Contract, Digital High School Project, San Marcos High School

■Motion: That the Board of Education accept the completed contract in the amount of \$214,363.32 for the Digital High School located at San Marcos High School.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed unanimously

D.6 Approval of Contract Services, Penfield and Smith – Final Design, La Cumbre Athletic Field Renovations

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve contract services to Penfield and Smith for final design at La Cumbre Middle School for athletic fields in the amount of \$12,500.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Nancy Harter Vote: Passed unanimously

D.7 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year

■Motion: That the Board of Education approve the additional fundraising plans for 2001-2002 for Dos Pueblos High School and Santa Marcos High School.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed unanimously

E. Coming Events

April 17, 2002 – Special Board meeting on facilities.

May 15, 2002 – Special Board meeting on high school issues.

F. Board Comments

Claire VanBlaricum stated she was going to be the representative from the County at a conference in Sacramento.

G. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Noël requested an agenda item on reviewing procedures for litigation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on \_\_\_\_\_.