

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes

June 11, 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 7:10 p.m.. Jim Holmes, San Marcos High School teacher, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff Present: Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education
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
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 Employee Contract for Superintendent.*
- Public Employment (**Government Code 54957**) *Personnel matters to include Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release.*
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (**Government Code 54956.9[a]**) *Cindy Ordway vs. Santa Barbara High School District, et. al., Case No. CV99-7745-DDP(Ex)/2902-98-00009-01-02*
- Student Discipline (**Education Code 48918**): *Expulsion Cases. The Board will review case numbers 01/02-55, 01/02-56, and 01/02-61 (High School District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parents or students request an Open Session.*

Upon reconvening, Fred Rifkin announced that action was taken in Closed Session, as follows:

■ Motion: That the Board of Education give direction to the District's legal counsel to settle the Cindy Ordway case.

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

■ Motion: That the Board of Education extend the Superintendent's contract for one year, through June, 2005.

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 Joseph F. Berns, Stephen Braunheim (Intri-plex Tech), Gigi Gerard, Henry Golas, Stewart Holden, Stephen and Micheline Huges, Myung Nam (Wells Fargo Bank employee) – Wells Fargo Community Support Educational matching Gift Program, Gillian Richardson, and Western Inns.

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

Superintendent's Report

Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, introduced and recognized National Merit Finalists as follows: *Dos Pueblos High School* – Jason Flowers, Illana Goldflam, Jacob Harter, Elizabeth Kim; *San Marcos High School* – Asher Kupperman, David Trichler; *Santa Barbara High School* – Brendan Barnwell, Aruna Jammalamadaka, Julie Tse, and Andrew Warner.

Deborah Flores, Superintendent, recognized teacher Shirley Wright, retiring after 43 years of service to the District.

Jolene Reed (Coordinator, Certificated Personnel) and Elaine Alvarado (Coordinator, Classified Personnel) introduced and presented service pins to the following 35 year employees: *La Cumbre Middle School* – Frank Brownie; *San Marcos High School* – Malcolm Parker; *Santa Barbara High School* – Larry Knapp, Greg Stathakis; *Dos Pueblos High School* – Richard Heron, Jan Clouse, Michael Hart, Linda Mier, Douglas Mitchell; *Franklin Elementary School* – CarolAnn Phillips; *Monroe* – Janet Gripp; *Roosevelt Elementary School* – Kay Hurley, James Jorden; and Michael Couch, District Office.

The following employees were recognized for 30 years of service: *La Cuesta Continuation High School* – Joseph Nunez; *San Marcos High School* – Dennis Savage, Michael Irwin; *Santa Barbara High School* – Ramon Trujillo, Wayne Cole, Michele Humboldt; *Goleta Valley Junior High School* – Jacqueline Volpi; *Idos Pueblos High School* - *John Lenker, Paula Nelson, Charles Clouse, Michael Dunn, Carol Pigeon, Pamela Vander Heide*; *Harding Elementary School* – *Susan Kircos*; *Monroe Elementary School* - *Pamela Holst*; *Peabody Charter* – *Roger Earls*; *Roosevelt Elementary School* – *Judith Shough*; and *Maureen Earls, Child Development; Gretchen Folks, Student Services; and Irene Rutledge, Elementary Curriculum.*

The following employees were recognized for 25 years of service: *Santa Barbara Junior High School* – Linelle Glass, *Adams Elementary School* – Sela Viscarra; *Franklin Elementary School* – Leticia Simentales; *Harding Elementary School* – Lynann McGinn; *Monroe Elementary School* – Marcelina Baer; *Peabody Charter School* - Jose Esquivel; *Roosevelt Elementary School* – Deborah Aceves, and Donna Berns-Goulet, Student Services.

Student Board Member Report

None

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Lynne Rodriguez announced her intent to run for the school board.

Jerry Chiu requested that the Board recognize three employees, who were recipients of the Santa Barbara County Education Office Crystal Apple awards.

Bruce Rittenhouse voiced his dissatisfaction about the late response to a letter written to the superintendent concerning an incident that occurred in the Turnpike Shopping Center involving one of his clients.

Kate Smith announced her intent to run for the school board.

Tony Fischer requested that the Board move up the budget item, scheduled for 10:45 p.m.

Mirna Ramos introduced four student observers.

Joan Esposito, wishing to speak to item C.4, Approval of Agreement for Special Services – 2002-2003 with Filarshy & Watt LLP, voiced concern regarding the time scheduled for this item, 11:20 p.m.

B.1 Resolution No. 2001/2002-38, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District, Ordering Governing Board Member Elections

■ Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2001/2002-38, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District, ordering governing board elections.

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

B.2 Resolution No. 2001/2002-39, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District, Policies Regarding Candidates' Statements in Elections for the Board of Education

■ Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2001/2002-39, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District policies regarding candidates' statements in elections for the Board of Education

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

B.3 Adoption of Mathematics Textbooks

Deborah Flores stated that the Board, at the last meeting, had approved textbooks for grades 7 and 8. At that meeting, the Board asked that the high school textbooks be brought back and that additional information be provided.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the adoption of the proposed, new mathematics textbooks for grades 9-12.

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

B.4 High School Math Pilot

Deborah Flores stated that this item was on the agenda at the request of Robert Noël, Board member. This proposal would allow student choice between traditional and CPM math courses in Algebra A, B, C and Algebra 1 and 2.

Teacher Tracy Thompson (San Marcos High School) and Jim Holmes (Dos Pueblos High School) addressed the Board in opposition of the proposal.

Board discussion followed.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the concept of student choice between traditional and CPM math courses in Algebra A, B, C and Algebra 1, 2 for implementation in 2003-2004; and that a standards-aligned traditional math text be selected prior to the 2003-2004 school year.

Moved: Robert Noël Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

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

B.5 Approval of the Proposed Alternative High School, PALMS High

Deborah Flores stated that this is the third time that this item has been on the agenda. She commended Anna Munson for responding to Board questions and concerns that were raised at the May 15, 2002 Board meeting. She clarified that the PALMS program will be integrated into San Marcos High and will not be a separate high school.

Board discussion followed.

Members of the audience addressing the Board in support of the PALMS Alternative High School were: Cynthia Maez, Michele Britton Bass, Diana Zapata-Kotowski, and Lowell Boardman.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the proposed alternative high school, PALMS High, to begin operation in September 2002 at San Marcos High School.

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

B.6 Approval of Board Policy 0420.4, Charter Schools

This item was pulled from the agenda.

B.7 Approval of the High School District Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Application, 2002-2003

At the last Board meeting, Board members requested additional statistical information about GATE students. Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, presented charts with information on Profile of GATE Students, Spring 2002; Student Performance 1997-98 to 2000-01, Summarized Only for Student with Matched Test Scores, Stanford 9 Mean NCE's; AP Classes – Student Profile, Spring 2002.

Board discussion followed.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the High School District GATE Application, 2002-2003.

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

B.8 Approval of the Elementary GATE Plan and Budget for 2002-2003

Sarah Griffin voiced concern that general fund money is being taken away from the students in the middle and asked that equity for all programs at all schools be looked at.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Elementary District GATE Plan and budget for 2002-2003.

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

B.9 Approval of Revision of Board Policy 6143.4 and Administrative Regulation 6143.4, Promotion/Intervention/Retention

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the revision of Board Policy 6143.4 and Administrative Regular 6143.4, Promotion/Intervention/Retention.

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

D.4 Approval of Agreement for Special Services – 2002-2003 with Filarsky & Watt LLP

Joan Esposito asked if any other firm was given the opportunity to bid on the contract. She referred to a May 23, 2001 presentation to the Board on the issue of legal fees.

Board discussion followed.

Staff will forward Board questions to the Director of the Special Education Local Plan Area. This item will be on the next agenda.

B.10 Consolidated Application, Part I, 2002-2003

Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, reviewed the application for the Board. He and Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, reviewed the composition of of the site councils for the High School District and Elementary School District, respectively.

Board discussion followed.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Consolidated Application, Part I, 2002-2003

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

B.11 Adoption of *Open Court* 2002 Reading-Language Arts Program

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the adoption of the *Open Court* 2002 Reading-Language Arts Program for grades 4-6 for implementation beginning in school year 2002-2003.

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

B.12 Resolution 01/02-46, Resolution in Support of Adoption of 2002-2003 State Budget by June 30, 2002

■ Motion: That the Board of Education adopt Resolution 01/02-46, Resolution in Support of Adoption of 2002-2003 State Budget by June 30, 2002.

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

B.13 Approval of Twelve New Courses in the High School District

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the 12 new high school courses.

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

B.14 Approval of Issuance of Diplomas to End-of-Year High School Graduates

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the issuance of diplomas to the District's high school graduates, class of 2002.

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

B.15 Reduction of Hours for Instructional Aides

■ Motion: That the Board of Education authorize the administration to proceed with the reduction of hours for instructional aides, necessitated by the lack of categorical funds and/or the lack of work.

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

B.16 SBHS Field Trip/PUMA National Invitational Soccer Tournament

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve Santa Barbara High School's boys' soccer team trip to participate in the PUMA National Invitational Soccer Tournament in Tampa, Florida.

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

B.17 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 San Marcos High School staff members Morey Clayton (assistant principal), David Holmes (teacher), Carolyn Teraoka-Brady (teacher) and Dan Garske (teacher); Linda Perlin, Dos Pueblos High School career technician; Clark Sayre, Dos Pueblos High School teacher; and Carol Taylor, Santa Barbara High School teacher).

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

B.18 Student Expulsions

■ Motion: Case Number 2001/02-55 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for one school year, which ends June 2003, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan, as amended. The student may enroll at the Community Day School rather than El Puente.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Nancy Harter Vote: Passed

Ayes: 4 Noes: Robert Noël Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

■ Motion: Case Number 2001/02-56 (High School District) –That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for one school year, which ends June 2003, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Failed

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

■ Motion: Case Number 2001/02-61 (High School District) –That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for one school year, which ends June 2003, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan.

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

C.1 Required Public Hearing of Santa Barbara Teachers Association Initial Proposal for Negotiations

No one from the public addressed the Board.

C.2 Approval of the K-12 English Learner Master Plan

Due to the late hour, this item was moved to the next agenda.

C.3 Approval of Revision of Board Policy 6174 and Administrative Regulation 6174, Education for English Language Learners

Due to the late hour, this item was moved to the next agenda.

C.4 Budget Presentation

Deborah Flores introduced Robyn Phillips, Interim Chief Business Officer, who presented the revised budgets for fiscal year 2001-2002 and the proposed budgets for adoption for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

C.5 Changes in District Office Administrative Structure

Deborah Flores outlined the reasons for recommending the changes in the District Office administrative structure: the addition of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, the removal of special education responsibilities from the position of Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education; the addition of the position of Director of Student Services which replaces the position of Coordinator of Secondary Special Education; and K-12 curriculum responsibilities for the Director of Curriculum (instead of only K-6).

Board discussion followed.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Tony Fischer spoke to items D.2, D.5, and D.6

Kate Smith spoke to item D.4.

■ Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda:

D.1 Personnel Action Items

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.3 Warrants

D.8 Approval to Increase Meal Prices in the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

D.10 Acceptance of Completed Contracts – Portable Classroom Demolition at Franklin Elementary School and Painting at Cleveland Elementary School

D.11 Award of Bid, Franklin Child Care Portable Replacement

D.12 Award of Bid, Santa Barbara Junior High School Security Lighting

D.13 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2001-2002 School Year

D.14 Student Teacher Agreement with Chapman University

D.15 Approval of Agreement Between the Regents of the University of California on Behalf of the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and the Gevirtz Research Center at the Santa Barbara Campus and the Santa Barbara School Districts for the Gevirtz Youth Enrichment Adventure (YEA) Program

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

D.5 Adoption of Resolution No. 01/02-40, Santa Barbara Elementary School District, and Resolution No. 01/02-41, Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Powers to Make Budget Transfers

D.6 Adoption of Resolution No. 01/02-42, Santa Barbara High School District and Resolution No. 01/02-43, Santa Barbara High School District, Appropriating the Ending Balance to a Reserve

D.7 Adoption of Resolution No. 01/02-44 and 01/02-45, Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District, Board Delegation of Power to Make Fund Transfers

D.9 I-98 Architect Selection, Franklin Elementary School Modernization

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

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

E. Coming Events

June 29, 2002 – Information workshop for board candidates at Jonata School Library presented by the Santa Barbara County School Boards Association

F. Board Comments

Robert Noël reported that he had attended the Santa Barbara Jazz Festival at Santa Barbara High School.

Ruth Green reported that the Santa Barbara Foundation had contributed one million dollars to undergraduates.

G. Future Agenda Items
None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Attest:

Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.