

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Regular Board Meeting
Special Focus: High Schools

Minutes
May 15, 2002

Call to Order

Notice thereof having been given in compliance with legal requirements, a meeting of the Board of Education of the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts was called to order in public session at 8:20 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, in the Administration Center Board Room, at 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. Ruth Green led the Pledge of Alliance.

Members Fred Rifkin, President
Present: Nancy Harter, Vice President
Ruth Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member

Staff
Present: Deborah A. Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education
Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Director of Research and Technology

Closed Session

The Board met on the following in Closed Session:

- Public Employment **(Government Code 54957):** *Appointment of Interim Chief Business Officer.*
- Public Employment **(Government Code 54957):** *Appointment of Principal, Santa Barbara Community Academy*

Announcement of Closed Session Action

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

- Motion: That the Board of Education appoint Dr. Robyn Phillips as Interim Chief Business Officer.
Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously
- Motion: That the Board of Education appoint Joan Jamieson as Santa Barbara Community Academy principal.
Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

Public Comments
None

Conference Items

B.1 Update on the State Budget

Staff presented an update on the status of the State Budget.

B.2 Report on High School Best Practices

In November 2001, the Board authorized a study of high school best practices. The District subsequently contracted with Alan Daly, a doctoral student at UCSB, to complete the literature review and produce a report. Mr. Daly presented his report at this meeting.

B.3 Presentation on the Proposed Alternative High School

Anna Munson, Coordinator, gave a progress report on the plan for the proposed alternative high school.

Public Speakers: Pablo Buckelew, Sharon K. Sutton, Bud Andrews, Dr. Hymon Johnson, Terre Martin Sanitate, Jennifer Bergquist, Lanny Ebenstein.

B.4 Policy for Academies

Preliminary research indicated that of twenty districts surveyed none had a policy on academies. Direction was given to staff to continue pursuing the drafting of a policy on academies which included an application process, costs to the district, and evaluation.

Public Speaker: Sarah Griffin

Action Item

C.1 Approval of High School Academies

Proposals for three new academies were presented to the Board at its March 27, 2002 meeting.

- Motion: That the Board of Education approve the proposed academies: the Construction Academy at Dos Pueblos High School, the Media-Business Academy at San Marcos High School, and the Green Academy at Santa Barbara High School.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, this meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Attest:

Fred Rifkin, President

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.