

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes
August 28, 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 6:45 p.m., and the Board adjourned to closed session. The President called the meeting to order in public session at 7:03 p.m. Nancy Harter, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Fred Rifkin, President
Nancy Harter, Vice President
Ruth E. Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member (arrived at 7:55 p.m.)

Staff Present: Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education
Diana Rigby, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education
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.*

Announcement of Closed Session Action

Upon reconvening, Fred Rifkin announced that no action was taken in closed session action.

This being a Board Election year, Fred Rifkin introduced Board candidates Lynn Rodriguez and Board member Robert Noël, who is seeking re-election. Candidate Alex Rodriguez arrived later in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

■ Motion: To approve the Minutes of April 10, 2002 (Regular Meeting), June 11, 2002 (Regular Meeting) as corrected, June 26, 2002 (Regular Meeting) as corrected, and July 10, 2002 (Regular Meeting).

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Robert Noël Vote: Passed

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Claire VanBlaricum

Receipt Of Gifts

■ Motion: To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Orfalea Family Foundation and Wallis Foundation/Jack Baker.

Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Nancy Harter Vote: Passed

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Claire VanBlaricum

Superintendent's Report

Deborah Flores announced the passing of teacher Ron Yoshida, who taught in the District for 32 years; Morgan Curry, Dos Pueblos High School student; Martin Bimbela, Santa Barbara High School student; and Katie Janeway, La Colina Junior High School student.

Correspondence
None

Public Comments
None

B.1 Report on the Fighting Back Program
Penny Jenkins, Director of Fighting Back, gave an annual report to the Board.

B.2 Land Use Proposal – Job Corps Center
Mary Scopatz, a consultant working for the Santa Barbara County Office of Education, gave a presentation to the Board regarding a grant application to develop a Job Corps Center in the Santa Barbara County. The proposed center is a residential vocational facility and would house 300 students ages 16-24. She requested that the Board approve utilizing 15-acres of the District’s San Marcos site for this proposed facility.

Leslie Meadowcroft (Tradart), Martin Conoley (Santa Barbara County Probation Department), and Frank Umanzio addressed the Board in support of the proposed Job Corps Center.

Sarah Griffin voiced her opinion that any action taken on facilities needs to be dealt with through the master planning process.

Deborah Flores stated that the concept is great and that there is a need for this type of program in the county. However, the District is engaged in a master planning process and surplus property is one of the aspects being addressed.

Board comments centered around the fact that this site is an asset to the High School District, funds could be used elsewhere in the High School District, the City of Santa Barbara’s interest in using the site for sports fields, and that the timing to come up with a decision was untimely due to the master planning process.

B.3 Report on Preliminary STAR Results
Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, reviewed preliminary results of students preliminary STAR test results.

B.4 Report on SASI Parent Connect
Ashe Coutts, Supervisor of Computer Technology, gave a demonstration on the SASI Parent Connect program. This is an internet accessible system that allows parents to view their child’s attendance and grades.

Sarah Griffin stated that she really liked the system but that grades needed to be imputed in a timelier manner and absences needed to be reported more accurately.

B.5 Report on Student Testing Data
Brian Sarvis reviewed several formats for reporting student test data, which are needed to provide various analyses.

B.6 Elementary District Transportation Study Contract
Deborah Flores stated that during the budget process last year, Board members were asked for ideas on how to reduce transportation costs. One suggestion was to reduce/eliminate home-to-school transportation. She stated that the most appropriate way to study this was to have a third, independent party do so. Mr. Howard Wallack of Transportation Sector Consultants was asked to develop a proposal to perform a detailed study and develop a plan to reduce bus transportation costs. The proposal was attached to the agenda.

Sarah Griffin stated that one eliminate was missing from the proposal – Are students riding buses to schools outside their attendance area?

Board comments followed.

B.7 Pesticide Practices and Information

Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations, gave a brief update on District efforts to eliminate and significantly reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides on campuses. He stated that a policy regarding pesticide use would be on the next agenda for first reading.

Sarah Griffin asked how is it posted at school sites that pesticides have been used. Robert Gonzalez stated that signs are posted 72 hours in advance.

C.1 Proposal to Establish a .50 FTE Senior Accounting Technician-Bond Funds/Projects in the Fiscal Services Department

Deborah Flores reported that the Bond Oversight Committee supported this recommendation.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the .50 FTE Senior Accounting Technician-Bond Funds/Projects position in the Fiscal Services Department.

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

C.2 Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Santa Barbara Community Academy

Robert Gonzalez updated the Board on the Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA), which was needed in order to have the California Department of Education approve the Santa Barbara Community Academy location. This approval will make the site eligible to receive state funding for construction costs and future modernization.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the contract with Advanced Environmental Concepts, Inc. to complete the Preliminary Endangerment Study (PEA) in the amount of \$7,760. Funding for the contract will be charged to I-98 as an associated construction cost for the new downtown school site.

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

C.3 Reclassification of Salary Placement for Director of Fiscal Services

Deborah Flores pulled this item from the agenda as the item needs to say range 18 instead of range 17. This item will be on the next agenda.

C.4 Approval of Field Trip – Dos Pueblos High School Participation in Reno Jazz Festival and European Jazz Festivals

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the Dos Pueblos High School Jazz Choir field trips to Reno, Nevada and European jazz festivals in the North Sea, Liechtenstein, Venice, and Umbria.

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

C.5 Out-of-State Travel and Expenses in Excess of \$500

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

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

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Ruth Green requested that Item D.1 be removed for discussion.

Sarah Griffin asked where in exhibit A of item D.16 is the public input component and what form would it take.

■ **Motion:** To approve the Consent Agenda, as amended:

Staff responded to Board questions regarding consent items D.1, D.6, D.10, D.11, D.12.

Sarah Griffin

D.1 Personnel Action Items

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.3 Warrants

D.4 Declaration of Miscellaneous Equipment as Surplus to the Needs of the Districts

D.5 Renewal of Joint Powers Agreement with Central Coast Personnel Council

D.6 State Portable Building Leases

D.7 Santa Barbara County Office of Education Contract for Services for the AB75 Principal Training Program

- D.8 Approval of Contract with Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara for Enrichment Component of the Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) Program for 2002-2003
- D.9 Approval of Contract with the University of California Santa Barbara for Evaluation of the After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) Program for 2002-2003
- D.10 Approval of Contracts with Family Services Agency of Santa Barbara to Provide Healthy Start Services at Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, and McKinley Elementary Schools; La Cumbre Junior High School; and for the Child Development Program Sites for 2002-2003
- D.11 Family Service Agency Contract for School-Based Counseling Services
- D.12 Adoption of Resolution No. 02/03-06, Approval of Contract with the State to Fund Infant and Toddler Child Care Resource Grant Award
- D.13 Adoption of Resolution No. 02/03-07, Approval of Contract with the State to Fund Infant and Toddler Playground Safety Program Grant Award
- D.14 Approval of the Application for Goals 2000 K-12 Reading/Language Arts or Mathematics Professional Development Funding
- D.15 Denial of Liability Claim Filed Against Santa Barbara High School District and San Marcos High School (Claim #01/02-8)
- D.16 Sage Institute Contract – Long Range Facilities Master Plan
Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed

E. Coming Events
None

F. Board Comments
None

G. Future Agenda Items
Deborah Flores reported that the September 18 Board meeting regarding charter schools will begin at 7:00 p.m. She also asked if the Board wished to meet on September 11, the anniversary of last year’s national tragedy. It was the consensus of the Board to meet on that day and to hold an appropriate recognition.

Adjournment
There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, September 11, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____.