

Board of Education  
Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts

Minutes  
May 27, 2003

Call To Order/Closed Session

The Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts' Board of Education met today in the administration center Board Room, 720 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m., and the Board adjourned to closed session. The President called the meeting to order in public session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stan Zaletel, Monroe Elementary School principal, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff Present: Deborah Flores, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Michael Couch, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education  
Priscilla Diamond, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Brian Sarvis, Ed.D., Director of Research and Technology  
David Hetynok, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations  
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.*
- Charges or Complaint Against an Employee (Government Code 54957)
- Student Discipline (Education Code 48918) *Expulsion Cases: Numbers 02/03-57 and 02/03-58, (High School District). The Board must consider matters of student discipline in Closed Session unless the parents or students request an Open Session.*

Announcement of Closed Session Action

President Harter announced that the Board will return to closed session later in the meeting.

Receipt of Gifts

■ Motion: To receive with appreciation the donations to the Santa Barbara Elementary School District and Santa Barbara High School District from Adrienne O'Donnell, Lesley Fagan, Orfalea Family Foundation, Micheal L. Beller, Santa Barbara Health Care, Gerald Brown, Kinko's and Jordano's.

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

Superintendent's Report

Elaine Alvarado, Coordinator of Classified Personnel, presented a service pin to classified employee Helen Santoya for 30 years of service to the District.

Jolene Reed, Coordinator of Certificated Personnel, recognized and presented service pins to the following certificated employees for 30 and 35 years of service, as follows:

35 Years: Robert Archer (SMHS), Sarah Carr (GVJH), Peppi Chiu (Monroe), Patricia Hartzell (SMHS), James Holmes (DPHS), Thomas Slater (GVJH), Larry Vranish (DPHS), Irene Wilson (SBHS), Stan Zaletel (Monroe)

30 Years: Carolyn Appleton (Roosevelt), Michael Appleton (Student Services), Robert Ayer (La Colina), Carol Ann Benson (Franklin), Nancy Cole (Peabody Charter), Louise Derosé (SBHS), Claudia Hardy (DPHS), David James (DPHS), Pamela Morgensen (La Cumbre Middle School), Marlyn Nicolas (Harding), Helen Santoyo (Child Development), Carol Segesnan (Adams), Nancy Sittig (Roosevelt), and Elizabeth Varni Rivera (OAS).

Michael Couch introduced and recognized San Marcos High School National Hispanic Scholar recipients: Jessica Haro, Cecilia O'Donnell, Beth Presser, and Karen Ramirez.

#### Student Board Member Report

Alexandra Burke, San Marcos student, reported on current activities at the three high schools.

#### Correspondence

None

#### Public Comments

David McDermott, Santa Barbara High School parent, thanked the District for its outreach efforts in selecting a new principal for Santa Barbara High School.

#### B.1 Discussion of Reducing the Amount Cut from the High School District Budget

Deborah Flores stated that Dr. Noel had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. She recommended that no change be made to the amount reduced from the High School District as she felt the May Revise will have very little change to improve the High School District budget.

Lanny Ebenstein addressed the board regarding retaining seventh period at all junior high schools.

Sarah Griffin stated that the board needed to let the budget settle before making changes. She also stated that the junior high principals have come to grips with the sixth period, they are dealing with it, and that it is time to move on and see how things fall.

Board comments followed. Board members were supportive of the superintendent's recommendation to not make any changes at this time. Therefore, Dr. Noël stated that there was no need to take action.

#### Adjournment to Closed Session

Following item B.1, the board adjourned to closed session.

#### Announcement of Closed Session Action

Upon reconvening, Nancy Harter reported the following action: the board voted unanimously to continue the matter of the *Charge's or Complaint Against An Employee* until June 10, 2003, so that the board can consult with legal counsel prior to reaching a final resolution of the uniform complaint.

Moved: Fred Rifkin Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

#### B.2 Local Education Action Plan for No Child Left Behind

Michael Couch reported that the Local Education Action Plan is part of the No Child Left Behind act. The plan is a requirement and must be approved by the Board and submitted by June 1. He reviewed the requirements of the plan and stated that the suggestions recommended at the last meeting have been included. He stated that board member Ruth Green has suggested an additional change. Ms. Green has asked that when high point is mentioned in the document, that corrective reading also be listed.

Mr. Couch stated that the Cesar Chavez Charter School wishes to be part of this plan and that they have submitted an addendum to the plan, which the board has received.

Board comments followed and additional amendments recommended.

■ Motion: That the assistant superintendent and the superintendent inform the board at mid-year as to the progress of the Local Education Plan for the High School District.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed Unanimously

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Local Education Action Plan for the High School Districts.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Robert Noël    Vote: Passed Unanimously

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the Local Education Action Plan for the Santa Barbara Elementary and High School Districts.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed Unanimously

#### B.3 Layoff/Reduction of Hours of Classified Employees Due to Lack of Categorical Funding 2003-2004

■ Motion: That the Board of Education authorize the lay-offs and/or reductions in hours of 20 classified positions, as presented due to lack of categorical funds.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed Unanimously

#### B.4 Allocation of La Cumbre Middle School's Governor's Performance Award Funds

Michael Couch reported that in the 2000-2001 school year, La Cumbre Middle School greatly exceeded its growth requirement and received a Governor's performance Award in the amount of \$69,489. The law says that the site council is the body that decides how this money is going to be spent at the school. What the site council did was ask teachers for input on how to use the money on items that they felt would be beneficial to La Cumbre Middle School. The list was included in the attachment to the agenda.

Robert Noël commended the La Cumbre Middle School staff for developing the proposed list of expenditures.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the \$69,489 allocation of La Cumbre Middle School's Governor's performance Award.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed Unanimously

#### B.5 San Marcos High School Trip to Adidas Outdoor Track and Field Championships (Nationals) in Raleigh, North Carolina

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the June 11-15, 2003 field trip by the San Marcos High School track team to Raleigh, North Carolina.

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

#### B.6 Out-of-State Travel and Expenses in Excess of \$500

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve out-of-state travel and expenses in excess of \$500 for Maureen Earls, Child Development Program administrator.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed Unanimously

#### B.7 Student Expulsions

■ Motion: Case Number 2002/03-57 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for the present semester and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning September 2003.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Lynn Rodriguez    Vote: Passed Unanimously

■ Motion: Case Number 2002/03-58 (High School District) – That the Board uphold the Administrative Hearing Panel's recommendation to expel for one school year, and uphold the recommended rehabilitation plan. The student may petition for readmission to the District for the semester beginning September 2004.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Lynn Rodriguez    Vote: Passed Unanimously

### C.1 Special Education Advisory Report

Deborah Toups, Director of Student Services, introduced parents Michelle Brittain-Bass, Marcia Eichelberger, and Linda Lavont, who gave a presentation on the role, goals, and activities of the Special Education Advisory Council.

Board members thanked parents and staff for the efforts they put into supporting students in the special education program.

### C.2 Dos Pueblos High School Pool Update

Nancy Harter turned the gavel over to Robert Noel as Mr. Harter is a member of the board of directors for the South Coast Aquatics Association.

Deborah Flores stated that there have been some major changes since the last update. One major item is that the YMCA is no longer a part of the fundraising effort. When this item was last discussed it was recommended that a study be done to determine if money could be raised to fund this project. At the conclusion of the study it was determined that the money could not be raised.

David Cash, Dos Pueblos High School principal, reported that the project started as an 8 million dollar project with multiple potential partnerships. It has been determined that that money is not available in the community to support a three or four pool aquatics center. The South Coast Community Aquatics Association went back to the drawing board, in collaboration with the aquatic community at Dos Pueblos High School and developed a new proposal. The goal of the new project is to upgrade and expand the existing facility for all student athletics, which would include a new two pool aquatics complex. This would consist of refurbishing the existing pool and constructing a mostly all deep 25 meter by 25 yard pool. The purpose is to provide opportunities for all aquatic athletics at Dos Pueblos High School, to continue to provide community access through the summer swim program, and to provide expanded athletic opportunities for outside swim and water polo clubs and camps. An important aspect to consider is how much money is needed in addition to that set aside by measure V, which is estimated to be \$620,000. Mr. Cash asked the board to extend the fundraising deadline to June 30, 2004 so that they could continue to fund raise. Currently gifts and pledges total \$80,000. Also, several grant applications are being processed through various agencies.

Board comments followed.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the additional time necessary and the strategic change in plans for the Dos Pueblos swimming complex.

Moved: Fred Rifkin    Seconded: Ruth Green    Vote: Passed

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

### C.3 May Revise and Class Size Reduction Update

Deborah Flores stated that by January of each year the Governor is required by law to release a proposed budget for the subsequent fiscal year. Then, in May, the Governor submits a revised budget proposal. This "May Revise" was released on May 15. She reported that district staff attended a workshop developed by School Services of California regarding the May revise.

Priscilla Diamond, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave a brief overview of the May Revise, an abridged version of the School Services of California workshop.

### C.4 Approval of the Elementary GATE Budget for 2003-2004

Karen Cooksey, Director of Elementary Curriculum, stated that the budget before the board needs to be revised, due to the Governor's May Revise. She reviewed the revised figures for the board.

Board comments followed.

C.5 Approval of the Secondary Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Application, 2003-2004, for First Reading

Michael Couch stated that the title of this item says application but that it should say budget. The application for three years was approved last year. Maryanna Grey, secondary GATE coordinator was present to answer board questions which focused on the number of students in the program per school, the amount of money each school receives, benefits for the coordinator, and a peer mentoring program for underrepresented high school students in the gate program.

With regard to the peer mentoring program, Ms. Grey reported that an outreach program is being held on Saturday at UCSB for students in grades 7-11. Santa Barbara Bank and Trust is funding the busses and lunch, approximately \$1,000.

C.6 High School Exit Exam Results

Brian Sarvis, Director of Research and Technology, reported on test results for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who took the exam in March 2003. In general, he stated that these students had a high performance.

Sarah Griffin asked if there had been an investigation as to why the absentee percentage at Santa Barbara High School is so high. Dr. Sarvis stated that he has not had an opportunity to talk to staff at that school.

C.7 Review of New Secondary Courses (First Reading)

Michael Couch stated that the secondary curriculum council is proposing that eleven new courses be added to the curriculum. These courses are: Art Department: Printmaking 1, 2 (DPHS); Advanced Printmaking (DPHS); International Baccalaureate Package (visual; arts HL, English A HL, Spanish SL, Math Methods SL (pre-calculus), Physics SL, History of the Americas HL, and Theory of Knowledge (DPHS); Performing Arts Department: Film Studies—The Performing Arts in Cinema (DPHS); and Business Department: Entrepreneurship (Media and Business Academy, SMHS).

This item will be on the next action agenda.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Items D.7 (Campus Modernization Phase I, Bid Package B, Elevator, Restrooms, ADA Upgrades, and Music Rooms Modernization Santa Barbara High School) and D.10 (Easement Purchase Agreement and Right of Entry Santa Barbara High School) were pulled from the agenda.

Items D.3, D.11, and D.12 were removed from the consent agenda for discussion purposes.

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

D.1 Recommended Personnel Actions

D.2 Purchase Orders

D.4 Additional Fundraising Plans for the 2002-2003 School Year

D.5 Approval of Grant Application From California Department of Education for Expansion of School Breakfast Program at Peabody Charter School

D.6 Engineering Services, Santa Barbara High School

D.8 Campus Modernization, Phase I, Bid Package A, Infrastructure, Waterline/Asphalt, and ADA Improvements, Santa Barbara High School

D.9 Proposal for Inspection Services Santa Barbara High School Modernization Phase I

D.13 Adoption of a Labor Compliance Program Santa Barbara Elementary/High School Districts

D.14 Labor Compliance Program

Moved: Fred Rifkin Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

D.3 Warrants

Robert Noël questioned two payments to Blue Cross. He asked for confirmation that these payments did not constitute approving a new contract. Priscilla Diamond, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, stated that these payments were for the current school year.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the warrant listing dated April 25 through May 9, 2003.

Moved: Fred Rifkin Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

D.11 Adoption of 2003 Local CEQA Guidelines for the Santa Barbara School Districts as Prepared by Best, Best, & Krieger, LLP

Nancy Harter reported that the third paragraph needs correcting as the work “whereas” is misspelled.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the 2003 Local Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (Resolution #02/03-45 and #02/03-46), as corrected.

Moved: Fred Rifkin Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

D.12 Modular Classroom Lease at Various Sites

Ruth Green asked for clarification on the Education Code sections listed in the agenda item (20111 and 20112). David Hetyonk stated that these sections allow the District to “piggy back” on another school districts bid, in lieu of the District going out to bid.

Robert Noel asked for an explanation on how these classrooms are being paid for. Deborah Flores stated that the Franklin modular classrooms will be charged to I-98 bond funds; the Cesar Chavez Charter School modular classrooms will be charged to Class Size Reduction funds.

■ Motion: That the Board of Education approve the leasing of 19 modular classrooms from Modtech, Inc. at an annual lease rate of \$111,320 plus \$64,063 in dismantle and return charges for temporary housing for Santa Barbara Community Academy, Cesar Chavez Dual Language Immersion Charter School, and Franklin Elementary School. Funding for this project will be from Measure I-98, Class Size Reduction, and developer fees.

Moved: Fred Rifkin Seconded: Ruth Green Vote: Passed Unanimously

E. Coming Events

Senior awards assemblies and graduation ceremonies.

F. Board Comments

None

G. Future Agenda Items

Nancy Harter requested a discussion item on high school textbooks and revisit meeting on Tuesday nights.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Nancy Harter, President, Board of Education

Adopted by Board of Education on September 23, 2003