

Board Of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 22, 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. Nancy Harter called the meeting to order in public session at 7:00 p.m. Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Nancy Harter, Vice President
Ruth E. Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member

Members Absent: Fred Rifkin, President

Staff Present: Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Instruction
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Instruction
Robyn Phillips, Interim Chief Business Officer
Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations
Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., 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.*
- Student Discipline (Education Code 48918) *Expulsion Cases: Numbers 01/02-51, 01/02-52, and 01/02-53 (Secondary District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parents or students request an Open Session.*

Upon reconvening, Nancy Harter announced that no action was taken in Closed Session:

Approval of Minutes

● Motion: To approve the Minutes of March 13, 2002 (Regular Meeting) and March 27, 2002 (Regular Meeting).
Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Fred Rifkin

Receipt of Gifts

● Motion: To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Michael Mullin, Lola Romero, Cappello & McCann, LLP, and Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara.
Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Fred Rifkin

Superintendent's Report

David Cash, Principal of Dos Pueblos High School, introduced and recognized, the following Dos Pueblos student for their community service hours: Chris Benedict, Dori Levy, and Carlos Gomez.

Mr. Cash also recognized members of the Dos Pueblos *Economics Challenge* team: Hueichyun Luh, Ilana Goldflam, Erin Gaines, and Andrew Cox as well as their coach, teacher Roland Lewin. The Team placed second at the national competition in New York City.

Student Board Member Report

None

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Ken Loch addressed the Board regarding his genius based educational approach called Tennissance.

B.1 Application for the International Baccalaureate Program by Dos Pueblos High School

● Motion: That the Board of Education approve the application for the International Baccalaureate Program, Dos Pueblos High School.

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

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

B.2 Adoption of Mathematics Textbooks

Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the 2002-03 mathematics textbook selection process; pending legislation that would provide funds to purchase content standard aligned textbooks; and the list of books being recommended for adoption by the secondary math textbook committee.

Board discussion followed.

● Motion: That the Board of Education adopt the recommended textbooks for grades 7 and 8.

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

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

● Motion: That the Board of Education: (1) adopt the recommended list of textbooks for 2002/03; (2) approve the concept of choice between traditional and CPM math in algebra A,B,C and algebra 1, 2; and (3) instruct staff to implement choice and textbooks for 2003/04.

Moved: Robert Noel **Seconded:** Ruth Green **Vote:** Failed

Ayes: Robert Noel, Ruth Green **Noes:** Nancy Harter, Claire VanBlaricum

Abstain: 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

● Motion: That the Board of Education adopt the high school textbook list as presented.

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

Ayes: Nancy Harter, Claire VanBlaricum **Noes:** Robert Noel, Ruth Green

Abstain: 0 **Absent:** Fred Rifkin

Adoption of the high school math textbooks will be on the next agenda.

B.3 Employment of Teachers on Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Emergency Permits

Deborah Flores stated that annually the District is required to submit a declaration to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing that the District may need to employ teachers with an Emergency Permit or a Limited Assignment Emergency Permit.

● Motion: That the Board of Education approve the issuance of Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Emergency Permits as listed in the attachment to the agenda.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

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

B.4 Reduction of Hours for Instructional Aides

Deborah Flores requested that this item be pulled from the agenda, as she had received questions from Board members. A staff report will be prepared to respond to Board concerns.

Ken Rivas, President of the California School Employees Association, Chapter #37, expressed appreciation that this was pulled as CSEA needs the opportunity to review the recommendation. One of the recommendations would eliminate the only bilingual instructional aide at Santa Barbara High School.

Alex Rodriguez, President of LULAC, also expressed concern regarding the elimination of the one bilingual instructional aide at Santa Barbara High School. He introduced Marcus Tulais, President of the LULAC youth council. The youth council has obtained of 300 signatures on a petition against the elimination of the position.

B.5 Revision of Santa Barbara School District Uniform Complaint Procedures

Deborah Flores stated that this item was on a previous agenda for first reading and is now being recommended for adoption.

Board discussion followed.

● Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 13112.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

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

B.6 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 David Cash, Principal of Dos Pueblos High School.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

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

The Board returned to closed session at 8:52 p.m. to continue discussion on student expulsions. The meeting was reconvened in public session at 9:10 p.m.

B.7 Student Expulsions

● Motion: Case Number 2001/02-51 (High School District) – Postponed at the parent’s request.

● Motion: Case Number 2001/02-52 (High School District) –That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for the present semester, which ends June 2002, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may remain on home/hospital teaching for the balance of the current semester.

Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Robert Noel Vote: Passed

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

● Motion: Case Number 2001/02-53 (High School District) –That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel’s recommendation to expel for the present semester, which ends June 2002, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may remain on home/hospital teaching for the balance of the current semester.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Robert Noel Vote: Passed

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

C.1 Approval of the Proposed Alternative High School, PALMS High
Anna Munson, School Development Coordinator for PALMS, distributed answers to questions raised by Board members at the May 15 Board meeting.

Robyn Phillips, Interim Chief Business Officer, reviewed the costs for the program.

Members of the audience who addressed the Board in support of PALMS were: Michele Britton Bass, Diana Zapata, Lowell Boardman, and Marsha Prudden.

Board discussion followed.

C.2 California School Employees Association's Initial Proposal for Negotiations
Deborah Flores stated that the District is required by law to receive the initial bargaining proposal at a public meeting and subsequently conduct a public hearing on the initial proposal. The public hearing will be conducted at the June 11, 2002 Board meeting.

Ken Rivas stated that a detailed list of proposed items will be submitted.

C.3 Santa Barbara Teachers Association's Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal for a Successor Agreement

Deborah Flores stated that this item was on the agenda, as required. She reported that the entire agreement will need to be negotiated, as the current agreement expires on June 30, 2002.

C.4 Adoption of *Open Court 2002* Reading/Language Arts Program

Karen Cooksey, Director of Elementary Curriculum, reported that staff is recommending adoption of the SRA McCraw-Hill Open Court 2002 for grades four and five, and for grade six as funds become available.

C.5 Approval of the Elementary GATE Plan and Budget for 2002-2003

Karen Cooksey, Director of Elementary Curriculum, stated that this is a new application and will either be approved as a one-, two-, or three-year plan based on new state criteria.

Sarah Griffin acknowledged the Board for recognizing that the elementary GATE program should share the pain of budget cuts. The recommended budget for the program for the 2002-2003 school year reflects a \$10,000 reduction in the District contribution to the program.

Board discussion followed.

C.6 Approval of the Secondary Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Application, 2002-2003

Michael Couch reviewed the key points of the application. Maryanna Gray, Secondary GATE Coordinator was present to respond to Board questions.

Board discussion followed.

Sarah Griffin, in response to monies raised through fundraising, questioned why the District robbed the general education students.

C.7 Approval of Revision of BP 6143.4 and AR 6143.4, Promotion/Intervention/Retention

Deborah Flores reported that staff had requested a legal opinion on the policy. Based on the legal opinion, significant revisions have been made to the policy. Major changes include the removal of the promotion/retention committee's and the parent's role in the retention decision.

Board discussion followed.

C.8 Budget Update – High School District

Robyn Phillips, Interim Chief Business Officer, presented an update on the High School District budget. She reviewed financial summaries for the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

Sarah Griffin stated that she was glad to see that the Board was discussing concerns that she had forwarded to them in writing.

C.9 Approval of Twelve New Secondary Courses

Michael Couch explained that this is an annual process. He reviewed the procedures for recommending new courses.

Sarah Griffin asked for clarification of the physics class being recommended and the class being offered through the Dos Pueblos High School International Baccalaureate Program. She also questioned whether or not there would be enough funds to purchase materials needed for the classes.

C.10 Board Policy – Charter Schools

Deborah Flores reported that: (1) the development of a policy for charter schools has been discussed for almost a year; (2) attorney Paul Minney, an expert on charter school laws gave a presentation to the Board; and (3) she and Paul Minney had developed the policy attached to the agenda.

Board discussion followed.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Ruth Green requested clarification of an item on the Purchase Order list.

Tony Fischer suggested that the McKinley bid item (item D.6) be rebid, as only one bid was received.

Sarah Griffin asked when the last time Adams School was painted in reference to Item D.8.

● Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda:

- D.1 Personnel Action Items
 - D.2 Purchase Orders
 - D.3 Warrants
 - D.4 Denial of Liability Claim on Behalf of an Employee (Claim #01/02-7)
 - D.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 01/02-37 Expenditure Transfer
 - D.6 Award of Bids: Glazing Repairs, Parking Lot Renovations, Domestic Water Line Replacement – Dos Pueblos High School; Reconfigure and Replacement of Portables – McKinley School; Field Renovations – Franklin School; Field Renovations and Track Installation – La Cumbre Middle School
 - D.7 Telephone System Replacement San Marcos High School
 - D.8 Campus Painting, Adams School
 - D.9 Acceptance of Completed Contract for Portable Classroom/Restroom Installation
 - D.10 Approval of Annual Agreement Between Santa Barbara School Districts and Montecito union School District to Provide Lunches for the 2002-2003 School Year
 - D.11 Award of Annual Contract of Milk and Dairy Products for the 2002-2003 School Year
 - D.12 Approval to Participate in the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) 2002-2003 Program
 - D.13 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year
 - D.14 Student Teacher Agreement with Azusa Pacific University
 - D.15 Approval of Contract to Form Legal Consortium with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
- Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Claire VanBlaricum Vote: Passed
Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Fred Rifkin

E. Coming Events

None

F. Board Comments

None

G. Future Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Nancy Harter, Vice President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.