

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 24, 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 7:10 p.m. Stan Zaletel, Monroe Elementary School principal, 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 Education  
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education  
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:** *Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957) – two employees.*
- **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9[a])** *Mitchum et al. v. Santa Barbara School Districts, Case No. 01066421*
- **STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Education Code 48918)** *Expulsion Case No's. 01/02-44 (Secondary District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parent or student request an Open Session.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

Upon reconvening, Fred Rifkin announced the following closed session action:

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve dismissal of employee number 1, a regular certificated employee of the Elementary School District. The dismissal is effective thirty days from the date of April 25, 2002.  
**Moved:** Fred Rifkin    **Seconded:** Nancy Harter    **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve dismissal of employee number 2, a regular certificated employee of the High School District. The dismissal is effective thirty days from the date of April 25, 2002.  
**Moved:** Claire VanBlaricum    **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 Roy McLaughlin, Lee Prinslow/Mission Mini Mart and John Jahangir/John's Mobil.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Deborah Flores introduced and presented plaques to JoAnn Caines and Stan Zaletel, principals of Adams and Monroe Elementary Schools, respectively, for having been selected as 2002 California Distinguished Schools.

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

Sarah Griffin regarding the differences between the District and State percentages for high school graduates and for school dropouts.

Ken Lock regarding Tennisance.

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

Kate Smith regarding the number of District special education lawsuits and the amount of money spent on them.

**B.1     APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-09, AUTHORIZATION TO REPAIR FIRE DAMAGE, SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve Resolution No. 01/02-29 and approve a contract with ServiceMaster to provide cleaning and restoration services to the affected areas.

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

**B.2     RESOLUTION 01/02-30 RECOGNIZING MAY 15, 2002 AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY**

Deborah Flores stated that this resolution recognizes all employees of the District. A celebration will be held at Borders book store on May 15. The resolution was read by Claire VanBlaricum.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 01/02-30 recognizing District teachers and classified employees on May 15, 2002.

**Moved:** Claire VanBlaricum    **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 out-of-state travel and/or expenses in excess of \$500 for Wes Ratelle, SBHS teacher (two meetings) and Sandra Robertson, SBJHS teacher.

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

**B.4     STUDENT EXPULSIONS**

■ **MOTION:** Case Number 2001/02-44 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for one school year (current and subsequent semester) but that enforcement of the expulsion be suspended for the second semester and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may

remain on home/hospital teaching for the balance of the current semester and transfer to another high school in the District for the fall of 2002.

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

**C.1    SANTA BARBARA CHARTER SCHOOL REPORT ABOUT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Santa Barbara Charter School representatives reported on the academic performance of their students.

The following Charter School parents addressed the Board and relayed their reasons for choosing the school for their children: Elaine Jones McCaba, Shaun Mason, Ann Crawford, Susan Owens, Emanuelle Leadbetter, and Floree Hue.

Kate Smith stated that no where in the charter does it say that the school will be evaluated according to District standards but by portfolio assessments.

Board comments followed.

Using the California Department of Education *Similar Schools Index*, Robert Noël compared test scores of schools similar to Santa Barbara Charter School.

**C.2    APPROVAL OF THE K-12 ENGLISH LEARNER MASTER PLAN**

Karen Cooksey reviewed the changes in the K-12 English Learner Master Plan. She stated that significant changes dealt with English Learner reclassification criteria and coordinated compliance review items that needed to be addressed.

Ruth Green, Board representative to the District English Language Advisory Council, stated that many parents have voiced concern that students are not transitioning to English more quickly.

Board comments followed.

**C.3    ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY MATH TEXTBOOKS**

Due to the late hour, this item was rescheduled to the next regular Board meeting.

**C.4    APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6174 AND AR 6174, EDUCATION FOR ENGLISH LANGAUGE LEARNERS – FIRST READING**

Karen Cooksey reported that the revisions in the Board policy and administrative regulation reflect changes in the reclassification criteria.

Board comments followed.

**C.5    APPROVAL OF REVISION OF SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES – FIRST READING**

Kate Smith asked the Board to investigate non-compliance complaint procedures. She requested to be placed on the agenda in order to discuss further her concerns regarding the number of special education litigation cases and the non-compliance procedures.

**C.6    APPROVAL OF THE POSITION, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES**

Deborah Flores reviewed the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) recommendations of June 28, 2001 regarding the District's Fiscal Services Department. In addition, she reviewed the staffing history for that department. One of FCMAT's recommendations was to hire a chief business officer.

Board discussion followed.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to determine the best use of the \$25,000 that has been authorized for FCMAT between now and the end of the school year in whatever format that is appropriate to comply with FCMAT recommendations.

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

■ **AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** That the implementation of the authorization can not proceed until the Board and public have been provided with information as to where the money is coming from and what it's impact on other programs and other possible expenditures are in the District.

**Moved:** Robert Noël **Second:** Motion died due to lack of a second.

President Rifkin called for the vote on the original motion. **Vote:** Passed

**Ayes:** Fred Rifkin, Nancy Harter, Ruth Green, Claire VanBlaricum **Noes:** Robert Noël **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

#### **D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Due to the number of items being pulled for discussion, it was determined that each item would be acted on individually.

##### **D.1 PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

Robert Noël asked for clarification on the listed request for a sabbatical leave and asked if the District had a policy on sabbatical leaves. Deborah Flores stated that she would bring back more information at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Noël also asked for more information on the special education instructional assistant position listed and its affect on the budget. Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, reported that a new developmentally disabled student enrolled at La Colina this semester and an IEP indicated that the student needs 100% supervision by an instructional assistant.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the actions as indicated on the personnel list with the exception of the sabbatical leave request.

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

**Ayes:** Ruth Green, Nancy Harter, Robert Noel, Claire VanBlaricum **Noes:** Fred Rifkin **Abstain:** 0 **Absent:** 0

##### **D.2 PURCHASE ORDERS**

Robert Noël asked for clarification on P.O. 27822, financial assistance software (\$21,991) and reading software (\$8,825). In response to Dr. Noël's concerns regarding the financial assistance software, Nick Sebastian, Director of Information Services, stated that this software is part the Districts participation in the California Educational Computer Consortium. The District has been working on a five-year plan to move the software onto a platform that is in today's technology. Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, stated that this is covered by the current budget and is not an additional budget request.

In response to Dr. Noël's concerns regarding the reading software, Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, stated that it is an excelederated reading program for La Cuesta Continuation High School. As La Cuesta was not included in the District's corrective reading program they are purchasing this program in an effort to help students pass the high school exit exam. Claire VanBlaricum stated that the school received a \$20,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation for the purchase of this program.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Purchase Order Report for the period April 4, 2002 through April 17, 2002.

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

**D.3 WARRANTS**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the Commercial Warrant register sheets as presented.  
**Moved:** Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Nancy Harter **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-26, EXPENDITURE TRANSFERS**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-26, Expenditure Transfers.  
**Moved:** Claire VanBlaricum **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.5 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-27, SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND RESOLUTION NO. 01/02-28, SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002/03 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF 2002/03 AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES BY THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ON BEHALF OF AND IN THE NAME OF THE SANTA BARBARA ELEMENTARY AND SANTA BARBARA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 01/02-27, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Resolution No. 01/02-28, Santa Barbara High School District, providing for the borrowing of funds for fiscal year 2002/03 and authorizing the issuance and sale of 2002/03 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes by the County of Santa Barbara on behalf of and in the name of Santa Barbara High School District.  
**Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.6 AWARD OF BID, PORTABLE DEMOLITION, FRANKLIN CHILDCARE PORTABLES**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education award a contract in the amount of \$18,900 to Villalba Company Inc. for demolition services. The contract will be funded from Franklin School's I-98 allocation.  
**Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.7 SAN MARCOS RUNNING TRACK RENOVATIONS, CHAGE ORDER NO. 3**

Ruth Green requested an update on this project. Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations stated that once the process of grinding the asphalt and curbing began there was a need to repair unanticipated soil conditions. He stated that one more change order would be needed for a discus area that was added.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 3, in the amount of \$47,053.13 to California Track and Engineering, Inc. for the track renovations at San Marcos High School. The new total revised contract price is \$517,148.10. The change order increase will be funded from Measure V.  
**Moved:** Ruth Green **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.8 AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, FIELD AND IRRIGATION RENOVATIONS, LA CUMBRE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND FRANKLIN SCHOOL**

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the agreements with the City of Santa Barbara for the field and irrigation renovations at La Cumbre Middle School and Franklin School.  
**Moved:** Nancy Harter **Seconded:** Claire VanBlaricum **Vote:** Passed Unanimously

**D.9 RENEWAL OF TRANSITION PARTNERSHIP PROJECT CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003**

Robert Noël asked how many students were served, how the money was used, and fiscal implications. Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education and Student Services, stated that there are approximately 110 students served. The \$135,389 is "in kind by special education teachers who are already employed by the District. The teachers provide vocational job training services. The Department of Rehabilitation provides \$193,010 which is used to hire transition specialists and job coaches. Students in special education have access to

vocational experiences, vocation training, job placement, job coaching and support to go on to city college or a four-year college.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve renewal of the 2002-2003 contract for the Transition Partnership Project.

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

**D.10    ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING PLANS FOR THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR**

Robert Noël asked who paid “up front” expenses for raising the funds. Michael Couch stated that the schools have a revolving associated student body fund from which money can be borrowed as long as the group can reimburse the money.

■ **MOTION:** That the Board of Education approve the additional fundraising plans for 2001-2002 for San Marcos High School.

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

**E.       COMING EVENTS**

Claire VanBlaricum reported that she would be attending a statewide conference in Sacramento called the Civic Mission of Education Forum, cosponsored by the California Department of Education and San Francisco State University.

**F.       BOARD COMMENTS**

Fred Rifkin thanked the Public Education Foundation for an outstanding evening at their annual fundraising event. He acknowledged Pierre Claeysens for his \$25,000 donation, as he was being honored at the event.

**G.       FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

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