

Board of Education
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes
September 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. President Rifkin called the meeting to order in public session at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Fred Rifkin, President
Nancy Harter, Vice President
Ruth E. Green, Member
Robert Noël, Member
Claire VanBlaricum, Member (left at 10:30 p.m.)

Staff Present: Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education
Priscilla Diamond, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
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

Superintendent's Report

A short program was conducted at the beginning of the meeting in remembrance of the September 11 victims.

Deborah Flores introduced John Ciambrone, Channel Islands YMCA, who in turn presented the District with *Character Counts* banners for the District Office and the individual elementary schools.

Receipt Of Gifts

■ Motion: To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Payatt Enterprises, Inc. (A Franchise of Taco Bell) and Marci Cox Friedlander and Jack Friedlander.

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

Correspondence

None

Student Board Member Report

Kelly O'Bar, Dos Pueblos High School student, reported on current activities at the three high schools.

Public Comments

Ann Fischer, La Cumbre Middle School teacher, asked the Board for equity for La Cumbre Middle School students and staff when it comes to making decisions regarding their school and uses of available space.

Kate Smith, announced that she is not a candidate for the school board, as she does not reside in the City limits. She requested that the District have the boundary lines changed.

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

Ken Stevens spoke regarding the proposed unified school calendar. He asked that the Board/District keep an open mind, as one calendar for both Districts may not be the answer.

Jennifer Rabe, Santa Barbara High School teacher, spoke against the proposed calendar change.

Ed Coply, spoke regarding his wrongful termination from the Carpinteria Unified School District.

President Rifkin introduced Board candidates Sean Mason, Lynn Rodriguez, and Robert Noël.

B.1 Elementary District Transportation Study Contract

Deborah Flores stated that this proposal was presented at the last Board meeting and that Board members had a number of questions at that time. Mr. Wallack, of Transportation Sector Consultants, was asked to attend this meeting to respond to those questions.

Mr. Wallach answered Board members questions.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the Santa Barbara Elementary School District transportation study to be completed by Transportation Sector Consultants at a cost of \$16,000.

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

B.2 Approval of 2001-2002 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports and 2001-2002 Revised Budgets

Deborah Flores stated that every year at this time the Unaudited Actual Financial Reports and revised budgets are brought before the Board for approval. Priscilla Diamond, Assistant Superintendent of Business, walked the Board through the unaudited actual financial reports for the Santa Barbara High School Districts. She also reviewed summary sheets of the reserve balance and the differences between the unaudited actuals and the estimated actuals.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the 2001-2002 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports and revised budgets for the Santa Barbara High School District

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

B.3 Resolution 02/03-08 Statewide School Bond, Proposition 47

Robert Gonzalez, Director of Facilities and Operations, reported that Proposition 47 will provide much needed dollars for the state school building program. The bond is being proposed at \$13.05 billion dollars to be used for new construction, modernization, overcrowded schools, joint use projects, energy efficient projects, and charter schools. To augment the District's local bond funds, applications are in for state modernization money for several elementary projects and the District will be getting in line for secondary projects.

Board discussion followed.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve Resolution 02/03-08 in support of Proposition 47, the statewide

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

B.4 Fundraising Plans for the 2002-2003 School Year

Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, reported that Education Code 51521 requires that the Board of Education approve all fund raising plans for all schools prior to the fundraising activity. Each principal has submitted their fundraising plan.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the attached fundraising plans for 2002-2003 for the secondary schools.

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

B.5 Reclassification of Salary Placement for Director of Fiscal Services

Deborah Flores stated that with the reinstatement of an Assistant Superintendent of Business position, she asked the coordinator of certificated personnel to contact school districts that have three positions like ours (assistant

superintendent, director of fiscal services, and an accountant) and to review salary ranges for these positions. Based on that inquiry, it is being proposed that the director of fiscal services position be reclassified at range 18 on the management salary schedule.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the revised Management Salary Schedule, with reclassification of the Director of Fiscal Services.

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

B.6 Approval of SAVE Employee Assistance Program Contract

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the SAVE Employee Assistance Program contract for September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003. The service provider is the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

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

B.7 Request for Reimbursement of Legal Fees

■ Motion: That the Board of Education authorize the reimbursement of half of Michael Gonzalez's legal fees in the amount of \$2,005.88.

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

C.1 Dos Pueblos High School Aquatic Center Update

Deborah Flores stated that the South Coast Community Aquatic Center (SCCAC) group presented an initial proposal to the Board approximately a year ago. The fundraising proposal was to augment Bond funds to significantly expand the District's plans to renovate the existing pool. Since that time, the group has entered into discussions with the Channel Islands YMCA about the possibility of creating a joint use and funded project. This project would be a much larger facility to include a pool for Dos Pueblos High School and a YMCA facility. Dr. Flores stated that an opinion has been received from county counsel regarding this arrangement and that she would forward a copy of the opinion to the Board in the Superintendent's Bulletin.

Jim Kuga, SCCAC president, introduced Marion Schoneberger, SCCAC vice president, who gave a presentation on the new proposed facility together with John Ciabrone, Channel Islands YMCA.

Board discussion followed.

Nancy Harter reported that she would have to abstain from voting as she is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the concept of the feasibility study for the potential joint project between the Santa Barbara School District and Channel Islands YMCA to develop a South Coast Community Aquatics Center.

Moved: Claire VanBlaricum Seconded: Ruth Green

Ayes: 4 Noes: 0 Abstain: Nancy Harter Absent: 0

C.2 Purchase and Transfer of Furniture and Instructional Materials from the High School District to the Elementary District

Fred Rifkin reported that a letter had been received from Tony Fischer regarding this item and Nancy Harter was asked to read the letter.

Deborah Flores stated that during the budget deliberations, a decision was made to house all sixth graders in the Elementary School District and to no longer house approximately 300 sixth graders at La Cumbre Middle School. In order to provide an appropriate educational environment for these students, staff made a decision to transfer furniture and instructional materials from the Secondary District to the Elementary District for Adams, Harding, McKinley and Monroe. Staff is recommending that the Elementary District purchase these instructional materials and furniture from the High School District.

Board discussion followed.

C.3 Report on Disaggregated STAR Results

Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Evaluation, gave a presentation on the Disaggregated STAR Results.

C.4 Board Policy 3514.2, Integrated Pest Management

Robert Gonzalez stated that at the last Board meeting he presented a report indicating staff's movement towards integrated pest management practices and that a Board policy would be coming to the Board for approval. The proposed policy is on this agenda for first reading. This policy has been reviewed by the Community Environmental Council.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Item D.1 and D.5 was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion purposes.

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

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.3 Warrants

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

D.6 Acceptance of Completed Contract for Painting at Adams Elementary School

D.7 Acceptance of Completed Contract for the Parking Lot Renovation at Dos Pueblos High School

D.8 Approval of Los Padres Outdoor School (Learning for Life, Corporation) Agreement for 2002-2003

D.9 Joint-Use Agreement City of Santa Barbara

Moved: Ruth Green Seconded: Nancy Harter

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

D.1 Personnel Action Items

Deborah Flores responded to Nancy Harter's question regarding staffing.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve the recommended personnel action items.

Moved: Nancy Harter Seconded: Ruth Green

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

D.5 Award of Bids – Electrical installation, PALMS, San Marcos High School; Harding Elementary School Restroom Renovations

In response to Dr. Noel's request for more information on the electrical work, Robert Gonzalez stated that this work is for the trenching and installation of electricity needed for the portables.

■ **Motion:** That the Board of Education approve award of bids, as recommended.the recommended personnel action items.

Moved: Robert Noël Seconded: Ruth Green

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

E. Coming Events

None

F. Board Comments

None

G. Future Agenda Items

Deborah Flores reported that principals have requested that presentations on their single plans be done during the day. She indicated it would be necessary to have two meetings, one for the elementary presentations and one for the secondary presentations. Board members were asked to contact the superintendent with dates that they will be available to meet.

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, September 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Fred Rifkin, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on _____